



**Resources Department
Town Hall, Upper Street, London, N1 2UD**

AGENDA FOR THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE

Members of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee are summoned to a meeting which will be held in Committee Room 1 at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on **29 January 2019 at 6:30pm.**

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Despatched : 21 January 2019

Membership 2018/19

Councillor Richard Watts (Chair)
Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz
Councillor Diarmaid Ward

Substitute Members

Councillor Janet Burgess MBE
Councillor Joe Caluori
Councillor Andy Hull
Councillor Asima Shaikh
Councillor Claudia Webbe

Observers

Councillor Mouna Hamitouche MBE
Councillor Anjna Khurana
Councillor Michelline Safi Ngongo

Quorum: is 2 Councillors



A. Formal matters

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declaration of substitute members
3. Declarations of interest

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(b) Sponsorship - Any payment or other financial benefit in respect of your expenses in carrying out duties as a member, or of your election; including from a trade union.

(c) Contracts - Any current contract for goods, services or works, between you or your partner (or a body in which one of you has a beneficial interest) and the council.

(d) Land - Any beneficial interest in land which is within the council's area.

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This applies to all members present at the meeting.

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D. Urgent non-exempt matters

Any non-exempt items which the Chair agrees should be considered urgently by reason of special circumstances. The reasons for urgency will be agreed by the Chair and recorded in the minutes.

E. Exclusion of press and public

To consider whether, in view of the nature of the remaining items on the agenda, any of them are likely to involve the disclosure of exempt or confidential information within the terms of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and, if so, whether to exclude the press and public during discussion thereof.

F. Confidential/exempt items for information (if any)

G. Urgent Exempt Matters

Any exempt items which the Chair agrees should be considered urgently by reason of special circumstances. The reasons for urgency will be agreed by the Chair and recorded in the minutes

The next meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee is scheduled for
26 March 2019

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London Borough of Islington

Voluntary and Community Sector Committee - 19 November 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 19 November 2018 at 6.30 pm.

Present: **Councillors:** Kaya Comer-Schwartz, Diarmaid Ward and Richard Watts

Observers: Mouna Hamitouche and Michelline Safi-Ngongo
Councillors:

Councillor Richard Watts in the Chair

20 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item A1)**
Received from Councillor Anjna Khurana (observer).

21 **DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item A2)**
None.

22 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item A3)**
None.

23 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Item A4)**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 October 2018 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

24 **LOCAL INITIATIVES FUND AWARDS (Item B1)**

In her introduction to the report, Councillor Comer-Schwartz highlighted an amendment to Appendix A, 2018-19 balance remaining by Ward to Clerkenwell, by the replacement of the figure "£341" with "£1,086". It was noted that an overall balance of £3,777 for Clerkenwell Ward remained, as stated in Appendix A to the report.

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.

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(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.

(d) That it be noted that Wards with balances in excess of £10,000 had been notified of deadlines for spend and the limit of £1,000 rollover for next year.

The meeting ended at 6.35 pm

CHAIR

NEW PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE IN NOVEMBER 2018

Ward	Councillor	Organisation	Project Summary	Location	Timescale	Areas / Residents to Benefit	Number of Residents to Benefit	Budget Proposal Amount (£)	Project Total (£)	Match Funding Details	Housing and Adult Social Services Comments
Barnsbury	Jilani Chowdhury / Mouna Hamitouche / Rowena Champion	LBI Children's Employment and Skills (Barnsbury ward partnership)	Venue hire, out of hours caretaking and refreshments for two Barnsbury ward partnership meetings between November 2018 and May 2019.	Various locations in Barnsbury ward	November 2018 to May 2019	Barnsbury ward residents	20 to 30 per event	250	250	Not applicable	
Barnsbury / Caledonian / Canonbury / Finsbury Park / Highbury East / Highbury West / Hillrise Holloway / Junction / St George's / St Mary's / Tollington	All councillors of Caledonian, Canonbury, Holloway, Junction, St George's and Tollington wards / Mouna Hamitouche / Asima Shaikh / Caroline Russell / Roulin Khondoker / Michelline Ngongo / Marian Spall / Nurullah Turan	Centre 404	To enable the continuation of a ASC4T project which supports 60 carers / parents of children and young people with Autism Spectrum Condition in Islington. This funding would allow them to meet monthly. Funding to pay for costs for a year (staff and management time, room hire, office costs, printing, stationery, refreshments and other expenses).	Centre 404, 404 Camden Road, N7 0SJ	September 2018 to August 2019	Carers / parents of children and young people with Autism Spectrum Condition in Islington	60 Islington residents	2,730.25	5,906.87	£2,712.69 Centre 404	The amount requested from 14 wards across the borough is £3,193.98.
Bunhill	Troy Gallagher / Phil Graham / Claudia Webbe	St Luke's Parochial Trust (EC1 Women's Multicultural Group)	EC1 Women's Multicultural Group's celebration of International Women's Day on 8 March 2019, which will include activities such as music, dance, art, employment support, gardening, cooking and information provision. The group will also be involved in an artist led project creating a photo exhibition which will be launched on the day. Funding to pay for the printing and production of the photo exhibition, activity costs and materials, and printing of marketing materials.	St Luke's Community Centre, 90 Central Street, EC1V 8AJ	Event on Friday 8 March 2019, planning from November 2018 onwards	Women living in South Islington	120	450	750	£300 St Luke's for lunch and refreshments (plus in kind support for room hire, cookery school and staffing costs)	

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Bunhill / Clerkenwell	Troy Gallagher / Phil Graham / Claudia Webbe / Ben Mackmurdie / Matt Nathan / Kadeema Woodbyrne	LBI Planning and Development (Finsbury Ward Partnership promotion)	Funding for publicity (printing and distribution) for two Finsbury wards' partnership meetings between October 2018 and March 2019	St Luke's Community Centre (90 Central Street, EC1V 8AJ) and City University (St John's Street)	Meetings arranged for 24 October 2018 and 1 March 2019	Local residents	25 to 30 attendees at each ward partnership meeting	300	2,300	£500 LBI Ward Partnership Co-ordinator resource, £1,500 St Luke's Comm Centre and Peel Institute room hire, promotion, support and refreshments	
Canonbury / St Peter's	Clare Jeapes / Nick Wayne / John Woolf / Vivien Cutler / Martin Klute	Packington and New River Green Children's Centres	'Search for Santa' production followed by a chance to meet Father Christmas. 200 vulnerable children from the two centres and the school nursery class will attend with their parents. Funding to pay for the company delivering the show and gifts for each of the children attending.	New North Academy, 32 Popham Rd, N1 8SJ	7 December 2018	Children aged 2 to 5 and their parents (100 from each ward)	200+	450	450	Not applicable	
Clerkenwell	Ben Mackmurdie / Matt Nathan / Kadeema Woodbyrne	Exmouth Market Centre	Funding to contribute towards twenty weeks of room hire for an early years music project which runs twice weekly sessions of interactive music making and singing for pre school children.	Exmouth Market Centre, 24 Exmouth Market, EC1R 4QE	9 January to 30 May 2019	Mainly children living in Clerkenwell	180 children, 170 adults	2,000	2,000	Not applicable	
Clerkenwell	Ben Mackmurdie / Matt Nathan / Kadeema Woodbyrne	Priory House Residents Association / Mercers Company	Funding for 24 vulnerable older people in a sheltered housing scheme – a Tina Turner show on 21 December followed by a fish and chips meal, a Christmas party on 14 December and a bench in memory of a deceased resident. Funding to pay for taxis to the show, tickets for the show, fish and chips, the Christmas party entertainers, Christmas dinner and the bench.	Aldwych Theatre (show), Priory House, 3 Sans Walk, EC1R 0LT (fish and chips, Christmas party and bench)	Show and fish and chips meal on 21 December, Christmas party on 14 December, bench in early 2019	Mainly Priory House residents	30 (including all 24 Priory House residents)	1,618.99	1,818.99	£200 residents' contribution	

