



AGENDA FOR THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE

Members of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee are summoned to a meeting which will be held in Committee Room 1 at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on **25 July 2022 at 6:30pm.**

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Despatched : 15 July 2022

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Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz
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Councillor Nurullah Turan

Substitute Members

Councillor Santiago Bell-Bradford
Councillor Rowena Champion
Councillor Michelline Ngongo
Councillor Diarmaid Ward
Councillor John Woolf

Observers

Councillor Ilkay Conko-Oner
Councillor Jason Jackson
Councillor Anjna Khurana
Councillor Claire Zammit

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.

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***(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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D. Urgent non-exempt matters

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

E. Exclusion of press and public

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

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

G. Urgent Exempt Matters

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

The next meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee is scheduled for
15 September 2022

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London Borough of Islington

Voluntary and Community Sector Committee - 21 March 2022

Minutes of the meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee held in Committee Room 1, Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 21 March 2022 at 6.30 pm.

Present: Councillors: Kaya Comer-Schwartz, Una O'Halloran and Michelline Safi-Ngongo

Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz in the Chair

126 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item A1)

Received from Councillors Janet Burgess, Jason Jackson, Anjna Khurana and Diarmaid Ward.

127 DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item A2)

None.

128 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item A3)

None.

129 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Item A4)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 January 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

130 LOCAL INITIATIVES FUND AWARDS (Item B1)

RESOLVED:

(a) That the new proposals and changes to previous proposals submitted by Ward councillors, as set out in Appendix A to the report of the Executive Member for Community Development, be approved in principle, subject to the Corporate Director of Fairer Together being satisfied that the necessary checks have been made and any other issues resolved.

(b) That the declarations of interest made by Councillors and detailed at paragraph 4.6 of the report be noted.

(c) That the Corporate Director Fairer Together, in consultation with the Executive Member for Community Development, be authorised to make changes to the use of previously awarded funding, with new applications to be considered by the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee.

(d) That the majority of the temporary revised measures for new and previously funded Local Initiative Fund projects implemented due to the Covid-19 pandemic,

as detailed in the report to the Executive on 30 April 2020, be applied to this last round of 2021/22 awards only.

(e) That pre-Covid measures be applied for Local Initiative Fund awards from the first round of 2022/23 onwards.

(f) That, from May 2022, an additional Ward Partnership Co-ordinator be recruited for the Finsbury Ward Partnership, in recognition of the fact that this Ward Partnership covered 2 Wards.

(g) That the reduction of annual Ward budgets available to community projects from £14,000 per Ward to £13,000 per Ward, as a result of the Ward boundary changes and the reduction of the overall Local Initiative Fund budget from £240,000 to £238,000, be noted.

(h) That the 2021/22 underspend in the Local Initiatives Fund budget be carried forward to 2022/23.

Reasons for decision

The Local Initiatives Fund was an effective way of addressing local priorities and provided a mechanism for Ward councillors to support small projects which might otherwise not be funded. Proposals submitted for approval represented a wide range of activity and would deliver significant benefit to local communities.

Other options considered

None

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted

None

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VOTE OF THANKS

On behalf of the Committee, the Executive Member for Community Development proposed a vote of thanks to officers for all their work to support the Committee.

RESOLVED:

Accordingly.

The meeting ended at 6.33 pm

CHAIR

Fairer Together
222 Upper Street, London N1 1XR

Report of Cllr O'Halloran, Executive Member for Homes and Communities

Meeting of: Voluntary and Community Sector Committee

Date: 25 July 2022

Ward(s): All 17 wards

Subject: Local Initiatives Fund

1. Synopsis

- 1.1. The Local Initiatives Fund (LIF) 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 2022/23 each ward has an allocation of £13,000 to spend on local schemes. Councillors consider project ideas for their ward and make recommendations to the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee for formal approval.

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 Fairer Together 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 4.5.
- 2.3. To continue with delegated authority to the Corporate Director Fairer Together, in consultation with the Executive Member for Homes and Communities, to make changes to the use of previously awarded funding, with new applications to be considered by the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee.

- 2.4. To agree that we revert to pre-Covid measures from the first round of 2022/23 onwards. These are detailed at paragraph 4.1.

3. Background

- 3.1. 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.
- 3.2. The Voluntary and Community Sector Development Team in the Fairer Together department is responsible for managing the Local Initiatives Fund in liaison with ward councillors and members of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Committee. The team ensures that funds are used appropriately and for the purpose for which they are allocated.
- 3.3. 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'.
- 3.4. The VCS Committee in April 2011 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.
- 3.5. 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.
- 3.6. In 2021/22, the annual Local Initiatives Fund budget was therefore £225,000. This was £14,000 per ward apart from the Bunhill and Clerkenwell ward budgets which were each £14,500.
- 3.7. In March 2022, it was agreed that two new ward partnership co-ordinator posts needed to be created. An additional ward partnership co-ordinator was recruited to the Finsbury ward partnership due to the additional workload involved in dealing with two wards. In May 2022, the number of wards in Islington increased from 16 to 17 which meant that a further ward partnership co-ordinator was recruited.
- 3.8. Due to the increased amount spent on honorariums/ incentive payments to co-ordinators and the larger number of wards, the amount of funding available in each ward budget in 2022/23 for local schemes is £13,000. This means there is a reduction of the overall LIF budget from £240,000 to £238,000. Of this £238,000, £17,000 is spent on honorariums with £221,000 left to allocate to local schemes.

