



**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 Islington Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on **26 March 2019 at 6:30pm.**

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Membership 2018/19

Councillor Richard Watts (Chair)
Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz
Councillor Una O'Halloran
Councillor Diarmaid Ward

Substitute Members

Councillor Janet Burgess MBE
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

If you have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest* in an item of business:

- if it is not yet on the council's register, you must declare both the existence and details of it at the start of the meeting or when it becomes apparent;
 - you may choose to declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest that is already in the register in the interests of openness and transparency.
- In both the above cases, you must leave the room without participating in discussion of the item.

If you have a personal interest in an item of business and you intend to speak or vote on the item you must declare both the existence and details of it at the start of the meeting or when it becomes apparent but you may participate in the discussion and vote on the item.

*(a) Employment, etc - Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.

(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.

(e) Licences- Any licence to occupy land in the council's area for a month or longer.

(f) Corporate tenancies - Any tenancy between the council and a body in which you or your partner have a beneficial interest.

(g) Securities - Any beneficial interest in securities of a body which has a place of business or land in the council's area, if the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body or of any one class of its issued share capital.

This applies to all members present at the meeting.

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B. Matters for decision

1. Local Initiatives Fund awards 13 - 30
2. Islington Council venues: free community use scheme round two - summer 2019 31 - 40

C. 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.

D. 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.

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

F. 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
8 April 2019 at 12 noon

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London Borough of Islington

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.

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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.

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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

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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 6 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

Includes £1,000 from previous LIF allocations / budgets

Includes £876 from previous LIF allocations / budgets

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Includes £4,953 from previous LIF allocations / budgets

Includes £571 from previous LIF allocations / budgets

£59,169



Report of: Executive Member for Community Development

Meeting of:	Date	Agenda item	Ward(s)
Voluntary and Community Sector Committee	26 th March 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 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 they are recommending funding for. These are detailed at paragraph 3.11.
- 2.3 To note the change in use of funding detailed at paragraph 3.12 and included in 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 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 sixth 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 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 Claudia Webbe is a Council appointed Trustee of City YMCA London which has been allocated £1,874.82 for the Whitecross Street Party.
- Cllr Claudia Webbe, Cllr Troy Gallagher, Cllr Phil Graham, Cllr Ben Mackmurdie, Cllr Matt Nathan and Cllr Kadeema Woodbyrne are the ward councillors of the Finsbury ward partnership and so are the main organisers of the Finsbury ward partnership meetings which have been allocated £300.
- Cllr Sue Lukes is a resident of the Highbury Quadrant estate where the projects run by Quadrant Community Association and Octopus Community Network are being held.
- Cllr Osh Gantly, Cllr Sue Lukes and Cllr Caroline Russell are the ward councillors of the Highbury East ward partnership and so are the main organisers of the Highbury East ward partnership meetings which have been allocated £2,374.
- Cllr Caroline Russell is a garden member / volunteer of Olden Community Garden which has been allocated £748.23 for tools and equipment,

- Cllr Dave Poyser, Cllr Marian Spall and Cllr Michelline Ngongo are the main organisers of the Hillrise Summer Festival which has been allocated £3,000.
- Cllr Marian Spall is a trustee of Caxton House Community Centre who will be the host venue and will hold the funding for the Hillrise Summer Festival which has been allocated £3,000.
- Cllr Janet Burgess is a trustee of Whittington Park Community Association which has been allocated £1,000 for building works.
- Cllr Sheila Chapman has children at Yerbury Primary School which has been allocated £333.03 for a garden.
- Cllr Tricia Clarke and Cllr Satnam Gill are trustees of Hilldrop Area Community Association which has been allocated £550 for the purchase of new chairs.
- Cllr Theresa Debono is a trustee of Islington Foodbank which has been allocated an additional £503.37 for annual running costs bringing the total for this project to £7,057.11.

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.

Islington Mind was awarded grants for three seaside trips which took place between April and September 2018. Underspend arose in all three of these trips and the total of these underspends comes to £353.39 (see the table below for more detail). Islington Mind would like to use this amount on an LGBTQ+ History Month Celebration (more project details in Appendix A). As the allocations made by the Junction councillors to each of these three projects exceeded the amount of underspend in all three cases, approval for this project change was only sought from the Junction councillors for this (though two of the trips were funded by multiple wards).

PROJECT	AMOUNT AWARDED	DATE AWARDED	JUNCTION AMOUNT	UNDERSPEND
Outcome trip on 25 Sept 2018 to Ruislip Lido (originally Southend)	£494.40 (6 wards)	July 2018	£164.80	£149.77
CLSS seaside trip on 14 Sept 2018 to Southend	£630	Oct 2017	£630	£14.14
Outcome seaside trip on 24 April 2018 to Southend	£1,088 (10 wards)	Oct 2017	£217.60	£189.48
			TOTAL	£353.39

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.

Agreeing to carry forward small residual amounts of funding to next year's budget will help to ensure a more efficient allocation of resources.

Appendices

Appendix A – Local Initiatives Fund Proposals

Background papers: none

Final report clearance:

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Barnsbury	Rowena Champion/ Jilani Chowdhury / Mouna Hamitouche	Awesome Elm CIC (Barnard Park Adventure Playground) - summer camp 2019	Barnard's Summer Camp 2019, a four day summer camping trip for 15 disadvantaged young people aged 6 to 13. Funding to pay for the booking of the campsite including activities. 15 young people from each of the 6 Islington adventure playgrounds managed by Awesome will benefit from the overall project (90 in total).	Tolmers Scout Park campsite in Herts or Richmond	August to September 2019	Disadvantaged young people aged 6 to 13	15 from Barnsbury (90 in total)	1,000	3,000	£750 (fees of £50 per child), £1,250 tbc through fundraising	One of two applications to this round for the same trip. Each playground fundraised separately. As the trip planning is in the early stages, the different costs could be based on different locations.
Barnsbury	Jilani Chowdhury / Mouna Hamitouche	Culpeper Community Garden	Getting local residents involved in improving Culpeper Park, learn about wildlife and gain gardening skills with the aim of forming a 'Friends Group'. Park improvements include the introduction of a wildflower meadow, planting of native hedging and the restoration of a derelict bed. Bird and batbox making, bug identification and insect hotel making workshops will be held for children and families from the three local primary schools. Funding to pay for materials, staff costs, wildflower seed and hedging plants.	Culpeper Park	March 2019 and during the summer holidays	Local residents	120 (60 in environmental education activities and 60 children and families in the workshops)	1,000	6,977	£5,977 tbc Pocket Parks Plus	
Barnsbury	Mouna Hamitouche	Octopus Community Network (Wild Places)	An Environmental Summer School in Barnard Park and Barnard Park Adventure Playground offering three themed multi-activity sessions to local families with young children including hands on observation of wildlife (pond-dipping, bug hunts, digging for worms), active wild play and natural crafts. Funding to pay for sessional staff for the workshop and milkfloat, stationery and tools.	Barnard Park and Barnard Park Adventure Playground	Sessions to take place in one week of the summer holidays	Targeted at local families with primary school age children	70 Islington residents (25 families)	578.39	1,380	£600 Octopus Community Network (for staff time), £100 OCN (publicity distribution costs), £100 OCN (printing)	

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Bunhill	Troy Gallagher / Phil Graham / Claudia Webbe	City YMCA London	The 10th Annual Whitecross Street Party including the two day festival on 13 and 14 July and an arts exhibition on the walls of Whitecross Street from July onwards. Funding to contribute towards the cost of the community performance stage, the music room, an artist engagement programme and licensing fees.	Whitecross Street	1 June to 15 September 2019, party on 13 and 14 July 2019	Open to all	5,000+ (3,000 Islington residents)	1,874.82	85,000	£3,125 tbc 2019-20 LIF, £300 Cowling & Wilcox, £3,000 tbc LBI Community Festivals Fund, £100,000 tbc CIL, £2,000 tbc stall income	
Bunhill / Clerkenwell	Troy Gallagher / Phil Graham / Claudia Webbe / Ben Mackmurdie / Matt Nathan / Kadeema Woodbyrne	LBI Planning and Development (Finsbury Wards' Partnership promotion)	Funding for publicity (printing and distribution) for Finsbury wards' partnership meetings from March 2019 onwards.	St Luke's Community Centre (90 Central Street) and Peel Institute (Northampton Road)	1 March to 1 July 2019	Local residents	25 to 30 attendees at each ward partnership meeting	300	2,300	£500 LBI WP Co-ordinator resource, £1,500 St Luke's Comm Centre and Peel Institute room hire, promotion, support and refreshments	
Caledonian	Paul Convery / Sara Hyde / Una O'Halloran	Islington Play Association (Cally Festival 2019)	The 2019 Cally Festival, an annual large-scale community event on the Caledonian Road, now in its 9th year. Funding to contribute towards production facilitation (delivery team and event staff), the market (management fees and equipment), production (stages, equipment, décor, street furniture, creative fees), commissioned community engagement (arts, sports and play projects), promotion, evaluation and statutory compliance (licensing and security).	Caledonian Road (from Richmond Avenue to Offord Road)	Organisation from March 2019 onwards, event on Sunday 23 June 2019	Mainly Islington residents	8,000 Islington residents	3,500	47,500	£20,000 S106 and CIL, £2,500 tbc LBI Housing and Community Development, £1,000 tbc LBI Community Festivals Fund, £20,500 tbc from sponsors and market income	

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Caledonian	Paul Convery / Sara Hyde / Una O'Halloran	Light Project Pro International	A Mother Tongue Class and Supplementary School, delivering Homework Clubs and supplementary classes for young people aged 5 to 18 focussing on a number of school subjects, including Maths and English, as well as after school native language classes for children and young people. Funding to contribute towards costs from April to July for stationery for the children and volunteer expenses.	Ist Floor, Orkney House, 195-199 Caledonian Road	1 April to 18 July 2019	Young people aged 5 to 18	90 to 100 per week	610.15	650	Not applicable	The amount requested is £650.
Canonbury	Clare Jeapes / Nick Wayne / John Woolf	The Islington Sea Cadets	Meeting health and safety regulations to enable the building to reopen so it can be used by young people again. Funding to pay for infrared heaters for the main part of the building (parade deck and canteen).	2 Canonbury Road	1 to 30 May 2019	Initially young people but eventually other organisations	30 to 40 young people to benefit directly in the first year	2,000	2,220.32	£220.32 central Sea Cadet funds	
Canonbury	John Woolf	Uturn UK CIC	Funding for a company to set up two further Street Associations in Canonbury to encourage greater community cohesion. The project will continue to be led by a local Outreach Worker supported by Street Association staff and local volunteers. Funding to pay for the outreach worker, Street Association staff time, community events, a contribution to office, phones and insurance costs, travel and printing.	Morton Road, Almorah Road and Yeate Street (suggested streets)	June 2019 to March 2020	Residents of the chosen streets	200 households expected to benefit	621.35	5,495	£500 donation, £4,374 tbc 2019-20 LIF	The amount requested is £4,995.
Canonbury / Mildmay	Nick Wayne / John Woolf / Santiago Bell-Bradford / Joe Caluori / Jenny Kay	Friends of King Henry's Walk Garden	Little Explorers Out and About, a project to help develop parents' confidence in introducing their children to the natural world. Funding to pay for teaching (by the Garden Classroom) and provision of facilities for two hour sessions for eight weeks at King Henry's Walk Garden.	King Henry's Walk Garden	15 May to 10 July 2019	Local families with young children	20 families to benefit, 10 from Canonbury and 10 from Mildmay	1,680	1,680	Not applicable	