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Holloway	Rakhia Ismail / Paul Smith / Diarmaid Ward	Chabad Lubavitch of Islington	Islington Menorah Lighting on Islington Green which celebrates Chanukah, the Jewish festival of lights. Funding to contribute towards stage and marquees, food and drink, equipment, staffing costs, photographer and videographer, a band, publicity and other associated running costs.	Islington Green	2 December 2018	Open to all Islington residents	1,500	500	11,653.20	£3,153.20 private donations tbc, £5,733 LIF from 13 wards	The amount requested from all wards is £8,500. £5,733 LIF from 13 wards awarded to this project in October 2018.
Holloway	Rakhia Ismail / Paul Smith / Diarmaid Ward	Islington Bangladesh Association	Forty four week long project which aims to help older people develop healthy eating habits and improve their physical fitness. Funding to contribute towards a project sessional worker, a lunch club cook, food for the luncheon club, an exercise tutor and volunteer expenses.	Hugh Cubitt Centre, 48 Collier Street, N1 9QZ	29 October 2018 to 25 October 2019	Hard to reach and vulnerable adults	65	1,000	19,114	£5,144 Garfield Weston Foundation, £4,970 London Community Foundation, £6,000 LIF from three wards	The amount requested from 5 wards is £8,000. £6,000 LIF from 3 wards awarded to this project in October 2018.
Holloway	Rakhia Ismail / Paul Smith / Diarmaid Ward	Goodinge Community Centre	Provision of IT classes by this new community centre which opened in July 2018. These could improve individuals' IT skills and help with pathways to employment. Funding to pay for IT equipment including 10 laptops and a trolley.	Goodinge Community Centre, North Road, N7 9EW	January to December 2019	People attending IT classes (e.g. gadget workshops, IT training/ CV writing workshops, drop in sessions, etc)	25 per week	2,791.07	10,000	£4,000 from LBI Communities fund, Southern Housing, Hyde Housing and City of London, £2,500 tbc from Arsenal Gunners Fund	The amount requested is £3,500.
Holloway	Rakhia Ismail / Paul Smith / Diarmaid Ward	First Step Action (previously Dalel Play Group)	Funding for an event at Ringcross Community Centre to raise awareness of the support and advice available to the local community and to take vulnerable families and children on a day trip to a public outdoor space, e.g. Kew Gardens, Hampton Court Palace, etc. Funding to pay for insurance, refreshments, a co-ordinator, venue hire, family travelling expenses, publicity and volunteer expenses.	Ringcross Community Centre, 60 Lough Road, N7 8RH (event), public parks and places (day trips)	December 2018 to March 2019 (event), May to August 2019 (day trips)	BME communities, particularly Somali families	50	1,232	1,232	Not applicable	

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Holloway	Rakhia Ismail / Paul Smith / Diarmaid Ward	Freightliners City Farm	Beekeeping project - delivery of bee care and the provision of a monthly beekeeping group. Staff time is required for preparation of the hives and apiary for new bees, to source new colonies, to create and implement a sustainable plan for bee care and support the regular beekeeping sessions. Funding will pay for a beekeeper / trainer to deliver 26 training sessions or for 3 lead farm staff to attend a beekeeping course, staff time for project development, the bee care plan and management and the cost of two bee hives.	Freightliners City Farm, Sheringham Road, N7 8PF	January to December 2019	People who will learn bee keeping skills, local residents expected to attend subsequent workshops	10 people to learn bee keeping skills, 130 Islington residents at workshops	2,975	4,725	£1,600 Freightliners City Farm (room hire in kind), £150 Grimples Green grant	
Junction	Janet Burgess / Sheila Chapman / Kaya Comer-Schwartz	Global Diplomats FC	Adult men's football club licensed with the London FA who play weekly. Funding to contribute towards costs for these sessions for 16 weeks – pitch hire, coaches, equipment and volunteer expenses.	Whittington Park Football Pitch	February to June 2019	Local men	300 Islington residents	500	1,764	Not applicable	The amount requested is £1,764.
Junction	Janet Burgess / Sheila Chapman / Kaya Comer-Schwartz	Whittington Park Community Association	Improving the accessibility of the new community garden by replacing the bark chipping floor with paving. Funding to contribute towards materials and labour.	Whittington Park Community Centre, Yerbury Road, N19 4RS	January to February 2019	People with mobility issues	80+ to benefit from safer access to the garden	1,000	1,530	£530 Junction LIF	£530 awarded to this project in October 2018.
Mildmay	Santiago Bell-Bradford / Joe Caluori / Jenny Kay	Sports and Life Skills CIC	February 2019 half term multi sports programme on Mayville Astro turf for two age groups - 4 to 7 year olds and 8 to 13 year olds. Funding to pay for the lead coach, two assistant coaches, medals and volunteer expenses.	Mayville Astro Turf pitch, N16 8LP	18 to 22 February 2019	Local children aged 4 to 13 years and their parents	35+ children will be from Islington	1,050	1,050	Not applicable	

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St George's	Tricia Clarke / Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill	Universal Board Games	Delivery of 8 chess for the brain sessions mainly for older people. The project will work in partnership with Islington Library and Heritage Services and Age UK Islington. Funding to pay for the two facilitators of the 8 two hour sessions.	Hilldrop Community Centre, Community Lane, Hilldrop Road, N7 0JE and The Cat and Mouse Library, 277 Camden Rd, N7 0JN (4 sessions at each location)	1 October to 19 November 2018	Mainly older people	80+	960	2,040	£540 UBG for facilitators and printing flyers, £540 secured for venue hire, publicity and evaluation and report	
St George's	Tricia Clarke / Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill	Cutbush House Sheltered Housing	Tables, chairs and a parasol for the garden of Cutbush House. The furniture would mostly be used by the residents involved in activities in the communal kitchen on Mondays and Wednesdays.	Garden of Cutbush House, 57 Hilldrop Road, N7 0QD	Equipment to be bought between January and February 2019	Sheltered housing residents / older people	20	500	500	Not applicable	
St George's	Tricia Clarke / Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill	Hilldrop Area Community Association (St George's ward partnership event)	St George's Ward Partnership Fun Day which will be an opportunity for residents to meet their local councillors, be consulted on ward improvements and be provided with information on local support services. Funding to pay for refreshments, face painting and related resources, a bouncy castle, venue hire, caretaking, printing and other associated costs.	Hilldrop Community Centre, Community Lane, Hilldrop Road, N7 0JE	Saturday 10 November 2018 (event), preparation from 1 November onwards	Local residents and stakeholders	100 of the 150 attending will be from Islington	422	572	£150 Hilldrop staff time	
St George's	Tricia Clarke / Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill	Hilldrop Area Community Association (Play Projects)	Equipment for the afterschool, holiday play schemes, stay and play and toy libraries. Funding to pay for two wheeled tray storage units (to aid children's free choice development) and two tricycles for under fives which will be used in the new soft play area of the garden.	Hilldrop Community Centre, Community Lane, Hilldrop Road, N7 0JE	Equipment will be purchased as soon as funding is received	Local children attending the centre's schemes	40 of the up to 50 children a week will be from Islington	460.30	460.30	Not applicable	