- 3.9. In November 2019, authority was delegated to the Head of Communities, to allocate funding, up to the value of £250, to activity to support Ward Partnership meetings. Awards approved under delegated authority should be reported to the next VCS Committee at which Local Initiatives Fund awards are considered. In September 2021, it was agreed that funding up to the value of £1,000 can be approved by the Head of Community Partnerships and Community Wellbeing North / Corporate Director Fairer Together for activity to support Ward Partnership meetings.

4. LIF Awards 2022/23

- 4.1. In March 2022, it was agreed that the majority of temporary measures introduced during the Covid-19 pandemic cease. The following will apply from 2022/23 onwards:
- The funding terms and conditions stating that all funding must be spent within 12 months of the date of the award will be re-introduced.
 - The monitoring of all projects will be re-introduced.
 - Supporting documents do not need to be provided by all projects though each organisation will need to confirm that they have the appropriate governance documents in place. The VCS Development Team will carry out spot checks during this period and may request further information if needed.
 - Ward budget underspends in 2022/23 exceeding £1,000 per ward will not be carried forward to 2023/24.
 - Many previously funded projects have stalled and have not yet taken place. Therefore we wish to continue with delegated authority to the Corporate Director Fairer Together, in consultation with the Executive Member for Homes and Communities, to make changes to the use of previously awarded funding only, with new applications to be considered by the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee.
 - All organisations who have changed their project due to Covid-19 will need to have delivered their project by April 2023.
 - Applications received for events that will breach Government Covid-19 guidelines will not be accepted (if restrictions are re-introduced).
- 4.2. In March 2022, it was agreed that all wards carry forward their remainder from 2021-22 to the equivalent ward from May 2022 onwards (2022-23) where there was not a substantial change in ward boundary (this applied to 14 of the 17 wards). The most substantial change in ward boundaries was for these 3 new wards (St Peter's and Canalside, St Mary's and St James' and Laycock). To deal with this, it was agreed that:
- St Peter's 21-22 underspend be carried forward and added to the £13k starting budget in 22-23 for St Peter's and Canalside

- St Mary's 21-22 underspend be carried forward and added to the £13k starting budget in 22-23 for St Mary's and St James'
- Laycock starts with no underspend so its starting budget in 22-23 would be £13k.

Each re-elected councillor has had their individual 21-22 remainder added to their new 22-23 budget. New councillors have inherited the old councillors' remainder in all cases apart from where all 3 councillors in a ward are new (when the 21-22 underspend was split between the 3 of them). In addition, St George's ward is now called Tufnell Park, Highbury West is now called Arsenal and Highbury East is now called Highbury.

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

In November 2021, £3,584 was awarded to LBI Lighting & Streetworks (on behalf of Friends of King Square Gardens) so festive lighting could be installed on trees near their Christmas event for children and families in King Square Gardens. There was an underspend of £584 which has been returned to the Bunhill budget for reallocation.

In February and March 2022, awards were made to the following ward partnerships for costs associated with holding ward partnership meetings or events which resulted in the following underspends, which have been returned to the relevant ward budgets for reallocation:

- Bunhill / Clerkenwell – meeting on 12 March – £80 - underspend of £46.06
- Junction – meeting on 17 March - £51.05 – underspend of £21.05

Residual amounts of 2021/22 funding from 11 wards totalling £35,109 have also been added back into the ward budgets. (A ward partnership was allocated £51 from 21-22 funding after submission of the the last report in March 2022 so the £35,160 stated in the March report is reduced to £35,109 carried forward.)

These amendments to the ward budgets are reflected in the budget summary on the last page of Appendix A.

In total, £35,760 has been returned to the ward budgets. This increases the amount available to allocate in 2022/23 from £221,000 to £256,760.

- 4.4. 56 applications for funding have been received since the last VCS Committee in March 2022.

One application was related to Ward Partnership activity, was recommended for funding and then formally agreed by the Corporate Director of Fairer Together

under delegated authority. This funding was taken from the 21-22 budget as it was received before the end of March.

Of the remaining 55 applications, two applications were withdrawn by the applicants leaving 53 applications to be considered by ward councillors. 9 of these applications had been deferred by councillors to this round due to councillors running out of funding in March 2022 (some of these has been part funded in March 2022 and it was just the shortfall to be considered).

Of the 53 applications, four applications were not recommended for funding by ward councillors and one was referred to S106/CIL funding leaving a total of 48 applications recommended by ward councillors.

If these 48 councillor funding recommendations are formally agreed by this VCS Committee, there will be £169,872 left in the 2022/23 budget.

A list of the 48 applications recommended for funding and the recommended amount for each application is set out in Appendix A. All external organisations are listed only once in Appendix A but some internal council departments are listed more than once (in most cases, this is because they have been asked to be the parent organisation / vehicle for the funding for small groups who would otherwise be unable to meet the supporting documents requirements of the Local Initiatives Fund).

Three changes to the uses of grants previously awarded are also listed at the end of Appendix A for information only. The funding for these project changes should be able to be released very shortly as they have been agreed under delegated authority and do not need to be agreed by the VCS Committee. The application related to Ward Partnership activity is listed at the end of Appendix A for information only.

12 of the 56 applicants were first time applicants to LIF. One of these was not recommended for funding and one withdrew their application.

