

Voluntary and Community Sector Committee - 29 January 2019

Minutes of the meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, London N1 2UD, on 29 January 2019 at 6.35 pm.

Present: **Councillors:** Diarmaid Ward and Richard Watts
Observers: Michelline Safi-Ngongo
Councillor:

Councillor Richard Watts in the Chair

- 25 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item A1)**
Received from Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz and Councillor Mouna Hamitouche.
- 26 **DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item A2)**
None.
- 27 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item A3)**
None.
- 28 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Item A4)**
RESOLVED:
That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2018 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings and the Chair be authorised to sign them.
- 29 **LOCAL INITIATIVES FUND AWARDS (Item B1)**
RESOLVED:
(a) That the proposals for funding under the Local Initiatives Fund submitted by Ward councillors and the changes to previous proposals, detailed in Appendix A (attached to these minutes) of the report of the Executive Member for Community Development, be approved in principle, subject to the Interim Corporate Director of Housing and Adult Social Services being satisfied that the necessary checks have been made and any other issues resolved.
(b) That the declarations of interest made by councillors, detailed in paragraph 3.11 of the report, be noted.
(c) That the amendments to Ward budgets resulting from project funding being returned, as detailed in paragraph 3.12 and the final page of Appendix A of the report, be noted.

Reason for decision

To assist in developing and sustaining a healthy voluntary and community sector in Islington.

Other options considered

None.

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted

None.

30 ISLINGTON COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY CHEST: CONTINUATION OF THE COUNCIL'S COMMITMENT (Item B2)

RESOLVED:

(a) That Islington's contribution of £200,000 to Islington Council's Community Chest be approved for the second year, 2019-2020.

(b) That the Voluntary and Community Sector Development Team work with the Cripplegate Foundation to establish a partnership framework and priorities for Islington Council Community Chest.

Reason for decision

The continuation of the Council's commitment to the Islington Council Community Chest Fund would have a direct benefit to local voluntary and community sector organisations and communities, by building community resilience and tackling poverty and isolation.

Other options considered

None.

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted

None.

31 ISLINGTON COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY CHEST: ROUND TWO GRANT AWARDS 2018/19 (Item C1)

RESOLVED:

That the funding decisions (6 November 2018) made by Islington Council's Community Chest (ICCC) Panel, in relation to the second round of ICCC grant funding for 2018/19, as detailed in Appendix A of the report of the Executive member for Community Development, be noted.

Reasons for decision

The decisions on grant awards had already been made by ICCC and therefore the report was for the Committee's information only.

Other options considered

None.

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted

None.

32 LONDON BOROUGH'S' GRANTS COMMITTEE: LEVY 2019/20 (Item C2)

RESOLVED:

That the decision of the Service Director, Financial and Asset Management (S151 Officer) (19 December 2018) to approve the London Boroughs' Grants Committee proposed budget of £6.909m for 2019-20 and Islington's estimated contribution of £178k in 2019-20, as detailed in the report of the Service Director, Financial and Asset Management (S151 Officer), be noted.

Reasons for the decision

In view of London Councils' deadline of 25 January 2019 for a response, the decision was delegated to the Service Director, Financial and Asset Management (S151 Officer).

The Council's subscription to the London Boroughs' Grants Committee contributed towards the funding of many London-wide organisations, providing a range of services, which benefitted Islington residents.

Other options considered

None.

Conflicts of interest/note of dispensations granted

None.

The meeting ended at 6.40 pm

CHAIR