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St Peter's	Vivien Cutler	Galbur Foundation	World Mental Health Event on 9 October at the Arc Centre, targeted at local young people from BAMER communities especially those of East African origin. Funding to pay for refreshments, equipment costs, volunteers, a performer, staffing and publicity.	98b St Paul Street, London N1 7DF	9 October 2018	Targetted at BAMER local young people, primarily those of an East African background	60 to 70	1,000	1,250	£150 Islington Refugee Forum (for room hire), £100 Galbur Foundation (for performer)	

Total LIF funding requested and balance remaining

Total Local Initiatives Fund budget allocation 2018-19:	£225,000
Total allocations to be made from previous LIF budgets:	£20,384
Amount allocated by VCS Committee to date:	£112,321
Balance remaining:	£133,063
New proposals for November VCS Committee:	£22,190
Total amount remaining to allocate in 2018-19:	£110,873

Budget allocations Progress comparison 2017 to 2018:		
	Apr - Oct 2017	Apr - Oct 2018
Total budget awarded:	£136,335	£112,321
% of annual budget awarded:	58%	46%

2018-19 Balance remaining by ward:	
Ward	Balance:
Barnsbury	£4,728
Bunhill	£5,275
Caledonian	£4,610
Canonbury	£6,262
Clerkenwell	£3,777
Finsbury Park	£5,700
Highbury East	£9,796
Highbury West	£13,392
Hillrise	£7,851
Holloway	£0
Junction	£9,114
Mildmay	£14,710
St George's	£4,436
St Mary's	£3,574
St Peter's	£15,473
Tollington	£2,176

£110,873**Notes:**

Includes £848 from previous LIF allocations / budgets

Includes £1,000 from previous LIF allocations / budgets

Includes £876 from previous LIF allocations / budgets

Includes £777 from previous LIF allocations / budgets

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Includes £7,086 from previous LIF allocations / budgets

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Report of: Executive Member for Community Development

Meeting of:	Date	Agenda item	Ward(s)
Voluntary and Community Sector Committee	29 th January 2019		All

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SUBJECT: LOCAL INITIATIVES FUND

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 The Local Initiatives Fund is a flexible devolved budget for councillors to use to address issues and priorities in their wards. It is an important element of the council's community provision and helps to meet the needs of local residents. In 2018/19 each ward has an allocation of £14,000 to spend on local schemes, with the exception of Bunhill and Clerkenwell who each have an allocation of £14,500. Councillors consider project ideas for their ward and make recommendations to the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee. This report asks the committee to approve the proposals submitted by ward councillors for this financial year.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To consider the new proposals and changes to previous proposals submitted by ward councillors as set out in Appendix A and to agree these proposals in principle subject to the Corporate Director of Housing and Adult Social Services being satisfied that the necessary checks have been made and any other issues resolved.
- 2.2 To note the declarations of interest made by councillors due to having a connection with organisations that funding is recommended for. These are detailed at paragraph 3.11.
- 2.3 To note the amendments to ward budgets resulting from project funding being returned. The amendments are detailed at paragraph 3.12 and are included in the budget summary on the last page of Appendix A.

3. Background

- 3.1 In March 2011 the council agreed to strengthen the role of ward councillors by building on existing 'neighbourhood arrangements' for some wards and establishing a mechanism for a more focussed ward based approach throughout the borough. From 1 April 2011 new ward partnership arrangements were introduced in place of the previous area committees.

- 3.2 Simultaneously a report relating to the Islington Community Fund was agreed by Executive. This included a proposal to create a Local Initiatives Fund with each ward having an allocation of £20,000 per year to spend on local projects.
- 3.3 In February 2015, the Executive agreed that the Local Initiatives Fund budget be reduced to £15,000 per ward (£240,000 total).
- 3.4 The Local Initiatives Fund enables councillors to respond directly to priorities in their ward that lie outside of current mainstream funding programmes and might not otherwise receive funding. It helps them to address the needs of local residents and suggest improvements to local services/facilities or new schemes that will enhance the area.
- 3.5 At Executive in March 2011 it was agreed that a Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Committee of the Executive should be set up to oversee the council's engagement with the voluntary and community sector and to ensure value for money and fairness in the allocation of council resources to the sector.
- 3.6 The VCS Committee's terms of reference include 'To be responsible for the allocation of the Islington Community Fund including...allocating the Local Initiatives Fund having regard to the recommendations of the relevant ward members/relevant ward partnership or neighbourhood group and on the basis that the funding will be allocated equally among the 16 wards making up the council's area'.
- 3.7 The committee agreed that each ward councillor should be given a notional allocation of the Local Initiatives Fund (i.e. divided equally between the councillors elected for each ward). In 2016/17 £15,000 was available to each ward; therefore the notional allocation for each councillor was £5,000. In September 2014 the VCS Committee agreed to introduce a minimum award of £250 per project. In October 2018 the VCS Committee agreed that a minimum amount of £50 per ward be requested by organisations submitting proposals to more than one ward.
- 3.8 In January 2017, the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee agreed that in order to address the issue of recruiting and retaining support for ward partnerships, an incentive payment of £1,000 per annum would be paid to each ward partnership co-ordinator and that £1,000 per annum be set aside from each ward partnership Local Initiatives Fund budget to fund this support.
- In 2018/19, the annual Local Initiatives Fund budget is therefore £225,000. This is £14,000 per ward apart from the Bunhill and Clerkenwell ward budgets which are each £14,500.
- 3.9 The Voluntary and Community Sector Development Team in the Housing and Adult Social Services department is responsible for managing the Local Initiatives Fund in liaison with ward councillors and members of the VCS Committee. The team ensures that funds are used appropriately and for the purpose for which they are allocated.
- 3.10 The fifth tranche of proposals submitted by ward councillors for this financial year is set out in Appendix A. It is recommended that these proposals are agreed in principle subject to the Corporate Director of Housing and Adult Social Services being satisfied that the necessary checks have been made and any other issues resolved.
- 3.11 Councillors must always declare their interest if they have a connection with an organisation that they are recommending funding for.

Declarations of interest have been made for the following applications submitted to this Committee:

- Cllr Theresa Debono is a member of the governing body of Gillespie Primary School which has been allocated £1,500 for aerial sessions alternating with physics lessons.
- Cllr Theresa Debono is a trustee of Islington Foodbank which has been allocated £6,553.74 for annual running costs.
- Cllr Vivien Cutler is a member of the steering group of the St Peter's Ward Charity for Children and Young People which has been allocated £4,818 for start-up funding and a pilot summer holiday programme. Cllr Cutler is providing advice on the educational aspects of the project.

- Cllr Anjna Khurana, Cllr Flora Williamson and Cllr Richard Watts have declared a personal and non-pecuniary interest in the £2,000 award to Hanley Crouch Community Association as they form the Tollington ward partnership, which is hosting the event that the award is funding.

3.12 Occasionally projects do not proceed as planned and funding is returned to ward budgets or the use of a grant has to be changed.

In July 2018, £200 was awarded by Junction ward to the Alchemist Theatre Company for a Script Outreach Programme for the 'A Pupil' play at Park Theatre. The amount was conditional on the some of the local schools being in Junction ward but the organisation was unable to engage the Junction secondary school. £200 has been returned to the Junction budget for reallocation.

In October 2018, £1,200 was awarded by Clerkenwell ward to CGCC TRA (Catherine Griffiths and Clerkenwell Community TRA) for a contribution towards the renovation of Finsbury Health Centre on Pine Street working alongside LBI Heritage Services and NHS Property Services. The organisation decided they did not wish to claim the grant as a few of the key stakeholders had not maintained communication with them and they felt they were unable to meet the requirements of the funding. This £1,200 has been returned to the Clerkenwell budget for reallocation.