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Canonbury / Hillrise / Highbury West / St Mary's / St Peter's	Clare Jeapes / Nick Wayne / Marian Spall / Theresa Debono / Roulin Khondoker / Angela Picknell / Gary Poole / Nurullah Turan / Vivien Cutler	Street Storage	A new organisation aiming to provide document storage, long term storage and a 'day drop-off' luggage service to Islington's homeless population. Funding to pay for a part time salary, office space hire and other running costs in order to run a pilot project which will provide three months of secure storage for Islington's homeless.	Almorah Community Centre, 58 Almorah Road, and another location tbc (possibly in Hornsey Road)	April to June 2019	The homeless, homeless charities and the police in the borough	Initially 20 to 30	2,000	2,000	Not applicable	The amount requested from all wards across the borough is £2,000.
Page 20 Finsbury Park	Gary Heather / Asima Shaikh / Michael O'Sullivan	LBI Homes and Communities (Finsbury Park Community Hub) - Soul In The City	'Soul In The City' fun day in June 2019 on the Andover Estate run in conjunction with the community centre (Finsbury Park Community Hub), TRAs, LBI Housing Community Development Team, One Housing and the Tollington Parishes. Funding to contribute towards the hire of stage and sports equipment and equipment / materials for stall holders.	Andover Square in front of Finsbury Park Community Hub	21 to 22 June 2019	Aimed at the Andover, Six Acres, Clifton and Haden estates and One Housing	700 to 800	1,940	7,000	£2,060 tbc 2019-20 LIF, £2,000 tbc LBI Community Development Team, £500 tbc church & other stakeholders, £500 tbc Big Local Fund	
Finsbury Park	Gary Heather / Asima Shaikh / Michael O'Sullivan	LBI Homes and Communities (Finsbury Park Community Hub) - seaside trip	Annual outing to Southend in July for local families who otherwise would not have an opportunity to get out of London during the summer. Funding to contribute towards the hire of four coaches, minibus hire and the purchase of wristbands for Adventure Island / Theme Park.	Southend	July 2019 - in the school summer holidays - exact date to be confirmed	Mainly families living on four local estates - Andover, Six Acres, Clifton and Haden	Approx 220 residents to benefit	1,340	5,000	£1,660 tbc 2019-20 LIF, £2,000 tbc income from ticket sales	
Finsbury Park	Asima Shaikh	Community Language Support Services	22 fortnightly knitting sessions for the women's group which would help them develop new skills and confidence and therefore improve their employability. Funding is requested for hall hire, insurance, volunteer expenses and refreshments.	St Mellitus Church, Tollington Park	15 April 2019 to 15 March 2020	Isolated women from the BME refugee community	40+	300	1,390	£170 CLSS (phone costs), further LIF tbc in 2019-20	The amount requested is £1,220.

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Finsbury Park	Gary Heather / Asima Shaikh	The Islington Turkish, Cypriot and Kurdish Women's Welfare Group	Funding for the weekly over 50s lunch club which consists of volunteers preparing traditional healthy meals. This will run alongside the group's advice service which covers issues such as debt, housing, benefits, and offers support in accessing services. Funding to contribute towards 40 weeks of venue hire, insurance and ingredients.	Durham Road Community Rooms (under 32 to 43 Bolton Walk), Durham Road	April 2019 to January 2020	Turkish, Kurdish and Cypriot women aged 50+	55 from Islington	421.92	1,500	Not applicable	The amount requested is £1,500.
Finsbury Park	Michael O'Sullivan	Jannaty Women's Social Society	Five fortnightly international breakfasts between April and June 2019 to bring the community together, celebrate diversity and learn about different backgrounds, cultures and heritage. Funding to pay for hall hire, food and drink, volunteers and catering.	225-229 Seven Sisters Road	1 April to 3 June 2019	Local residents	80 from Islington	500	500	Not applicable	
Finsbury Park / Highbury West	Asima Shaikh / Theresa Debono / Roulin Khondoker / Andy Hull	Wu Shi Taiji Quan and Qi Gong Association UK	Funding for the continuation of a pilot one hour weekly Tai Chi class and to initiate a second weekly class. The classes are mainly for older and vulnerable people and those with medical conditions and focus on physical and mental well-being with an emphasis on fall prevention. Funding to pay for instructor fees and rental for a 12 week period.	Wu Shi Taiji Quan and Qi Gong Studio, 20 Blackstock Road	3 April to 19 June 2019	Mainly for older and vulnerable people and those with medical conditions	350 residents of Finsbury Park and Highbury West expected to benefit per year	780	7,000		£3,720 tbc LBI Community Chest, £2,500 tbc Arsenal
Highbury East	Osh Gantly / Sue Lukes / Caroline Russell	Quadrant Community Association	Activities for older people at Birchmore Hall Community Centre in June and July 2019 – eight pilot exercise sessions and a tea dance. Funding to pay for the instructor for the exercise sessions and two musicians and a dance teacher for the tea dance.	Birchmore Hall Community Centre	1 June to 31 July 2019	Aimed at older people	Up to 15 attendees per exercise session and up to 80 for the tea dance	400	400	Not applicable	