- 4.5. 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 reported to this Committee:
- Cllr Janet Burgess is the chair of governors of Hargrave Park School who will benefit from the Natural Cycle Development Programme grant of £3,374.50 (£307.45 for Hargrave Park).
 - Cllr Janet Burgess and the husband of Cllr Sheila Chapman are trustees of Whittington Park Community Centre who are involved in the Food Power Community Picnics led by Highbury Vale Blackstock Trust. The grant

awarded is £3,070 for 9 events and Whittington Park Community Centre's portion for their event is £438.50.

- Cllr Phil Graham is a trustee of YMCA London City and North which has been allocated £5,000 for the Whitecross Street Party.
- Cllr Santiago Bell-Bradford is a governor of Highbury Quadrant School who will benefit from the £1000 allocated to Highbury Quadrant School Association for cycle and scooter parking racks in the school's KS1 playground.
- Cllr Martin Klute is playing at the concerts that are being held by St James' Church that has been allocated £250 but he will not be paid for these performances.
- Cllr Anjna Khurana is a trustee of Hanley Crouch Community Association who were involved in the Super Soup Week run by Octopus Community Network that has been allocated an additional £500 in this round.
- Cllr Anjna Khurana is a trustee of Hanley Crouch Community Association that has been allocated an additional £1,223 for monthly health and well being workshops.

An award of £51.05 was made to the Junction ward partnership for costs associated with holding a ward partnership meeting. The councillors funding these costs (Cllrs Janet Burgess, Sheila Chapman and Kaya Comer-Schwartz) are members of the Junction Ward Partnership and the main organisers of the meeting so have declared an interest in this award.

5. Implications

5.1. Financial Implications

The Local Initiatives Fund in Financial Year 2022/23 has a total of £256,760 to allocate. This is comprised of an annual budget of £221,000 and a carried forward underspend/unallocated amount of £35,760 from previous financial years. An additional £17,000 LIF budget is spent on honorarium/ incentive payments to ward partnership co-ordinators to a total of £1,000 per annum per ward. The core budget available for LIF will be £238,000.

Any recommendations for carry forwards of LIF underspends will be subject to yearly reviews of the wider financial needs of the Council. The current earmarked reserves as a consequence of previous financial year's carry forwards are sufficient to meet the funding requirements of this report.

Any loosening of monitoring procedures will need to ensure that suitable controls remain to ensure financial best practice in the Council's dealings with voluntary and community organisations.

The proposals referred to in this report can be met from budget and reserve allocations from the Local Initiatives Fund. Delays or alterations to LIF projects may increase ward underspends in Financial Year 2023/24.

Any recommendations to revert to previously held carry forward capping will reduce the carry forward and the money available for the LIF programme, but will improve the financial position of the Council.

5.2. **Legal Implications**

The general power of competence pursuant to Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 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.

5.3. **Environmental Implications and contribution to achieving a net zero carbon Islington by 2030**

Some of the projects funded by the LIF grants have carbon and environmental impacts, including the use of energy, fuel, water, food & drink, materials, and printing, while events being funded may create waste or journeys that contribute to transport-related emissions if attendees drive. However, some projects also have positive environmental impacts, including planting, greening areas and local food growing. Overall, projects will be undertaken with regard with the council's goal of achieving a net zero Islington by 2030.

5.4. **Equalities 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.

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.

6. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

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

Appendices:

Appendix A – Local Initiatives Fund Proposals

Background papers: none

Final report clearance:

Signed by:



Cllr Una O'Halloran, Executive Member for Homes and Communities

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NEW PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE IN JULY 2022

Ward	Organisation	Project Summary	Location	Timescale	Areas / Residents to Benefit	Number of Residents to Benefit	Budget Proposal Amount (£)	Project Total (£)	Match Funding Details	Fairer Together Comments
Arsenal / Barnsbury / Bunhill / Caledonian / Canonbury / Clerkenwell / Finsbury Park / Highbury / Hillrise / Holloway / Junction / Laycock / St Mary's & St James' / Tollington / Tufnell Park	Muslim Welfare House (Eid in the Park 2022)	Eid festival / fun fair in Highbury Fields Park with food, activities and music which will be open to the general public. Cultural food, cultural music and traditional clothing will be available for the public to view and try on. There will also be face painting for children and henna tattoos for adults. The event aims to promote social inclusion, community cohesion and showcase Islington's cultural diversity, uniting people of all faiths and cultures. Funding to contribute towards equipment hire (tables, game stalls, chairs), food, toys to give away, entertainment, marketing and printing, first aid, a stage, sound system and other associated costs.	Highbury Fields Park	9 July 2022	Open to all	3,000 to 5,000 (1,500 from Finsbury Park)	6,539.30	21,511	£6,379 LIF awarded in July 2019 by 12 wards, stalls income tbc, remainder in kind by Muslim Welfare House	The amount requested is £8,638 from all wards across the borough. £6,379 LIF awarded to this festival in July 2019. The total amount allocated to this project is now £12,918.
Arsenal / Barnsbury / Bunhill / Caledonian / Canonbury / Clerkenwell / Highbury / Junction / Laycock / Mildmay / St Mary's & St James' / Tufnell Park	Awesome Elm CIC	Islington Playday 2022 in Barnard Adventure Playground run in partnership with Islington Play Association. Playday is an annual national event promoting and celebrating children's right to play. The event is run by qualified playworkers from Islington's 10 Adventure Playgrounds and will also promote the free service offered by the Adventure Playgrounds as an alternative to chargeable after school club and playschemes. Around 100 children from each ward are expected to attend the event. Funding to pay for safety mats, activity materials, arts and crafts resources for the activities, children's tools, transport of materials from the adventure playgrounds across the borough, water play resources, sports equipment, printing/publicity and a generator.	Barnard Adventure Playground	3 August 2022	Children /young people and their families	1,800 children and families	2,500	4,676	£1176 in kind staffing costs for Awesome and Islington Play Association	The amount requested from all 17 wards across the borough is £3,500.
Arsenal / Barnsbury / Canonbury / Finsbury Park / Hillrise / Junction / Laycock / Mildmay / St Mary's & St James' / Tufnell Park	Natural Cycle Development Programme	Puberty and menstrual cycle workshops in partnership with the LBI Schools Improvement Service to equip and empower girls and boys aged 8 to 16 with a thorough understanding about puberty and periods dismantling the taboo and stigma. Each interactive workshop will last 90 minutes and will have up to 32 participants. The workshops will be provided to Islington primary schools and will be delivered in accordance to school availability and funding received. Funding to pay for 16 cohorts of workshops which will involve 512 young people - period/puberty kits, office rent, office costs and manager salary, a trainer, an administrator and stationery.	15 schools on their waiting list requesting workshops	October 2022 to April 2023	Young people, the local community and schools within Islington	32 young people per workshop	3,374.50	4,919.20	Not applicable	The amount requested from 13 wards is £4,919.20.