4. Implications

4.1 Financial implications:

The proposals referred to in this report will be met from budget allocations for the Local Initiatives Fund.

4.2 Legal Implications:

The general power of competence pursuant to Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 which came into force on 6 April 2012 provides the council with very broad powers 'to do anything that individuals generally may do'. This covers the power to give grants to voluntary and community sector organisations as proposed in this report and includes anything which it considers is likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well-being of the whole or part of its area or all or any of the persons resident or present in that area. The provision of resources through the Local Initiatives Fund is likely to promote the social and economic well-being of Islington's residents.

The council is under a fiduciary duty to ensure that its resources are used appropriately. Where the money is allocated to outside bodies, the requirements of the procurement rules may apply. In any event it will be important to maintain current practice of ensuring that the money will be used for the purposes for which it is allocated and that individual members are made aware of the responsibility they bear in making recommendations in relation to specific groups.

4.3 Environmental Implications:

When considering proposals the VCS Committee will take relevant environmental implications into account.

4.4 Resident Impact Assessment:

The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life.

The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding and when considering proposals the VCS Committee will take relevant equalities implications into account. The Local Initiatives Fund provides resources for local projects which directly meet the needs of local residents, many of whom are from groups with protected characteristics. It enables some of Islington's poorest communities to access community-based services and activities and allows provision to be developed locally which can reach groups of residents that may not otherwise be supported.

5. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

The Local Initiatives Fund is an effective way of addressing local priorities and provides a mechanism for ward councillors to support small projects which might otherwise not be funded. Proposals submitted for approval represent a wide range of activity and will deliver significant benefit to local communities.

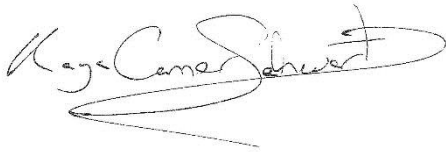
Appendices

Appendix A – Local Initiatives Fund Proposals

Background papers: none

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16 January 2019

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NEW PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE IN JANUARY 2019

Ward	Councillor	Organisation	Project Summary	Location	Timescale	Areas / Residents to Benefit	Number of Residents to Benefit	Budget Proposal Amount (£)	Project Total (£)	Match Funding Details	Housing and Adult Social Services Comments
Barnsbury	Rowena Champion	Pro Touch SA CIC (Cally Sports Active & Wellbeing Project)	22 week multi-sports programme on Cally Pitch. The programme will offer volunteering opportunities to young people who will also attend youth and sports courses and which could lead to paid positions. Funding to pay for staff, venue hire, volunteer courses, admin, sports equipment and other associated costs.	Bemerton - Cally Pitch / Jean Stokes Community Centre	1 March to 31 July 2019	Local BAME disadvantaged children and young people aged 7 to 16	50 to 60	750	4,480	£500 Bravo Investment, £200 Myddeltons Office & Events Caterers, £780 tbc Pro Touch SA	The amount requested is £3,000 from two wards. The amount requested from Barnsbury is £1,000.
Barnsbury	Jilani Chowdhury / Mouna Hamitouche	LBI Greenspace (Friends of Thornhill Gardens)	The supply and fitting of a secure tool store and the refurbishment of the park-keeper's hut so it can be used by the new Friends group as a base for organising events such as regular gardening days and social events.	Thornhill Road Gardens	March to April 2019 (subject to availability of the tool store and the fitters)	Local residents	50 to be engaged in the first year	1,400	1,400	Not applicable	
Bunhill	Troy Gallagher / Phil Graham / Claudia Webbe	Friends of Fortune Street Park	The 16th annual Community Fun Day in Fortune Street Park. Funding to pay for pottery workshop, table football, soft play areas, magician, balloon artist, table and chair hire and other associated costs.	Fortune Street Park	Saturday 29 June or 6 July 2019	Local residents	500 from Islington	2,000	5,172	£881 Friends of Fortune St Pk, £2,291 tbc from local businesses and stall takings	
Bunhill / Clerkenwell	Troy Gallagher / Phil Graham / Claudia Webbe / Ben Mackmurdie / Matt Nathan / Kadeema Woodbyrne	Finsbury and Clerkenwell Volunteers	Funding to contribute towards the annual salary of the part time Volunteer Services Co-ordinator who currently runs 77 one to one befriending relationships across central and south Islington. The co-ordinator works 4 days per week.	EC1 and surrounding areas	1 February to 30 April 2019	Older people aged over 60, with the majority aged 70+	77	2,158.87	5,200	£875 Waitrose, £500 Clerkenwell Charities, further fundraising ongoing	The amount requested is £2,500.
Caledonian / Finsbury Park / Highbury East / Highbury West / Hillrise / Junction / St George's / St Mary's / Tollington	All councillors of Caledonian, Highbury East, Highbury West, Hillrise, Junction, St George's and Tollington wards, Michael O'Sullivan / Angela Picknell / Nurullah Turan	Islington Foodbank	Contribution towards annual running costs. Funding to pay for storage space hire (Portakabin, shipping container and garages) and food.	Highbury Roundhouse Community Centre, Ronalds Road	March 2019 to March 2020	Islington residents who cannot afford to feed themselves or their family	5,000+	6,553.74	9,487	£2,933 cash donations tbc, further LIF tbc	

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Canonbury	Clare Jeapes / Nick Wayne / John Woolf	Friends of Rosemary Gardens	Funding to promote the group, increase its membership and broaden community engagement culminating in an open meeting on anti-social behaviour in the park (the main concern of local residents). Longer term plans include the setting up of a refreshment stand, a fun day and a football tournament. Funding to pay for printing costs, a printer, office equipment, stationery and Facebook promotion costs	Rosemary Gardens	March to July 2019	Local residents	Aim is to increase its membership to 100	340.73	340.73	Not applicable	
Page 16 Canonbury	Clare Jeapes / Nick Wayne	The Manna	Day centre which assists with tenancy sustainment and financial inclusion of residents struggling with addictions, poverty, disability or low self esteem and who do not engage well with other services. Funding to contribute towards the wages of their keyworker.	St Stephen's Church, Canonbury Road or at homes, streets and parks in Canonbury ward	1 March to 31 August 2019	Marginalised people and local residents (who act as volunteers)	450 attend the Manna with over half being from Islington, 10 volunteers from Canonbury ward	2,000	23,000	£7,000 Cloudesley, £7,000 reserves, further fundraising ongoing	
Clerkenwell	Ben Mackmurdie / Matt Nathan / Kadeema Woodbyrne	Singalong Songs CIC	Live music events for children and families with an emphasis on audience participation, theatrical engagement and communal singing. They perform weekly at the Exmouth Market Centre but also travel to other wards. Funding to pay for equipment and insurance.	Church Hall, Exmouth Market and other locations in the borough	1 March to 19 July 2019	Children and their parents / carers (at Exmouth Market), older care home residents elsewhere	450 per week, of whom 300 are from Islington	1,824.38	1,824.38	Not applicable, £1,000 to be considered by Clerkenwell councillors in 2019-20	The amount requested is £2,824.38 and includes £1,000 for an additional musician.
Clerkenwell	Ben Mackmurdie / Matt Nathan / Kadeema Woodbyrne	London Zip Basketball Club	New basketball project for young people aged 8 to 25 which will be delivered in accessible basketball sites across Islington. Funding is requested for equipment, kit and trips to basketball events / competitions.	Accessible basketball sites across Islington, initial sessions at Metropolitan University, Holloway site	February 2019 to February 2020, launch date of 18 December 2018	Mainly young people aged 8 to 25	25 per session	500	2,500	£800 Connecting Clerkenwell, £200 LBI Housing Community Development Team	The amount requested is £1,500.