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Highbury East	Osh Gantly / Sue Lukes / Caroline Russell	Highbury Roundhouse Youth and Community Centre (Highbury East ward partnership events)	Funding to pay for two themed Highbury East ward partnership events. The first event 'Who Cares in Highbury' will be held on 24 March 2019 and will be focussed on Mental Health and Loneliness. Funding to pay for advertising / publicity, hire of the main hall, publicity materials and transport costs for the smaller community groups, management and supervision, staff time, hire of the kitchen and refreshments.	Sotheby Mews Day Centre	March 2019 to March 2020 (first event on 24 March 2019)	Open to all	300 Islington residents	2,374	2,374	Not applicable	
Highbury East	Osh Gantly / Sue Lukes / Caroline Russell	Octopus Community Network (Wild Places)	A Living, Learning Event in May or June 2019, a pilot and initial step for a consultation with Highbury Quadrant Estate residents and the local community about how the two unused spaces adjacent to the food growing areas would best be brought into use. Funding to pay for refreshments, sessional workshop tutors (who are specialists in willow weaving, beekeeping, etc), printing and publicity distribution, stationery and materials and the milkfloat driver.	In one of the unused spaces adjacent to the food growing areas, Highbury Quadrant Estate, N5	May or June 2019	Targeted at families with young children	100	740	940	£200 Octopus Community Network (staff time)	
Highbury East	Osh Gantly / Sue Lukes / Caroline Russell	Olden Community Garden	Garden tools and equipment to assist with the maintenance of this 2.5 acre community garden, comprising of herbaceous borders, fruit and vegetable growing, an orchard and woodland and which is used by several local groups as well as local residents. Funding to pay for tools, a noticeboard, a storage unit, a lawn mower and an irrigation system.	Olden Community Garden, Whistler Street	Tools and equipment to be purchased between April 2019 and January 2020	Local residents	250+	748.23	2,110	£500 Arsenal Foundation, £600 tbc Pocket Parks funding	The amount requested is £1,010.

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Highbury West	Theresa Debono / Roulin Khondoker / Andy Hull	Highbury Community Nursery	Contribution towards nursery equipment, development tools and furniture. Funding to pay for a garden table and chairs, a slide, sensory room resources, fish and fish tank equipment and three kindles.	Highbury Community Nursery, Aubert Park	1 May to 1 August 2019	Children aged 10 months to 5 years and local families who attend free stay and play sessions	98 children and 35 local families	2,700	2,700	Not applicable	
Page 23 Hillrise	Michelline Ngongo / David Poyser / Marian Spall	Hillrise ward c/o Caxton House (Hillrise summer festivals)	The fifth annual summer festival which will be led and organised by a number of local groups and the ward councillors. Funding to pay for Monkey-Do, arts and crafts stalls, publicity and admin, refreshments and volunteer expenses.	Caxton House Community Centre and Hillside Park	Saturday 10 August 2019	Islington residents and groups	450+	3,000	4,785	£500 tbc 19-20 LIF, £1,285 in kind support through venue and equipment hire from Caxton House, Hornsey Lane Estate Community Assoc and Living Space Art School	
Hillrise	Michelline Ngongo / David Poyser / Marian Spall	The House of AMAU	'Story of the Mettle of New Orleans', a programme of seven workshops on storytelling and drama culminating in a performance of the stories created in the workshops. This project aims to reduce isolation on New Orleans Estate, particularly among older people, and encourage estate residents to develop the art of storytelling as a means of socialising. Funding to pay for filming, production of estate newspapers and DVDs, hall hire, advertising and distribution, costs of workshop facilitators and other associated costs.	New Orleans Estate, Hornsey Rise	May to August 2019	Estate residents and tenants, focussing particularly on older people	19 direct participants and up to 50 Islington residents to attend show	2,233.91	5,850	£500 K-Base Films Ltd, £3,066 tbc Arts Council England	The amount requested is £2,283.90.

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Hillrise / Junction	Michelline Ngongo / David Poyser / Marian Spall / Janet Burgess / Sheila Chapman	ArchWay with Words	Annual ArchWay With Words Book Festival that comprises of around 25 events over 8 days. Funding to contribute towards marketing costs, volunteer expenses, volunteer management and fees for artists, speakers and practitioners who will deliver free or low cost presentations and participatory events.	A variety of venues around Archway	14 to 21 September 2019	Local residents	1,200 (700+ Hillrise and Junction residents)	2,740	15,500	£5,000 tbc Bode, £6,000 tbc Arts Council, £1,000 tbc LBI Community Festivals Fund	The amount requested is £3,500.
Junction 24	Janet Burgess / Sheila Chapman / Kaya Comer-Schwartz	Whittington Park Community Association	Contribution to a building project which is transforming two halls into modern multi-use spaces. Capital improvements will include underpinning, a new boiler and insulation, the installation of a lift, structural repairs and full refurbishment.	Hocking Hall, Rupert Road, N19 4RS	October 2019 to April 2020 (dependent on securing the total funds needed)	Local residents	1,000+ per year, plus 60+ of weekend users for social functions if both halls are used	1,000	1,120,000	£923,760 secured to date (including £445,260 from LBI), £196,240 tbc	
Junction	Sheila Chapman	Yerbury Primary School	Transformation of a disused overgrown green space into a Secret Garden, an outdoor learning space for children where they are able to learn about and be in nature during lesson times and playtimes. The space will be independently accessible from the school and so may be used by local groups (e.g. Whittington Community Centre and Highbury Roundhouse).	Yerbury Primary School, Foxham Road	November 2018 to September 2019	Mainly the children and teachers at the school	470 children and 40 teachers	333.03	31,525	£10,195 in kind support from school, £1,000 The Zen Fund, £20,000 tbc from other funders (e.g. Awards for All, Edina Trust, Ernest Cook)	The amount requested is £2,000.
Junction / St George's	Janet Burgess / Sheila Chapman / Kaya Comer-Schwartz / Tricia Clarke / Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill	Willow Children's Centre and Archway Children's Centre	Flying Families, in which children and their parents / carers learn aerial techniques, do physical theatre and yoga and participate in outdoor activities in parks and woods, benefitting particularly those with limited access to outdoor space living in areas of high deprivation. Funding to pay for lead and assistant tutors, project director, riggers and Caxton House hire.	Caxton House Community Centre and Queens Wood	23 July to 27 August 2019	Vulnerable children aged 3 to 5 and their parents	10 to 20 families	2,860.06	6,070	£2,250 in kind support from Archway CC and Scarabeus (staff time), £500 Scarabeus (public liability insurance)	The amount requested is £3,320.