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Arsenal / Clerkenwell / Hillrise / Junction / St Mary's & St James' / Tufnell Park	Highbury Vale Blackstock Trust (Food Power Community Picnics)	Food Power Community Picnics, a series of summer picnic and wellbeing events organised by community hubs from the Octopus Community Network during Community Centre Week between 18 and 24 July 2022. Delivered across 9 locations, each of the Community Picnic events will last for 3 to 4 hours and will provide a nutritionally balanced picnic lunch, social activities (live music, arts & craft, cooking tips, physical activities, mental health awareness workshops, etc) and referral opportunities to other services. The funding received will be shared between 8 community centres/organisations (one of them is not requesting LIF). Most community food hubs will also use food surplus and some of the harvest from the Community Plant Nursery managed by Octopus Community. Funding to pay for food and refreshments, cooks, materials, resources and marketing.	Eight community hubs spread across the borough and the Octopus community plant nursery (Hollins and McCall Estate)	18 to 24 July 2022 (9 separate events, one in each hub and one in Octopus' plant nursery, during Community Centre Week)	Targetted at isolated older people (40%), lone parents (30%). other vulnerable residents (30%), including those supported through the Food Hubs within the network	450 (50 at each of the 9 events)	3,069.50	3,508	Not applicable (staffing costs for preparation, management and reporting are covered by other sources of funding in each organisation)	The amount requested is £3,508 from 7 wards. LIF has not been requested for one of the 9 events listed and there are 2 events in Hillrise ward (held by 2 hubs).
Arsenal / Finsbury Park / Highbury	Yoga Club and Ambler Primary School	Yoga Club – a scheme that uses yoga to help address the mental health crisis facing school children in the wake of the pandemic by teaching and supporting them with skills that help develop and maintain physical and mental wellbeing. Yoga Club aims to teach yoga and mindfulness to children. Funding is requested to deliver 84 lessons each 30 minutes long to all 410 children in the school over a six week period. Each child will therefore receive six 30 minute lessons. Funding to pay for yoga teacher costs for the 382 Islington schoolchildren only.	Ambler Primary School, Blackstock Road, Finsbury Park, London, N4 2DR	September to October 2022	Children attending Ambler Primary School	410, of whom 382 are from Islington	1,646	3,820	Not applicable	The amount requested is £3,820 from 3 wards.
Barnsbury	LBI Greenspace on behalf of Islington Clean Air Parents	Regeneration of the Carfree space from an unloved green space into a native woodland. They have planted trees, shrubs, hedges and woodland bulbs to increase the variety of species in the space and introduce additional layers to attract more wildlife. They have introduced logs and stumps to create interest for children to play and insects to live. Four bird boxes have been installed. Children from Thornhill School use the space as an outdoor classroom and follow the curriculum studies. Residents from nearby roads in Laycock, St Marys, Canonbury and Barnsbury are joining regular gardening sessions. Funding to pay for the installation of a tap to help with watering.	Carfree Space, Barnsbury Park, N1 1NH	Tap to be installed by summer if possible, bi-weekly gardening group sessions with local residents to water, weed, plant and litter pick	Children from Thornhill School, residents from nearby roads in Laycock, St Marys, Canonbury and Barnsbury	400 directly (200 from Barnsbury)	2,500	21,000	£15,000 Angel Central Shopping Centre, £1000 donations, 4 trees donated from Islington Forest for Change	The amount requested is £5,000. Greenspace have agreed to fund the balance of the cost minus £2,500.