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Clerkenwell	Ben Mackmurdie / Matt Nathan / Kadeema Woodbyrne	Marx Memorial Library	Digitisation of a scrapbook by child refugees from the Spanish Civil War (1936-9) so it can be published as an interactive e-book online and which will feature in Islington Council's marking of Refugee Week 2019. Funding to pay for professional digitisation of scrapbook to enable online display by Townsweb Archiving.	Marx Memorial Library, Clerkenwell Green	Scrapbook to be digitised in March 2019 with the launch of the e-book by the end of May 2019	Islington residents, especially families in the borough attending storytelling and artistic workshops	100 plus online audience	1,593.90	3,143.90	£300 MML website redevelopment, £450 in kind volunteer expenses and staff management, £1,000 to be considered by Clerkenwell councillors in 2019-20	The amount requested is £2,593.90 and includes £1,000 for story-telling and creative workshops for families in partnership with Islington Museum.
Finsbury Park	Asima Shaikh	Speak Street CIC	10 weekly ESOL classes at Muslim Welfare House for 30 women from refugee and migrant backgrounds. Funding to pay for facilitators, a project manager and printing costs.	Muslim Welfare House, Seven Sisters Road	24 April to 26 June 2019	Women from refugee and migrant backgrounds	30	300	1,540	Not applicable	The amount requested is £1,540.
Highbury East	Osh Gantly / Sue Lukes / Caroline Russell	Park View TRA	Get-together for estate residents on the green area and a children's treasure hunt. Funding to pay for prizes, refreshments, patio heaters, insurance, advertising and treasure hunt materials.	Park View Estate, Collins Road	26 February to 14 March 2019	Estate residents	400 estate residents	756	756	Not applicable	
Highbury East	Osh Gantly / Sue Lukes / Caroline Russell	Arvon Road Allotments Group	Strengthening of a weak dilapidated retaining wall along the railway embankment which borders the allotments. Funding is requested for labour and materials in order to secure the two most vulnerable sections of the retaining wall that need repairing.	Arvon Road Allotments, Arvon Road	March to July 2019, depending on weather	Plot holders and their families and friends	122	1,250	5,000	Not applicable	The amount requested is £5,000.
Highbury East	Osh Gantly / Sue Lukes / Caroline Russell	Drayton Park School PTA	Replacing a failing interactive whiteboard with a touchscreen (which is recommended by the council's IT department). Funding will pay for the purchase and installation of one touchscreen.	Drayton Park School, Drayton Park	Touchscreen will be purchased as soon as grant is received	Pupils in Year 5 and Year 6	24 this year, more in subsequent years	2,000	2,000	Not applicable	

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Highbury West	Theresa Debono / Roulin Khondoker / Andy Hull	Jenny Christodoulou / Stephens Ink Community Association	Twelve week jewellery making course. Funding to pay for tutor, materials, stationery and printing.	Stephens Ink Community Centre, Tannington Terrace, Gillespie Road	23 January to 10 April 2019	Women mainly from Highbury West	12 to 14	1,000	1,000	Not applicable	
Highbury West	Theresa Debono / Roulin Khondoker / Andy Hull	Middle Eastern Women and Society Organisation (MEWSO)	Six weekly health and wellbeing workshops. These three hour sessions will be led by a qualified health instructor (focussing on healthy eating, physical exercise and mindfulness / mental health) and a health advisor / facilitator (who will also offer one to one advice about health services available and possibly refer them to mainstream services).	Elizabeth House Community Centre, Hurlock Street	Workshops from 25 March to 6 May 2019, preparation from 11 March onwards	Vulnerable and isolated BME women aged 20 to 65	30	1,280	1,450	£60 Voluntary Action Islington (volunteer travel expenses), £110 MEWSO (insurance, office equipment and advertising)	
Highbury West	Theresa Debono / Roulin Khondoker / Andy Hull	Bags of Taste	Four weekly budget cooking classes (each lasting two and a half hours) teaching the disadvantaged how to shop and cook for themselves on a tight budget. Funding to pay for staff costs, overheads, equipment, volunteer expenses, venue hire, specialist materials, transport, parking and other associated costs.	Stephens Ink Community Centre, Tannington Terrace, Gillespie Road	April to June 2019	Local residents	30	2,400	2,400	Not applicable	
Highbury West	Theresa Debono / Roulin Khondoker / Andy Hull	Holloway Neighbourhood Group	Eight week mindfulness course (each session lasting two hours) mainly for people on low incomes who experience mental health problems. The course will be preceded by two introductory taster sessions. Funding to pay for tutor and staff costs.	Stress Project, Shelburne Road	Course between May and July 2019, preparation from April 2019	People on low incomes who experience mental health problems	20	1,000	1,650	£650 HNG through hiring rooms at the Stress Project	
Highbury West	Theresa Debono / Roulin Khondoker / Andy Hull	Gillespie Primary School	Three aerial sessions run by Scarabeus alternating with physics lessons at Highbury Fields Secondary School (an aid to teaching physics for KS2). Funding to pay Scarabeus Aerial Theatre to manage the whole project.	Scarabeus (based at Caxton House) and Highbury Fields School	March to July 2019	Key Stage 2 pupils	120	1,500	1,500	Not applicable	

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Hillrise / Junction / St George's	Michelline Ngongo / David Poyser / Marian Spall / Janet Burgess / Sheila Chapman / Kaya Comer-Schwartz / Tricia Clarke / Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill	Pro Touch SA CIC (Whittington Park Sports Active and Wellbeing Project)	22 week multi-sports programme in Whittington Park. The programme will offer volunteering opportunities to young people who will also attend youth and sports courses and which could lead to paid positions. Funding to pay for staff, venue hire, volunteer courses, admin, sports equipment and other associated costs.	Whittington Park - sports pitch or hall	5 March to 30 July 2019	Local BAME disadvantaged children and young people aged 6 to 16	40 to 50	1,233.34	2,817	£200 Cassini, £200 Myddeltons Catering, £217 tbc Pro Touch SA	The amount requested from 3 wards is £2,200.
Junction	Janet Burgess / Sheila Chapman / Kaya Comer-Schwartz	Girdlestone Third Age Group	Contribution to the provision of outings, lunches and a Christmas party/dinner for older people to reduce isolation. The group is supported by the Junction Safer Neighbourhood Team and now has 34 members.	Girdlestone Community Centre	September 2019 for trips, lunches bi-monthly, Christmas events in December	Mainly older people from Junction ward	22 from Junction ward, 8 members from other Islington wards	3,400	3,400	Not applicable	
Junction	Kaya Comer-Schwartz	Hanley Crouch Community Assoc / Brickworks (Hate Crime Forum badges)	Production of 'We Stand Together' badges for an Islington Stand Up to Racism demonstration on the steps of the Town Hall in response to Islamophobic messages on social media at the time. The badges were also handed out to the wider community.	Islington Town Hall, Upper Street	Tuesday 3 April 2018	Local residents	5,000	250	640	£390 Hanley Crouch Community Association	
Mildmay	Santiago Bell-Bradford / Jenny Kay	Metropolitan Benefit Society Almshouses	Christmas party and summer fete for older people. Funding for the Christmas party is requested for a three course meal for 28 residents, drinks, gifts and entertainment (likely to be singer or comedian). Funding for the summer fete is requested for food, refreshments and entertainment.	Metropolitan Benefit Society Almshouses, Balls Pond Road	December 2018 to December 2019	Almshouses residents (older people aged 65+)	298 residents	1,000	1,000	Not applicable	
St George's	Tricia Clarke / Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill	St George and All Saints Church	Funding for a free stay and play group (Tufnell Tots) to buy toy storage units and to train a volunteer in First Aid.	St George and All Saints Church, 72 Crayford Road	February to April 2019	Local pre-school children and their parents / carers	100 per week, 300 in total	650	950	£150 tbc St George's congregation, £150 tbc from Tufnell Tots parents	