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Junction / St George's	Janet Burgess / Sheila Chapman / Kaya Comer-Schwartz / Tricia Clarke / Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill	SLOW (Surviving the Loss of Your World)	A contribution to the annual running costs of this group that provides support for bereaved parents and siblings and advice for professionals working with bereaved families. Over a year, the group runs 11 evening monthly support groups and 39 daytime weekly support groups. Funding to contribute towards sessional costs, website expenses, business services and administration, volunteer expenses, insurance and compliance, phone costs and publicity, print and design.	Evening groups at Calcott Community Centre on Cathcart Hill and daytime groups at St George and All Saints Church in Crayford Road	May 2019 to April 2020	Bereaved parents and siblings from Islington and beyond	Over 350 to date (a further 50 to 70 in 2019)	1,600	45,428.17	£497.50 2017-18 LIF, £2,500 2018-19 LBI Community Chest, £9,500 other funding secured, £31,200 tbc from further fundraising (including £2,500 2019-20 LBI Community Chest)	The amount requested is £1,750.
Mildmay	Santiago Bell-Bradford / Joe Caluori / Jenny Kay	Awesome Elm CIC (King Henry's Walk Adventure Playground) - equipment	Funding to buy equipment for an adventure playground which runs all year round after school and during school holidays. The equipment includes roller skates, tennis racquets, scooters, skateboards, a multisport net, skipping ropes, footballs and basketballs.	King Henry's Walk Adventure Playground	May 2019 to May 2020	Local young people aged 6 to 13	40 to 80	962.29	962.29	Not applicable	
Mildmay	Joe Caluori	Awesome Elm CIC (King Henry's Walk Adventure Playground) - summer camp 2019	Four day summer residential on a campsite for 15 disadvantaged young people aged 6 to 13 from the Mildmay area. Funding to pay for three nights' accommodation, 6 hours of activities and travel. 15 young people from each of the 6 adventure playgrounds managed by Awesome will benefit (90 in total).	Tolmers Scout Park campsite in Herts or Richmond	20 to 23 August 2019	Young people aged 6 to 13	15 from Mildmay (90 in total)	1,000	1,846	£840 in kind staffing costs	One of two applications to this round for the same trip. Each playground fundraised separately. As the trip planning is in the early stages, the different costs could be based on different locations.

NEW PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE IN MARCH 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 Comments
Mildmay	Jenny Kay	Georges Mane (trading as Little Baobab)	'Newington Green meets West Africa' one day festival on Newington Green in September 2019 sharing the culture of London's West African communities and showcasing the talents of the local community. This is the second year that this festival is being held. Funding to contribute towards four live bands, a DJ and other local acts, stage and sound system hire, council fees, publicity and insurance.	Newington Green	Sunday 15 September 2019	Local residents as well as the wider London BME community	300 from Islington	800	4,000	£1,000 tbc sponsorship from local businesses	The amount requested is £3,000.
Mildmay	Santiago Bell-Bradford / Joe Caluori / Jenny Kay	The Garden Classroom (Newington Green Garden)	Improvement of a stretch of Newington Green as a garden for wildlife and delivery of 8 volunteer gardening workdays. Funding to contribute towards 12 days of costs for the new head gardener (4 days prep, 8 days activity), gardening equipment, gloves, bird food, volunteer expenses, marketing and admin costs.	Newington Green	February to August 2019	Local residents	50+ from Islington	1,560	2,472	£400 LBI Parks, £100 City Bridge Trust for core costs	The amount requested is £1,972.
Mildmay	Santiago Bell-Bradford / Joe Caluori / Jenny Kay	The Garden Classroom (Summer on the Green)	Six weekly sessions of nature activities for children under 5 and their parents / carers / families during the spring and summer. Funding to contribute towards staff and volunteer costs, costs for finance, admin, comms and insurance, activity resources, equipment, books and the design and print of a flyer.	Newington Green	23 April to 20 July 2019	Children under 5 and their parents / carers / families	80+ from Islington	1,408	1,920	£192 City Bridge Trust for core costs	The amount requested is £1,728.
Mildmay	Santiago Bell-Bradford / Joe Caluori / Jenny Kay	LBI Greenspace (Parks)	Decking replacement in and around the park building in Newington Green to ensure that the seating area in the park can still be accessed and the café continues to operate. Funding is also requested for the decking materials for the pathway in King Henry's Walk Garden – the work will be carried out by the community group.	Newington Green and King Henry's Walk Garden	June to July 2019	All users of the park and King Henry's Walk Garden	Unable to quantify	5,991.85	22,790	£8,000 LBI Parks Repairs, £4,790 tbc CIL	The amount requested is £10,000.