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Barnsbury	St Silas Church	Relax, Stay & Play, a space on Wednesday mornings during term time for pre-school children to enjoy free play and interact with each other accompanied by parents/carers/childminders. The children are provided with a variety of toys, a healthy snack and they finish with song-time. There are also sensory art/craft activities for children and adults to do together. Funding to pay for two sessional workers for 36 weeks.	The Community Hall at St Silas Church, Penton Street	7 September 2022 to 19 July 2023 (term time only)	Pre-school children and their parents/carers /childminders	150	1,590	3,320	£830 St Silas Church, £900 door charge (underwritten by St Silas Church)	
Barnsbury / Bunhill / Canonbury / Clerkenwell / Finsbury Park / Highbury / Holloway	Finsbury Park Mosque (Street Iftar)	Street Iftar Event, a community event outside the mosque in the street where hundreds of people attend to share food, drinks and socialise during the month of Ramadan in April 2022. There will be speeches from different faith leaders, community leaders, politicians, journalists and the police addressing the gathering. Many volunteers mainly young people will help to organise this event. The event's objectives are to bring communities together, to celebrate the diversity in Islington and to understand the meaning of fasting during the month of Ramadan for those who are not Muslims. Funding to pay for food and drink, a project manager, volunteers' expenses, publicity and marketing and equipment costs.	St Thomas's Road, N4	In the third week of April 2022	All sections of the community	1,000 Islington residents	1,136	10,000	£4,000 sponsorship, £4,375 LIF 2021-22	The amount requested is £6,000 from all wards in March. £4,375 allocated in total by 5 wards in March. The £1,625 shortfall was requested from 11 wards in this round. The total amount allocated is now £5,511.
Barnsbury / Bunhill / Hillrise / Holloway / Tufnell Park	MahaDevi Yoga Centre	Funding for equipment used during their wellbeing activities for children and young people with special needs and disabilities. Activities include 1-2-1 yoga therapy sessions, nature walks, drumming, sensory sessions and group yoga sessions. Most of their equipment is five years old with some of it needing to be replaced. They run over 70 1-2-1 sessions per week, which often coincide with group projects so they would like to purchase additional equipment to ensure that all activities can run smoothly. Funding to pay for yoga mats, a set of djembe drums, a set of percussion instruments, refreshments, sensory parachutes, a Polaroid camera and film, a portable speaker and arts and crafts materials.	12 Eden Grove, Stapleton House, N7 8EQ	Equipment purchase between August and November 2022, equipment to be used daily	Children and young people with special needs and disabilities	23	1,001.35	2,559	Not applicable	The amount requested is £2,559 from 9 wards.

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Bunhill	YMCA London City and North	The Whitecross Street Party is an annual two-day summer street party and art exhibition that celebrates street art through live painting and music stages. They will remain committed to large scale paintings by up to 40 notable street artists. The previous year's art will be mounted onto the walls of the street for twelve months. The street art will be supplemented with a series of spaces along the street, including a main youth stage by Soapbox, family room by the Prior Weston School, spoken word stage by Wesley's Chapel, activity space by Culture Mile and the Barbican with Toffee Park. They would also like to increase the number of inflatables / 3D art installations at the event and increase the number of live painting sites on the street walls which will impact the size and scale of the event. Funding to pay for inflatables / 3D art installations, install team costs for additional wall art locations and scissor lifts.	Whitecross Street	9 and 10 July 2022	All sections of the community, especially families and young people, stalls offered to local community groups, local businesses and artists	3,000	5,000	27,500	£17,500 Arts Council England, £5,000 Derwent	
Bunhill / Clerkenwell	St Luke's Community History Group	Their film, Our Finsbury Story, has been incredibly popular. They would now like to publish a book highlighting local residents' stories related to the book but also including a chapter relating to Finsbury life in 1952 to chime with this year's Jubilee Celebrations. The book will be given free to the participants who contributed, for them to leave to their families, local schools, MLA and local archives, community groups etc. This proposal is being supported by Islington Museum and Local History Centre and is hoped that additional copies will be sold at local bookshops. Funding to contribute towards the costs of producing 500 copies of a 52 page book (design, ISBN registration and printing).	c/o Islington Local History Centre, 245 St John Street	July to October 2022 (book to be printed in September 2022)	Local residents, especially older people aged 70+ living in Bunhill and Clerkenwell who are directly involved	1000 (500 per ward)	1,000	1,965	£1000 Arnold Clark	
Caledonian	LBI Greenspace on behalf of Lyon House resident	Lyon House Communal Garden – a communal garden in need of replanting in an over 55s block. A previous resident removed all the planting to grow vegetables, but they have moved on and left the garden in a mess and empty of any planting. They want to organise a planting event to incorporate soil improver, plant and bark chip the beds and provide 2 planters for herbs that residents can use. Residents are keen to help plant and continue to maintain and Greenspace will support them in this. Funding to pay for plants, labour and tools, soil improver, fence post and pig wire for front beds, planters and bark mulch.	Lyon House, Lyon Street N1	26 September to 30 November 2022 (planting to be carried out in autumn / winter)	Older people	30	500	5,679	Not applicable	The amount requested is £5,679.