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St Peter's	Vivien Cutler / Martin Klute	LBI Highways	Removal of laurel hedge and root system in Prebend Open Space to open sight lines, improve security and prevent anti-social behaviour in the park and around St James Church.	Prebend Street Open Space	Ideally before 14 December 2018 when there was filming for Comic Relief at this location	Park users, church users and local residents	100+	2,625	2,625	Not applicable	
St Peter's	Alice Clarke-Perry / Vivien Cutler / Martin Klute	Hanover Primary School	Developing outdoor play with large wooden building blocks which through play will help develop maths, science, construction and engineering skills. These will mainly be used by children aged 7 to 12. Funding will pay for one set of blocks.	Hanover Primary School Key Stage 2 playground	February to July 2019	Key Stage 2 pupils (aged 7 to 12)	330+ pupils, of whom 150+ are from Islington	3,300	3,300	Not applicable	
St Peter's	Alice Clarke-Perry / Vivien Cutler / Martin Klute	Islington Boat Club	Four community open days / fun days to raise awareness of the pathways available at the boat club (not just a place to enjoy boating but also helps with gaining skills, building confidence, team work and personal development). Funding to pay for the fees of an instructor and coaches and other associated costs.	Islington Boat Club, Graham Street	April to September 2019	Aimed at Islington residents	192 to take part in water sports	2,720	2,720	Not applicable	
St Peter's	Vivien Cutler / Martin Klute	AIRing CIC	A pop-up art gallery on the Packington Estate which will display artwork by local residents. Over 150 residents were involved in making Packington artworks in the summer. The programme includes opening events and free creative workshops for local residents. Funding to pay for workshop materials and exhibition invitation printing costs.	8 Prebend Street, N1	2 to 29 April 2019	Local residents (30 exhibitors, 40 workshop participants, 200 events attendees and 500 exhibition visitors)	500+	500	15,500	£2,000 Hyde Foundation, £5,000 tbc from Arts Council England, £8,000 tbc from Hyde contractor funds	

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St Peter's	Alice Clarke-Perry / Vivien Cutler / Martin Klute	St Peter's Ward Charity for Children and Young People (temporary name)	Start-up funding for a charity which will provide educational, social and occupational support to local children and young people. The charity will initially deliver a pilot summer holiday programme for 30 children from 4 local primary schools. Funding is requested for hire of the Arc Community Centre over the summer holidays as well as organisational set up costs.	The Arc Community Centre, St Paul Street	Summer project from 29 July to 28 August 2019, setting up of the charity as soon as possible	Primary school aged children and their parents / carers	30 children from St Peter's ward	4,818	21,168	£15,000 tbc for staffing, £1,000 tbc for materials, £350 tbc for sundries	
Tollington	Anjna Khurana / Richard Watts / Flora Williamson	Hanley Crouch Community Assoc / Brickworks (Tollington Ward community event)	Costs of a Tollington Ward Partnership community consultation event / fun day on 2 February 2019. Funding to pay for staff costs, catering, cakes, catering equipment, Wild Fangs, publicity and other associated costs.	Brickworks Community Centre, 42 Crouch Hill	Saturday 2 February 2019	Local residents	500+	2,000	2,000	Not applicable	

Total LIF funding requested and balance remaining

Total Local Initiatives Fund budget allocation 2018-19:	£225,000
Total allocations to be made from previous LIF budgets:	£21,784
Amount allocated by VCS Committee to date:	£134,511
Balance remaining:	£112,273
New proposals for January VCS Committee:	£53,104
Total amount remaining to allocate in 2018-19:	£59,169

Budget allocations Progress comparison 2017 to 2018:		
	Apr - Nov 2017	Apr - Nov 2018
Total budget awarded:	£174,662	£134,511
% of annual budget awarded:	74%	55%

2018-19 Balance remaining by ward:	
Ward	Balance:
Barnsbury	£2,578
Bunhill	£2,025
Caledonian	£4,110
Canonbury	£3,921
Clerkenwell	£150
Finsbury Park	£4,900
Highbury East	£4,262
Highbury West	£4,212
Hillrise	£6,784
Holloway	£0
Junction	£4,914
Mildmay	£13,710
St George's	£3,169
St Mary's	£2,924
St Peter's	£1,510
Tollington	£0

Notes:

Includes £848 from previous LIF allocations / budgets

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SUBJECT: Islington Council's Community Chest: Continuation of Council's commitment.

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 Small voluntary and community organisations play an important role in Islington, helping to build resilient communities and support residents who are experiencing poverty and isolation. Islington Council's Community Chest (ICCC), one of the borough's most popular grant programmes, has proved to be a very effective way of funding grassroots activity and developing the capacity of local groups.
- 1.2 This report recommends that Islington Council continues to supporting Islington Council's Community Chest (ICCC) for the second year of its current three-year agreement with Cripplegate Foundation.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To agree Islington Council's contribution of £200,000 for the second year (2019-2020) of Islington Council Community Chest.
- 2.2 To agree for the Voluntary and Community Sector Development team to work with Cripplegate Foundation to establish a partnership framework and priorities for Islington Council Community Chest.

3. Background

- 3.1 ICCC is a partnership between Islington Council and Cripplegate Foundation. It is a small grants programme that funds grassroots activity and brings additional capacity building, networking and development support to local voluntary and community organisations. By providing resources for local groups ICCC helps to build community resilience and to tackle poverty and isolation.

- 3.2 Islington Council is committed to working to working with the VCS. The council solely awards grant-funding to organisation that are a paying employees London Living Wage and has amended our procurement approach so that we only procure services from organisations that pay their staff at least the Living Wage.
- 3.3 ICCC is one of the borough's most popular grant funding programmes and is available to local organisations with a turnover of no more than £100,000 per year – in most cases less than £50,000 per year. Organisations can apply for one grant of up to £5,000 per year. The priority is to support applications from the most deprived areas of the borough with a focus on:
- Advise and support people
 - Educating people and improving their skills and employability
 - Improving people's mental and/or physical health
 - Improving the local environment and making communities safer
 - Reduce isolation and increasing people's involvement in the community
- 3.4 Community Chest programmes in Islington have been successfully managed by Cripplegate Foundation for many years. Established in 2011, the council contributes £200,000 per year and Cripplegate Foundation adds £50,000 per year (from which £36,000 per year is deducted to cover the costs of managing the programme).
- 3.5 Cripplegate Foundation commits up to £2,500 a year (inclusive of VAT) towards the costs of holding an annual celebration event to promote the achievements and impact of activity supported through ICCC. This helps to raise awareness of the council's role as main funder of ICCC. Cripplegate and the council will work together to plan these events and to secure in-kind contributions for venue and refreshment costs where possible.
- 3.6 A panel made up of representatives from Islington Council, Cripplegate Foundation and the local voluntary sector (nominated by Islington Community Network). Chaired by the council's Executive Member for Community Development, the panel meets three times a year to consider applications.
- 3.7 The ICCCP also considers issues of wider relevance to the local voluntary and community sector and reviews priorities annually to ensure that the programme continues to meet the needs of Islington's most vulnerable and isolated residents. In addition, the panel track application trends and identify any gaps in the programme that should be addressed.
- 3.8 In April 2017 VCS Committee decided to transfer full responsibility to ICCCP regarding confirming the awarding of grants to VCS Organisations, rather than been required to decide on recommendations made by the panel. This change has helped to streamline the decision making process and reduce delays in notifying VCS organisations of the outcome of their applications. The Council's interests are protected by having the Executive Member for Community Development as Chairperson of the ICCCP. The VCS Committee continues to receive reports to note decisions made by ICCCP in respect of awards through the programme. However, the Council has reserved the right to adjust this arrangement if deemed necessary.