NEW PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE IN MARCH 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 Comments
Mildmay	Santiago Bell-Bradford / Joe Caluori	(Mayville) Golden Oldies Senior Citizens and Disabled Group	Funding to pay for 50 weeks of room hire for this group of older local residents which meets once a week at Mildmay Community Centre. Activities at the weekly meeting include bingo and a raffle.	Mildmay Community Centre, Woodville Road	4 January to 2 December 2019	Local older people	16 from Islington	1,147.50	1,147.50	Not applicable	
St George's	Tricia Clarke / Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill	Hilldrop Area Community Association	Funding to buy 30 new chairs for the centre. The present chairs are very old and break regularly. The new chairs should make the spaces for affordable hire more attractive increasing the income generated and enabling the centre to become more sustainable.	Hilldrop Area Community Association, Community Lane, Hilldrop Road	April to May 2019	Local residents and regular groups using the centre	90+ Islington residents per week	550	2,000	£96.20 19-20 LIF, £700 raised through sale of unwanted items, £600 tbc from donations	The amount requested is £646.20.
St George's	Tricia Clarke / Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill	Progothi (Belmore House (Clarion Housing Group))	Food growing project at Belmore House sheltered housing scheme and a summer barbeque to which other sheltered housing residents will be invited. Progothi volunteers will support the older residents to deliver this gardening project. Funding to pay for tools, equipment, soil, seeds, plants, plant food and wooden planks for a raised bed and food and drink for the barbeque.	Belmore House, 245 Camden Road	April to October 2019 (gardening project to be run four mornings a week)	Older residents of the sheltered housing scheme, aged 55+	24+	499.83	500	Not applicable	
St Mary's	Nurullah Turan	Vertebra Theatre	'At The Heart of Things', a pilot initiative aiming to facilitate communication and empowerment between women of different ages through dance and puppetry, consisting of a dance performance piece and intergenerational dance workshops at Claremont Project and the Almeida Theatre. Funding to contribute towards the fees of the workshop facilitators, musician, director and performers, hire of the venue and rehearsal space, set, props and other associated costs.	Almeida Theatre and Claremont Project	May 2019 to January 2020	Women of all ages especially the marginalised	60 women to benefit from the workshops and 90 from the show	600	1,920	£1,000 Jewish Care BALC Centre Grant, £320 Roehampton University	

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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 Comments
St Peter's	Alice Clarke-Perry	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, 71 Ronalds Road	March 2019 to March 2020	Islington residents who cannot afford to feed themselves or their family	5,000+	503.37	9,487	£6,553.74 LIF awarded in Jan 2019, £2,430 cash donations tbc	£6,554 awarded to this project by 9 wards in January 2019.

PROJECT CHANGES TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE IN MARCH 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 Comments
Junction	Janet Burgess / Sheila Chapman / Kaya Comer-Schwartz	Islington Mind	LGBTQ+ History Month celebration run by Outcome (Islington Mind's LGBTQ+ service). The event will provide tasters of Outcome's services (e.g. creative writing, art workshops, film reviewing club, ear acupuncture and head massage) and information about Outcome's specialist projects such as Freedom from Fear to Love – a specialist LGBTQ support for asylum seekers and refugees and United in Strength – a specialist support for LBT women experiencing domestic violence. Funding to pay for provisions, raffle prizes, art material for the art workshop and volunteer expenses.	35 Ashley Road, N19 3AG	Tuesday 26 February 2019	Members of the LGBTQ community	40 from Islington	353.39	353.39	Not applicable	This amount is the sum of underspends on three seaside trips which took place between April and Sept 2018. As the underspends were less than the amounts awarded by Junction for the three trips, approval was only sought from the Junction councillors for this (though two of the trips were funded by multiple wards).

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:	£187,615
Balance remaining:	£59,169
New proposals for March VCS Committee:	£56,199
Total amount remaining to allocate in 2018-19:	£2,971

Budget allocations		
Progress comparison 2017 to 2019:		
	Apr 2017 - Jan 2018	Apr 2018 - Jan 2019
Total budget awarded:	£191,423	£187,615
% of annual budget awarded:	81%	76%

2018-19 Balance remaining by ward:	
Ward	Balance:
Barnsbury	£0
Bunhill	£0
Caledonian	£0
Canonbury	£0
Clerkenwell	£0
Finsbury Park	£98
Highbury East	£0
Highbury West	£966
Hillrise	£0
Holloway	£0
Junction	£0
Mildmay	£0
St George's	£0
St Mary's	£1,000
St Peter's	£907
Tollington	£0

£2,971**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

Includes £2,286 from previous LIF allocations / budgets

Includes £534 from previous LIF allocations / budgets

Includes £122 from previous LIF allocations / budgets

Includes £291 from previous LIF allocations / budgets

Includes £177 from previous LIF allocations / budgets

Includes £277 from previous LIF allocations / budgets

Includes £453 from previous LIF allocations / budgets

Includes £7,086 from previous LIF allocations / budgets

Includes £668 from previous LIF allocations / budgets

Includes £863 from previous LIF allocations / budgets

Includes £4,953 from previous LIF allocations / budgets

Includes £571 from previous LIF allocations / budgets

	2017/18	2018/19
Total projects funded:	133	156

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Report of: Executive Member for Community Development

Meeting of:	Date	Agenda item	Ward(s)
Voluntary and Community Sector Committee	26 March 2019		All

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SUBJECT: Islington Council Venues Free Community Use Scheme Round 2: Summer 2019

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 Each year, Islington Council is pleased to offer eight community groups, schools and colleges, arts and cultural organisations based in Islington the chance to have free use of Islington Assembly Hall and selected Town Hall meeting rooms for five hours.

In June 2018, the Assembly Hall Free hires scheme amended its criteria and application process, reducing the number of free hires of the Assembly Hall but at the same time opened up the opportunity for organisations to apply to use the Town Hall's larger committee rooms for smaller events more suited to these rooms.

The new scheme allows for free hire of civic space to community groups with no hidden costs/or minimal additional costs.

In the previous round under the new scheme, all free hires were allocated and none were carried forward. Therefore, four slots are available in this round (two for free hires of the Islington Assembly Hall and two for the use of Town Hall rooms).

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To allocate one free hire of the Islington Assembly Hall for June and mid-September 2019 to each of the following:
- The BIG Alliance
 - Yaram Arts
- 2.2 To allocate one free hire of Islington Town Hall rooms for June and December 2019 to each of the following:
- Caris Islington
 - Voluntary Action Islington (Volunteer Centre Islington)

2.3 To hold the following applicant in reserve, in case of inability of the above applicants to negotiate appropriate dates and timings:

- Islington Mind

3. Background

3.1 There are two different packages available to organizations depending on the nature of the event and/or number of guests and audiences. The Council reserves the right to decide on the option more suitable for events:

- The Assembly Hall - for fairs, conferences and networking events with an audience of over 100 people, musical performances with a small number of performers, and other simple performances. The free hire scheme is offered on selected **Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in January – February 2019 (1st round), and between June to mid-September 2019 (2nd round).**
- The Town Hall rooms - for smaller conferences, workshops and collaborative networking events with an audience between 25 to 80 people - depending on layout of the room, and whether attendees are seated or standing up. The Town Hall free hire is offered on working days **Monday – Friday, between 9am and 5pm from 2 January – 31 May 2019 (1st round); and 1 June to 21 December 2019 (2nd round)** subject to availability.