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Canonbury	Rose Bowl – Isledon Arts CIC	Rose Bowl kitchen refurbishment – funding to redevelop their existing ground floor kitchen, so that it provides better cupboard storage and cooking facilities for their various community engagement projects. The kitchen is used for cooking workshops for children and young people after school 5 days a week, healthy eating/cooking workshops run as part of the foodbank and to provide hot nutritious lunches during the school holidays for those entitled to free school meals. Funding to pay for 33 kitchen units, including the doors, hinges, worktops, drawers and end panels.	Rose Bowl, St Paul's Park, Ramsey Walk, N1 2PT	August to December 2022	Local families, children and young people	65 families and 55 children and young people each year	8,000	16,095.12	£4,095.12 Friends of Rose Bowl (fridge and freezer), £4,000 Isledon Arts CIC (installation, wiring and tiling)	
Canonbury	New River Baptist Church (Dover Soul)	Dover Soul 2022 - a week long children's holiday club running from 25-30 July and aimed at 5-11 year olds There will be four afternoons of free children's activities including team games, team building, showcasing talents, four different workshops (science, sports, arts & crafts, music), a drama, an uplifting talk, discussion in groups with team scores for each day. On Saturday 30 July, they will host a Thanksgiving Service, Prize Giving and Fun Day. Activities include a family quiz, fete games (hook a duck, corn toss, large bubbles), a penalty shoot out, a bouncy castle, BBQ activities, such as arts& crafts, a prayer tent and wellbeing. Funding to pay for BBQ food, workshop and games materials, publicity and generator hire.	St Paul's Park, 1-7 Taransay Walk, N1	25 to 30 July 2022	Mainly children aged 5-11 years old and their parents, many from the Marquess and Dover Court Estates	50 to 80 children at the holiday club, 150 to 250 at the fun day	500	2,000	£1,500 tbc from local churches (£500 approx raised so far)	
Clerkenwell	Clerkenwell Festival Group	Small scale annual community festival in Spa Fields Park including a music stage, jumble sale, dog show, kids area, food stalls and a heritage walk. Young offenders and young homeless people will be performing on the main stage and acting as stewards which they have also done in previous years. There will be activities for children and young adults who will also be involved in the organising and running of the festival. The majority of the people who attend the festival live or work in Clerkenwell. Funding to pay for the costs of a PA and backline, entertainment / bands, staff, stage, toilets, furniture and other associated costs.	Spa Fields Park	Sunday 28 August 2022	Open to all local residents (young offenders and homeless people to be performers and stewards)	1000 from Clerkenwell	4,721	4,721	Not applicable	

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Clerkenwell	LBI Heritage Services (Clerkenwell Green School's Hoarding project)	To work with the children of Hugh Myddelton School to create artwork for the hoardings around the subterranean toilets in the centre of Clerkenwell Green. They will use the radical political and social history of the site as a tool and inspiration for the work. Funding to pay for an artist facilitator for four days, the production of the art work and materials.	Hugh Myddelton School and Islington Museum, final artwork on the hoardings of the toilets in Clerkenwell Green	September 2022 to March 2023, timetable to be refined in conversation with the school	Children of Hugh Myddelton School and residents passing through Clerkenwell Green	10,000	2,000	2,000	Not applicable	
Finsbury Park	Somali Education Centre	After school club for disadvantaged children from low income families in Islington running since 2001. They liaise with main secondary schools in Islington and invite them to refer the children most in need of support with their GCSEs. Funding is sought for a provision at the weekends focussing on help with Maths, English and Science GCSEs. Funding to pay for 12 weeks of hall hire, expenses for two volunteers and stationery (3 sessions per week).	84 Mayton Street, London N7 6QT	1 March to 30 May 2022 (3 sessions per weekend)	Open to all GCSE students, current attendees from the BAME (Somali) community	15 children	300	6,980	£5,000 Mother Tongue Supplementary School project, £491 Finsbury Park 21-22 LIF	The amount requested is £1,980. £491 LIF awarded in March 2022. A further £300 was deferred to this round. The total amount now allocated to this project is £791.
Finsbury Park	The Liliesleaf Trust UK	A series of intergenerational community engagement events to progress the social integration and community cohesion values of, and co-design for, the Centre of Memory and Learning (CML) which also create awareness of this unique local heritage (including commemoration of the 40th anniversary (March 2022) of the bombing of 28 Penton Street by the apartheid regime). Through workshops for schools, community groups, events and community design consultations they will collaborate with communities and schools across LBI to design a venue that responds directly to contemporary needs, demands, and interests. Funding to contribute towards facilitation, fees and materials for delivery of the following: 6 sessions of a programme at EGA School that introduces students to new skills (architectural design, landscape gardening, heritage skills) to help with the co-design elements of the new CML, 6 sessions of garden design and CML programmes co-produced with 2 community groups, 10 sessions to other schools across the borough through 11 by 11, 5 sessions of mother tongue storytelling, 40th anniversary commemorations done by artists and young people, venue hire and other associated costs.	Elizabeth Garrett Anderson School, schools across the borough, Lift Youth Hub, St Silas Church, Caledonian Clock Tower, Hanley Crouch and St Mary's Community Centres They would do their best to run a distinct community focused session in each contributing ward.	February to August 2022	Anniversary events open to all, programme focussed on young families, young people, teachers, artists, Black and Global Majority, youth, migrant, and diasporic communities	1,500+	300	14,500	£7,250 National Lottery Heritage Fund, £4,134 LIF 2021-22	The amount requested was £7,250 from 11 wards in March 2022. £4,134 LIF awarded in March 2022. The total amount now allocated to this project is £4,434.

