

**Voluntary and Community Sector Committee - 4 November 2019**

Minutes of the meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 4 November 2019 at 6.30 pm.

**Present:**       **Councillors:**       Una O'Halloran, Diarmaid Ward and Richard Watts  
**Councillor**        Michelline Safi-Ngongo  
**Observer:**

**Councillor Richard Watts in the Chair**

**57        APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item A1)**

Received from Councillor Anjna Khurana.

**58        DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item A2)**

None.

**59        DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item A3)**

None.

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

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2019 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

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

**RESOLVED:**

(a) That the Head of Communities be authorised to allocate funding of up to £250 to activity to support Ward Partnership meetings, as detailed in paragraph 3.14 of the report of the Executive Member for Community Development, which will be reported to a future meeting of the Committee.

(b) That the proposals for funding under the Local Initiatives Fund 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, subject to the Corporate Director of Housing being satisfied that the necessary checks have been made and any other issues resolved.

(c) That the declarations of interest made by councillors, detailed in paragraph 3.12 of the report, be noted.

(d) That the amendments to Ward budgets resulting for project funding being returned, as detailed in paragraph 3.13 of the report and Appendix A of the report, be noted.

Reasons 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.

**62** **COMMUNITY FESTIVALS FUND: PROPOSAL FOR REVIEW TO A THREE-YEAR SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME (Item B2)**

**RESOLVED:**

(a) That the Community Festivals Fund be changed to a small grants programme where applicants are commissioned by open competition on a three-year basis, subject to the budget being available year by year.

(b) That the revised eligibility and funding criteria that applicants seeking Community Festival Fund support are required to meet, the terms and conditions of the grant, including reporting annually on how the grant has been spent, as well as satisfactory confirmation of match funding annually, all as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report of the Executive Member for Community Development, be approved.

(c) That the new grant agreement offer letter, the terms and conditions and payment schedule, as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report, be approved.

Reasons for decision

The Fund provided an opportunity for the Council to support local organisations to develop and deliver a range of events.

Other options considered

None.

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted

None.

**63** **VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR PARTNERSHIP GRANTS PROGRAMME 2020-2024 (Item B3)**

In her introduction to the report, Councillor O'Halloran highlighted an amendment to page 65 as follows:

page 65 – Date for Launch of the grants programme amended to read "06 January 2020"

Closing date for applications: date amended to read "15 March 2020"

**RESOLVED:**

(a) That the Council's Voluntary and Community Sector Partnership Grants Programme be developed to enable consultation and co-production of the

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programme with key stakeholders, including elected members, Council departments, Islington Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Voluntary and Community Sector partners.

(b) That the outline timetable for the development and delivery of the 2020 – 24 grants programme, detailed in Appendix 1 of the report of the Executive Member for Community Development, be approved.

(c) That explorative work be undertaken with Islington CCG, Islington Primary Care Networks and the Islington GP Federation, to assess the feasibility of establishing a joint approach to funding navigation, sign-posting and social prescribing services in the Borough.

(d) That an extension be approved to the current programme in line with the timetable detailed in Appendix 1 (as amended) of the report and that letters be sent to current grant recipients notifying them of the extension

### Reasons for decision

The current grants programme was due to end on 31 March 2020 and work was required to reframe the programme in relation to the Corporate Plan 2018-2022 and the Council's ambitions for early intervention and prevention.

### Other options considered

None.

### Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted

None.

The meeting ended at 6.40 pm

**CHAIR**