3.2 The second round of the 2018-19 scheme was launched in January 2019 and was promoted through LBI Communications on the council external website, Children Services Bulletin, as well as through Voluntary Action Islington news group, directly to Housing Estates and Community Centres, to the wider sector via LBI departments (Youth Services, Housing, VCS Team, BME Forum, School Improvement Service, Libraries), and direct mailings to previous applicants and arts sector organisations.

The scheme received 10 applications from organisations supporting a wide range of events (see Appendix 1).

3.3 Applications have been assessed against the published criteria (see Appendix 2) which requires applicants to demonstrate a commitment to provide events and activities that:

- a) Have a strategic value and, in particular, a focus on at least one of the following four areas:
 - community cohesion
 - children and young people
 - diversity
 - creative ways of engaging local residents and, in particular, those who might otherwise miss out on cultural opportunities.
- b) Have a borough-wide impact
- c) Demonstrate a commitment to good practice (events that are viable, of high quality, well managed and evaluated)
- d) Promote Islington Assembly Hall as a focus for high quality events, or demonstrating good use of the civic space at the Town Hall, making best use of the high quality facilities available in both venues

The scheme does **not** support:

- Groups that are not based in the borough of Islington
- Events or activities from commercial organisations

- More than one usage per applicant per year
- Applications from organisations who have previously cancelled a slot once accepted
- Applications from departments of Islington Council

3.4 Wherever possible, unsuccessful applicants will be supported, to secure alternative premises for their work.

4. Free Hire

4.1 The following organisations and events most closely meet the criteria and are recommended for free use of the Assembly Hall.

The BIG Alliance	Mentoring Works Year 10 2018/19 Celebration Event – Celebration/graduation event of a ten month mentoring programme for all Islington secondary schools
Yaram Arts CIC	Yaram SeneGambian - Mboka Festival - A music and poetry evening as part of the Yaram festival, featuring some of UK's leading black poets

4.2 The following organisations and events most closely meet the criteria and are recommended for free use of the Town Hall rooms.

Caris Islington	Bereavement Service Annual Lecture - Addressing Loss – Annual lecture to address bereavement, with a variety of speakers to discuss different elements of loss
Voluntary Action Islington (Volunteer Centre Islington)	Summer Volunteer Recruitment Fair – Volunteer Recruitment Fair

The following organisations and events met the criteria and are recommended to be held in reserve, in case of inability of organisations recommended for free hires listed in 4.1 to negotiate dates and timings with Assembly Hall management.

Islington Mind	Access to All – A fundraising event to support LGBTQ asylum seekers and refugees access the support that they need
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4.3 Officers will prepare a press release announcing the free hires. Organisations will have to submit information about their events to the Council's events diary.

5. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications other than the loss of income as a result of waiving the fees for the four hires of the Assembly Hall which has been built into the business plan for the venue.

6. Legal Implications

The Council can support voluntary and community sector organisations under the wellbeing power in Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000. This gives the Council the power to do 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.

7. Environmental Implications

There are no environmental implications.

8. 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.

The proposed events serve a wide range of communities and support the Council and Arts Services priorities, targeting children and young people, refugees, elderly people with activities that support health and well being. Yarams Arts is a cultural organisations which prioritises the presentation of work by BME writers or that addresses BME themes.

9. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

The scheme provides an opportunity for the council to support local organisations through free use of the Assembly Hall and civic space. Applications have been assessed through a clear and transparent process.

Final report clearance:

Signed by:



Date: 7th March 2019

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**APPENDIX 1: Islington Council Venues Free Community Use Scheme – All Applicants
VCS Committee 26 March 2019**

Organisation	Event Title	Event Description	Expected Audience	Recommended
Big Alliance (The)	Mentoring Works Year 10 2018/19 Celebration Event	Celebration/graduation event of a ten month mentoring programme for all Islington secondary schools.	400	YES (ASSEMBLY HALL)
Yaram Arts Cic	Yaram SeneGambian - Mboka Festival	A music and poetry evening as part of the Yaram festival, featuring some of UK's leading black poets.	150	YES (ASSEMBLY HALL)
Caris Islington	Bereavement Service Annual Lecture - Addressing Loss	Annual lecture to address bereavement, with a variety of speakers to discuss different elements of loss.	40 -60	YES (TOWN HALL)
Voluntary Action Islington - Volunteer Centre Islington	Summer Volunteer Recruitment Fair	Volunteer Recruitment Fair.	150	YES (TOWN HALL)
Islington Mind	Access To All	A fundraising event to support LGBTQ asylum seekers and refugees access the support that they need.	100 -150	RESERVE (ASSEMBLY HALL)
Baluji Music Foundation	Baluji and the Inner Vision Orchestra	Free performances by prominent blind Indian Islington based musician Baluji Shrivastav and his Inner Vision Orchestra, the only orchestra of blind musicians in the UK.	100+	NO
English PEN	Inspirations	Live literature event, offering audiences the chance to discover the major influences in the lives and careers of leading cultural figures.	300	NO
English Touring Opera	Midsummers Night's Dream	Opera inspired by Shakespeare's Midsummer's Night's Dream and performed by Islington School's Children.	200	NO

Guildhall Younge Artists - Islington Programme	The Caretaker's Guide to the Orchestra	A total of 5 hour-long concerts which will give up to 2000 Islington children of primary school age the opportunity to experience a multimedia concert.	2150 (5 x430)	NO
Islington's Refugee Forum	Refugee Week Celebration	Celebration event of Refugee community that have moved to Islington.	100 -150	NO

APPENDIX 2. Islington Council Venues Free Community Use Scheme Eligibility Criteria and Guidance Notes - Round 2

Each year, Islington Council is pleased to offer eight community groups, schools and colleges, arts and cultural organisations based in Islington the chance to have free use of Islington Assembly Hall and selected Town Hall meeting rooms for five hours.