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Finsbury Park	LBI Communities Team (Andover CC (SITC))	'Soul In The City', an annual funday on the Andover Estate. The funday element of 'bouncy castles, entertainment and food' are used to attract residents to a wide variety of information stalls giving details of council services and other organisations able to provide a wide variety of assistance and support to residents. Up to 40 organisations take part in the day. Funding to pay for food for the barbecue including halal burgers and a vegetarian option.	Andover Estate	Event on 16 July 2022, planning started in February 2022	Open to all, but mainly Finsbury Park ward residents, in particular residents from the Andover, Six Acres and Haden/Clifton Estates	2,000+	2,000	10,000	£3,000 LBI Communities Team, £2,000 tbc Osbourne, £1,000 tbc Arsenal, £1,337.42 LIF awarded in March 2022	£500 LIF originally awarded in March 2022 for a jubilee event will now be used on this project instead. The total amount now allocated to this project is £3,837.
Hillrise	St Mary's Church, Hornsey Rise	Create Together is a new project being led by a church volunteer, a crafting class where all materials are provided (recycled and reclaimed materials are often used). This project is working with some of those most in need of being represented in the community - adults experiencing isolation, poverty and mental health issues, people from BME, LGBTQ and homeless communities and young people over the age of 13. They would like to be able to pay the volunteer for her time in the class as she is on a very low income. Funding to pay for the staff member to run 8 sessions.	St Mary Hornsey Rise Hall, Ashley Road, N19	8 June to 27 July 2022, every Wednesday for at least 2 hours	Disadvantaged people	20	400	650	£250 St Mary Hornsey Rise Love Your Neighbour Fund (room hire / materials)	
Hillrise	St Mary's Hornsey Rise on behalf of Make Do Play	Make Do Play, a free fortnightly drop-in 3 hour community play session. The community play sessions are child-led and informal, where children can play outside without adult interference and not segregated by age, and for the grown ups to relax and chat together. In the sessions they provide lots of junk, loose parts, arts and crafts, messy play, mud kitchens, gardening and tool work for children to explore. Funding to pay for two staff (founder/owners) to deliver and organise 6 sessions between September and December. These two staff manage the finances, social media and publicity, safeguarding and health and safety, plan the session content including sourcing resources, and deliver the sessions.	St Mary's Hornsey Rise, Ashley Road, N19 3AD	22 September to 1 December 2022 (fortnightly during term time and school holidays)	Children of any age (most under 7) and their parents or carers, including those with additional needs and families with no access to a garden	27 Islington children per session on average, plus parents	1,344	5,000	£480 Islington Giving (Make It Happen), £3,121 Crowdfundin g	
Hillrise	New Orleans Estate Gardening and Foodgrowers Group	Funding to repair/ replace many of the raised boxes / mural canvases which have been damaged by the weather and to improve the access to the gardening / food growing space. Funding to pay for box construction and pre building ground work, drawings of options for repaired and/or replaced boxes including an explanation of any preparation work needed, a survey of the space assessing the work needed and insurance.	New Orleans Walk, New Orleans Estate, Cromartie Road, N19	1 July to 30 November 2022	Estate tenants and residents	1,400	1,500	6,975	£3,200 tbc Awards For All	The amount requested is £3,775.

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Hillrise / Junction	LBI Heritage Services (Nafsiyat Intercultural Therapy Centre anniversary plaque)	To celebrate the 40th anniversary of Nafsiyat Intercultural Therapy Centre, an organisation which works with communities across different ethnic groups. They will partner with Nafsiyat to install a heritage plaque and host a public celebration of the organisation. Funding to pay for the plaque production and installation, costs of a celebration (e.g. family activities, a presentation, refreshments) and a photographer.	Plaque installed on their original building (Archway Methodist Church) or on their current building (Lysander Grove)	19 August to 30 September 2022, will fit in with the organisation's 40th anniversary celebrations	All Islington residents especially Hillrise and Junction residents and Nafsiyat users	Unable to quantify (for plaque), 50 Hillrise and 50 Junction residents	1,250	1,250	Not applicable	
Hillrise / Junction	Islington Council / Islington Pensioners Forum	George Durack Community Chess Boards, two outdoor chess boards/world games with seating on Navigator Square, in memory of George Durack (ex chair of Islington Pensioners Forum and bestowed with the Freedom of the Borough). The chess boards will be designed by a local artist, with an inscription dedicating them to George, with the rules of the game on another. The chess and draughts pieces can be borrowed from Archway Library where tournaments and clubs are held that can be brought onto Navigator Square. Seating may be added for spectators. Funding to contribute towards two crafted games tables, four stools, delivery and installation, promotion, chess pieces and plaque.	Navigator Square, N19 3TD	July to September 2022	Open to all	1000 local residents	2,000	7,000	£3,500 LBI / business sponsorship, £1,500 Islington Pensioners Forum	
Hillrise / Junction / Tufnell Park	The Dog Olympix	An annual sporting canine agility fund raising event for an outdoor water fountain for all park users and their dogs in Whittington Park. The event consists of dog agility and obedience with activities and stalls for families and children (e.g. a balloon artist, music). Across the previous 4 annual events, they have managed to raise £3,000 towards the installation of a water drinking fountain which Greenspace will match fund. This year's event should help to raise funds for the maintenance of the fountain. Funding to pay for security and fliers/marketing.	Whittington Park	Sunday 11 September 2022	Open to all, local dog owners and spectators	500	562.50	1,500	£750 tbc through the Sunday training sessions in the park	The amount requested is £750 from 4 wards (£187.50 per ward).
Hillrise / Tufnell Park / Tollington	The Hive Food Bank	A small independent volunteer run food bank seeking to tackle food poverty by providing food parcels to those in need. Their clients come from across wards in the N19, N4, N6, N8 postcodes. They use a voucher based referral scheme enabling referrals from GPs, schools and other local organisations. Funding to pay for 200 food parcels - 25 single food parcels per week over a 2 month period.	St Mary's Hornsey Rise, Ashley Road, N19 3AD	30 August to 30 December 2022	Open to anyone experiencing food poverty	200 (65 and 75 referred households per week)	1,800	70,050	£1,750 21-22 LIF, £5,000 LBI Community Chest, a further £7,485 tbc via grant funding, remainder via donations / reserves	The amount requested is £2,400 from four wards (£600 per ward).