4. Implications

4.1 Financial Implications

4.1.1 The 2019-2020 VCS budget contains provision for £200,000 commitment to the Islington Council Community Chest programme. Renewing our commitment for 2019-2020, therefore not resulting in any additional budgetary pressures.

4.1.2 Cripplegate is a long-standing organisation with substantial funds available at its disposal. In the rare event that Cripplegate did have financial difficulties, we would need to clarify any financial liabilities we may have for the remaining projects. As the Council are providing a large share of the total funding (£200,000 out of £250,000), the risks would be minimal.

4.2 Legal Implications

4.2.1 The council has power to provide grants for the voluntary and community sector under the General Power of Competence set out in Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011. The provision of grants for the voluntary and community sector as described in this report is not subject to any other statutory provision. In providing these grants the council must ensure that it complies with its duty to secure best value (Section 3 of the Local Government Act 1999).

4.3 Environmental Impact

4.3.1 One of the priorities of ICCC is 'improving the local environment and making communities safer'. Funding proposals in this report support grassroots community activity which will have a positive impact on the local environment.

4.4 Resident Impact Assessment

4.4.1 The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.

4.4.2 ICCC provides resources for small community organisations, many of which are volunteer-led and wouldn't meet the criteria for funding under other programmes. It enables some of Islington's poorest residents to access community-based services and activities including through newly established groups who offer the potential for adding to existing provision locally or who can reach communities that may not otherwise be supported. Analysis of previous grants demonstrates ICCC's success at meeting the needs of groups with protected characteristics, for example people from black and minority ethnic and refugee backgrounds, young people and older people, women, and people with disabilities.

5. Conclusion

5.1 ICCC helps to nurture and sustain an innovative and resilient voluntary and community sector in Islington, in particular providing resources for smaller organisations that find it hard to access funding from other programmes. ICCC is an effective way of developing grass roots activity across the borough and building capacity in local organisations to support residents who are experiencing poverty and isolation.

5.2 Islington Council's Community Chest is an effective way of developing grass roots activity across the borough and building capacity in local organisations to support residents who are experiencing poverty and isolation. Agreeing the continuation of the council's commitment and for Cripplegate Foundation to provide valuable programme management. Continuing this successful partnership that has a direct benefit for local VCS organisations and communities it is recommended that Cripplegate Foundation continues to award on behalf of the council funding contributions.

Background papers: none

Final report clearance:

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SUBJECT: Islington Council's Community Chest: Round Two Grant Awards 2018/19

1 Synopsis

- 1.1 Small voluntary and community organisations play an important role in Islington, helping to build community resilience and supporting residents who are experiencing poverty and isolation. Islington Council's Community Chest (ICCC), one of the borough's most popular grant programmes, has proved to be a very effective way of funding grassroots activity and developing the capacity of local groups.
- 1.2 This report sets out the organisations approved by Islington Council's Community Chest's Panel for third tranche of funding for 2018/19.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 To note the funding decisions made by Islington Council's Community Chest Panel in relation to the second round of ICCC grant funding for 2018/19, as set out in Appendix A.

3 Background

- 3.1 ICCC is a partnership between Islington Council and Cripplegate Foundation. It is a small grants programme that funds grassroots activity and brings additional capacity building, networking and development support to local voluntary and community organisations. By providing resources for local groups ICCC helps to build community resilience and to tackle poverty and isolation.

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 - Improving the local environment and making communities safer
 - Reduce isolation and increasing people’s involvement in the community
- 3.3 Community Chest programmes in Islington have been successfully managed by Cripplegate Foundation for many years. Under current grant funding arrangements, agreed by VCS Committee in March 2015, the council provides funding of £200,000 per year and Cripplegate Foundation adds £50,000 per year (from which £36,000 per year is deducted to cover the costs of administering and developing the programme). In addition, Cripplegate Foundation has committed up to £2,500 a year towards the costs of holding an annual celebration event to promote the achievements and impact of activity supported through ICCC.
- 3.4 Applications to the ICCC are considered by the Islington Council Community Chest Panel, (ICCCP) which meets three times a year. The ICCCP is Chaired by the Executive Member for Community Development and consists of two nominated ward Councillors, representatives from Cripplegate Foundation and representatives from the Voluntary and Community Sector, nominated by the Islington Community Network.
- 3.5 The ICCCP also considers issues of wider relevance to the local voluntary and community sector and reviews priorities annually to ensure that the programme continues to meet the needs of Islington’s most vulnerable and isolated residents. In addition, panellists track application trends and identify any gaps in the programme that should be addressed.
- 3.6 In April 2017 VCS Committee decided to transfer full responsibility to ICCCP regarding confirming the awarding of grants to VCS Organisations, rather than been required to decide on recommendations made by the panel. This change has helped to streamline the decision making process and reduce delays in notifying VCS organisations of the outcome of their applications. The Council’s interests are protected by having the Executive Member for Community Development as Chairperson of the ICCCP. The VCS Committee continues to receive reports to note decisions made by ICCCP in respect of awards through the programme. However, the Council has reserved the right to adjust this arrangement if deemed necessary.

4 Round Two Grant Awards 2018/19

- 4.1 The second round of ICCC was widely advertised to local groups through voluntary sector networks and forums, tenants and residents’ associations, and on the Islington Council and Cripplegate Foundation websites. Information sessions were arranged for organisations interested in applying to the programme.
- 4.2 £71,334 from the current round and £2,527 carried forward from the previous round of 2018/19 makes a total of £73,861 available to allocate.

- 4.3 There were 26 applications submitted. One applicant withdrew on advice of Programme Manager. The 25 applications requested funding totalling £112,623. Fifteen of these applications were recommended for funding to ICCCP. 7 (28%) of these projects were first time applicants.
- 4.4 The ICCCP met on 6 November 2018 to consider applications and approved awards totalling £72,320 to 15 organisations. One organisation was recommended for funding at a lower level than initially requested. A list of organisations recommended for funding and the proposed grant award for each organisation is set out in Appendix A.

5 Implications

5.1 Financial implications:

- 5.1.1 The council's grant funding of £200,000 per year referred to in this report will be met from existing budgets allocated to ICCCP in the Chief Executive's Department.

5.2 Legal Implications:

- 5.2.1 The council has power to provide grants for the voluntary and community sector under the General Power of Competence set out in Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011. The provision of grants for the voluntary and community sector as described in this report is not subject to any other statutory provision. In providing these grants the council must ensure that it complies with its duty to secure best value (Section 3 of the Local Government Act 1999).

5.3 Environmental Implications:

- 5.3.1 One of the priorities of ICCCP is 'improving the local environment and making communities safer'. Funding proposals in this report support grassroots community activity which will have a positive impact on the local environment.