There are two different packages available to organizations depending on the nature of the event and/or number of guests and audiences. The Council reserves the right to decide on the option more suitable for your event. Therefore, it is important that the information you provide is detailed and accurate. Please read carefully the information below before completing an application form

Option 1 - Islington Assembly Hall

The Assembly Hall is suitable for fairs, conferences and networking events with an audience of over 100 people, musical performances with a small number of performers, and other simple performances. Please note that Islington Assembly Hall is not a theatre and if you're looking to put on a stage performance with multiple acts, props, sets or other complex lighting or audio-visual effects within a limited budget, then this scheme might not be suitable for your event and other venues might provide a better and cost-effective alternative.

Please email assemblyhall@islington.gov.uk if you would like to check if this is the right venue for you. The free hire scheme will be offered on selected **Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays** between **June to mid-September 2019 (2nd Round)**. Two free hires of Islington Assembly Hall will be offered in this round. Successful applicants will get free hire of the main hall **for a maximum of five consecutive hours**.

The five-hour hire of the Assembly Hall Free Hire will include:

- access to Islington Assembly Hall for you and/or your suppliers for your event
- Islington Assembly Hall set up to meet your requirements as agreed in pre-event discussions
- a named events coordinator leading up to the event
- at least one duty manager throughout your event
- a small PA system that can be used without additional support from an engineer
- a sound engineer (if required) for a period of five hours
- one member of Assembly Hall security team as a standard
- use of the kitchen for caterers

All other items and services – such as hire of the hall for additional hours, use of the venue's balcony, refreshments, extra security, equipment, table linen and specialized technical support – will incur additional costs, which your organisation will need to meet. Additional costs for the use of the Assembly Hall may include, but are not limited, to (costs below are inclusive of VAT):

- Hire of the hall for more than five consecutive hours: from £120 per hour
- Use of the balcony: £300 for a five-hour hire
- Tablecloths: £84 in total
- Additional security staff: from £93.90
- Refreshments: costs available on request

Option 2 - Islington Town Hall rooms

The Town Hall rooms are suitable for events with an audience between 25 to 80 people depending on layout of the room, and whether attendees are seated or standing up.

The Town Hall can be booked for **workshops, collaborative working sessions, networking, and small get-togethers for residents and community groups.**

The Town Hall free hire will be offered on working days **Monday – Friday, between 9am and 5pm** from **1 June to 21 December 2019 (2nd Round)** subject to availability*. Two free hires of Islington Town Hall rooms will be offered in this round.

Successful applicants will get free hire of the room **for a maximum of five consecutive hours.**

The five-hour Town Hall Free Hire will include:

- access to Islington civic spaces for you and/or your guests
- setting up the room to a layout of your preference
- at least one duty facility officer throughout your event
- use of in-house furniture, tables and chairs
- jars of drinking water
- use of large plasma LED monitor
- free Wi-Fi

Additional costs may include, but are not limited, to:

- hire of additional stationary such as flipcharts, flipchart paper, and pens
- hire of additional technical equipment such projectors, etc.
- any additional services which fall outside the normal working hours will have to be charged
- refreshments: costs available on request

*Please note that the Council has a right to cancel or postpone your event at any time due to exceptional circumstances without incurring liabilities for any losses or damages incurred by the hirer as a result of cancellation. Should the Council cancel your booking for reasons other than force majeure within two weeks of the date of the event, the council will at its sole discretion endeavour to assist the hirer in finding alternative accommodation for the event.

Criteria

Organisations must demonstrate a commitment to provide events and activities that have a strategic value, and in particular a focus on at least one of the following four areas:

- community cohesion
- children and young people
- diversity
- creative ways of engaging local residents and, in particular, those who might otherwise miss out on cultural opportunities.

Applications should be able to demonstrate your event achieve the following:

- have a borough-wide impact
- demonstrate a commitment to good practice (events that are viable, of high quality, well managed and evaluated)
- promote Islington Assembly Hall as a focus for high quality events, or demonstrating good use of the civic space at the Town Hall, making best use of the high quality facilities available in both venues

In addition, to be shortlisted for the scheme, you must be able to demonstrate how your organisation will cover any associated costs (if any), as the free hire scheme gives you use of the venue for free for up to five hours, but other additional costs must be covered by your organisation as indicated above.

The scheme will not support:

- groups that are not based in the borough of Islington
- events or activities from commercial organisations
- more than one usage per applicant per year
- applications from organisations who have previously cancelled a slot once accepted
- applications from departments of Islington Council

How to apply and additional support:

Please email your completed application to culture@islington.gov.uk by 12 noon on **Friday 22 February 2019**. The Council will contact all applicants from week commencing 1 April 2019 to offer available dates and issue terms and conditions of the booking, which must be completed to guarantee the free use of the venue.

Before you submit an application, we would like to invite you to meet us so that you can ask any questions and learn more about the scheme. We warmly invite you to attend a viewing of the Assembly Hall where staff will be available to welcome you and talk in more detail about the available space; potential additional costs; and technical requirements.

If you would like to attend the viewing, please email culture@islington.gov.uk.
(Please note - attending the viewing is **optional** and does not form part of the shortlisting process)
If you cannot attend the viewing but would like more information about the scheme or if you need help completing an application, please call 020 7527 5243 or email culture@islington.gov.uk

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