5.4 Resident Impact Assessment:

- 5.4.1 The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.
- 5.4.2 ICCCP provides resources for small community organisations, many of which are volunteer-led and wouldn't meet the criteria for funding under other programmes. It enables some of Islington's poorest residents to access community-based services and activities including through newly established groups who offer the potential for adding to existing provision locally or who can reach communities that may not otherwise be supported. Analysis of previous grants demonstrates ICCCP's success at meeting the needs of groups with protected characteristics, for example people from black and minority ethnic and refugee backgrounds, young people and older people, women, and people with disabilities.

6 Reasons for decisions

- 6.1 ICCC helps to nurture and sustain an innovative and resilient voluntary and community sector in Islington, in particular providing resources for smaller organisations that find it hard to access funding from other programmes. ICCC is an effective way of developing grass roots activity across the borough and building capacity in local organisations to support residents who are experiencing poverty and isolation.
- 6.2 The amendment to the Council's current grant agreement with Cripplegate Foundation to transfer full responsibility to ICCCP has helped to streamline the decision making process and reduce delays in notifying VCS organisations of the outcome of their applications. The Council's interest is protected by having the Executive Member for Community Development as Chairperson of the ICCCP. The VCS Committee will continue to receive reports to note decisions made by ICCCP in respect of awards through the programme. However, the Council has reserved the right to adjust this arrangement if deemed necessary.

Appendices

Appendix A – Approved Grant Awards for ICCC: Round Two 2018/19

Background papers: none

Final report clearance:

Signed by:



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Appendix A:

Islington Council Community Chest: Round Two Awards 2018/18

Organisation	Project / Activity	Grant Award (£)
ADVISE AND SUPPORT PEOPLE		
MEWSO - Middle Eastern Women and Society Organisation	Rebuilding Lives	£5,000
The Unity Project	Casework support and community for people with NRPF.	£3,420
IMPROVE PEOPLE'S MENTAL AND / OR PHYSICAL HEALTH		
EAGLE Recovery Project	Core activities	£5,000
Fit Women Group	Women-Only aerobics, pilates and healthy eating workshops	£5,000
GALBUR FOUNDATION	Hijabi Footy Fun	£5,000
Phoenix Pottery	To continue to provide low-cost pottery classes to disadvantaged local people.	£5,000
REDUCE ISOLATION AND INCREASE PEOPLE'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY		
Asian Women Lone Parents Association (AWLPA)	Workshops to increase knowledge on staying safe and improving access to support.	£5,000
Connaught Opera	Moonlight & Roses - Romantic Musical Memories	£4,200
Eritrean Youth Club	To continue and further develop of the Football Development Team and the Cultural Group sessions.	£5,000
Finsbury & Clerkenwell Volunteers	Ongoing delivery of services	£5,000
Goodinge Community Centre	Families in the Communities	£5,000
Olden Garden Community Project	To maintain the garden	£5,000

St John's Way Patient Participation Group	SJW PPG Activities for Physical, Mental Health and Social Wellbeing	£5,000
EDUCATE PEOPLE AND IMPROVE THEIR SKILLS AND EMPLOYABILITY		
Creative Opportunities C.I.C.	A space of our own	£4,700
YES Outdoors	Bicycle Maintenance Workshops	£5,000
	Total	£72,320.00



Report of: Service Director Financial and Asset Management (Section 151 Officer)

	Date:	Ward(s):
Voluntary and Community Sector Committee (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)	29 January 2019	
Officer Decision	25 th January 2019	All

SUBJECT: LONDON BOROUGH GRANTS COMMITTEE – LEVY 2019-20

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 This delegated decision report seeks approval for the London Boroughs Grants Committee (LBGC) 2019-20 provisional budget, and the payment by the Council of its annual subscription. The Council, together with other London boroughs, is a member of the LBGC. Accordingly, the Council is required to approve the annual committee budget (£6.909m in 2019-20) and the Council's levy (£178k in 2019-20).
- 1.2 The Council's annual subscription currently contributes towards the funding of many London-wide organisations providing a wide range of services. These services are accessible by Islington residents and contribute towards the Council's priorities including tackling homelessness and dealing with violence against women and girls. Islington residents and Islington-based organisations currently receive considerable benefit from the annual subscription. The net-benefit to Islington residents is estimated to be over £0.3m per annum.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To note the LBGC proposed 2019-20 annual budget of £6.909m (paragraph 4.3).
- 2.2 To note Islington's estimated contribution of £178k in 2019-20, an increase of £1k on the 2018-19 contribution. (Paragraph 4.3).

3. Decision

London Councils notified Chief Executives of the recommended level of the London Borough Grants Scheme budget for 2019/20 and sought a formal response to that recommendation ideally by Friday 18 January 2019, but no later than Friday 25 January 2019.

As the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee was not due to meet until 29 January 2019, the decision was delegated to officers. The Service Director, Financial and Asset Management (S151 Officer) took the decision to agree recommendations 2.1 and 2.2 above on 19 December 2018.

4. Background

- 4.1 The London Councils Grants Committee has agreed the following priorities; these reflect some of the Council's priorities and historically the funding has been of benefit to both Islington residents and Islington based voluntary organizations:
- Homelessness
 - Sexual and Domestic Violence
- 4.2 Islington currently benefits in two ways from being a member of the Committee:
- Firstly, it is currently estimated that about 50% (£3.13m) of the current year funding approved by the LBGC is allocated to commissioning organisations based in the borough (such as Women's Aid Federation of England, Solace Women's Aid, Galop, Women's Resource Centre and Shelter). However most commissioning organisations provide services across London and in many cases benefit Islington residents.
 - Secondly, it is estimated that more than £0.3m (about 5%) of the current funding benefits Islington residents
- 4.3 The total budget for the scheme will be £6.909m in 2019-20. This is a reduction of £1.759m from 2018-18 due to a reduction in European Social Fund (ESF) co financing costs and a commensurate reduction in ESF grant and one off contributions from reserves. However the costs of the grants programme and borough contributions to scheme costs remain unchanged. The Islington contribution to the scheme is expected to increase from £177k in 2018-19 to £178k in 2019-20.

5. Implications

5.1 Financial implications:

The 2019-20 levy is within the estimated budget. The budget is subject to the agreement of London Councils Leaders Committee on 4th December 2018 and the agreement of two-thirds of London boroughs by the end of January 2019.

5.2 Legal Implications:

Under the constitution of the LBGC, the Council is required to confirm the Committee's budget and its own contribution. The Council is required to inform the Committee of its approval or otherwise by 1st February 2019.

5.3 Environmental Implications

The services funded by the LBGC (some of which are based in Islington) have environmental impacts related to building occupation and office use; these include use of energy, water and resources (e.g. stationery), as well as waste generation. Some may also involve travel, which could contribute to vehicular emissions and congestion.

5.4 Resident Impact Assessment:

The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding. A Resident Impact Assessment has not been completed because London Councils have confirmed in their grants programme monitoring reports that funded services provide support to people within all the protected characteristics (Equality Act 2010), and in particular target groups highlighted as particularly hard to reach or more affected by the issues being tackled. Funded organisations are also required to submit equalities monitoring data, which can be collated across the grants scheme to provide data on the take up of services and gaps in provision to be addressed. The London Councils grants team reviews this annually.

3. Reason for the decision

- 3.1 The Council is required to confirm whether it approves the London Boroughs Grants Committee budget for 2019-20 and Islington contribution to the above by 1st February 2019. The budget requires the approval of two thirds of London boroughs for it to be approved, in the event of the budget not being approved the budget will remain unchanged from 2018-19.

Signed by:



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