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Holloway	African and Caribbean Shining Star Enterprise	Costs of running a group for older people which meets every month. Each monthly session will involve group discussions, educational talks, information sharing, quizzes, games, arts and crafts and will be facilitated by local people and volunteers. Funding to pay for 11 monthly sessions (rent, refreshments, volunteer expenses and transport for people who are frail).	Lorraine Estate, Pollard Close and the surrounding areas	April 2022 to March 2023 - monthly sessions	Open to all older people 55 plus from Lorraine Estate, Pollard Close and nearby	80 Islington residents	639.74	985	£345 21-22 Holloway LIF	The amount requested is £985. £345 awarded in March 2022. The shortfall of £640 was deferred to this round. The total amount now allocated is £985.
Holloway	Goodinge Community Centre	Funding for 20 weekly one hour long keep fit classes which were previously funded as part of Active Spaces by the LBI Community Development Team. Funding to pay for the instructor.	Goodinge Community Centre, 2 Goodinge Road	8 September 2022 to 2 February 2023, Thursday mornings	Open to all	50 (currently 15 to 20 per session)	1,000	1,000	Not applicable	
Holloway	LBI Community Development Team on behalf of Pollard Close TRA	Biddestone Park Fun Day on behalf of residents of Pollard Close, Loraine Estate and other surrounding local areas. A fun day with free activities, open to all, mainly aimed at those near Biddestone Park. Free family entertainment will be provided such as games, face painting, activities and more. These will be provided by local providers, residents and council teams. Funding to pay for entertainment and furniture, catering, promotional material and distribution, refreshments, decorations and insurance.	Biddestone Park, N7	September 2022 - exact date to be confirmed	Local residents mainly from Holloway ward	200+	2,500	4,750	Not applicable	The amount requested is £4,750.
Holloway	Authors Abroad	A schools based poetry project where Islington poets go into schools to run workshops helping years 6 and 7 students create their own poems around the theme GREEN (issues relating to the climate crisis and sustainability). In March 2023 they are hoping to start the North London Youth Poetry Slam – an annual competition of performance poetry in Islington for primary and secondary students. This will involve organising a night at The Pleasance Theatre for the best poems from 14 schools to be showcased to the local community. Funding to pay for 14 school workshops (poetry educator staff member, follow up and materials for poetry to be created) and costs associated with the North London Youth Poetry Slam final (venue hire, an MC, an AV, staging and trophies).	14 schools across the borough (primary and secondary) and Pleasance Theatre, North Road, N7	September 2022 to April 2023	Young people	At least 1400 (100 per school plus 150 in audience for final performance)	1,200	6,580	Not applicable	The amount requested is £6,580. The number of schools that could be reached with workshops may have to be limited due to the large shortfall on this project.

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Holloway	Camden Estate Community Food Garden	Increasing the uptake of residents accessing the community garden space by using signage advertising how to get involved, protecting tender crop using mesh and netting and deterring wildlife in a humane way in addition to offering resident seed trays to get plants started in early spring before the frost passes. Funding to pay for signage, tools with longer handles to minimise bending over, bird netting, mesh netting, vegetable plug plants, overflow pipe, fox repellents, wild flower plug plants, tarpaulin and window sill propagators.	In the community food garden	September 2022 to March 2023	Estate tenants and residents	Maximum of 35 plot holders growing in individual plots, open to all 200+ estate residents	1,016.43	1,016.43	Not applicable	
Holloway	Penn Road Residents Association	Edible Improvements. In 2011, the community flats at 1 Penn Road received an Edible Islington grant and created a community allotment garden with raised beds and a greenhouse. The project very successfully brought together the residents of 1 Penn Road. The communal raised beds and allotment is now in need of renovation and some renewal. Funding to pay for framework wood for the raised beds, two bags of quality compost and ironmongery.	Penn Road, N7	October 2022 to May 2023	Penn Road residents	20	1,500	1,500	Not applicable	
Laycock	Canonbury Neighbourhood Watch Team	The provision of a letter with supporting information about crime prevention and reporting to households in Canonbury. They aim to provide a letter accompanied with council/police leaflets and a postcard-sized fridge magnet (listing phone numbers / email addresses to report crime and website addresses that provide information regarding home security and personal safety) to all households (c.1,100) in the area bordered by Canonbury Road/St Paul's Road/Alwyne Road - New River Walk. This area has been registered as a self-declared Neighbourhood Watch scheme area ('Canonbury'). Funding to pay for stationery (letters, envelopes and labels) and postcard sized fridge magnets (for 1,100 households).	Area bordered by Canonbury Road/St Paul's Road/Alwyne Road - New River Walk	Delivery of information in June 2022	Local residents living in the designated area	2,750 approx (1,100 households)	700	700	Not applicable	
Laycock	Union Chapel	Three Black History Month events around the subject of colonisation, its legacy and the subsequent resistance and inequality post-colonisation. These consist of a Sunday Service at Union Chapel, a panel debate and an evening featuring music of colonial resistance from all over the world. They will also make reference to the Plymouth Rock artefact within the Union Chapel. Funding to pay for a Black History researcher, panel speakers' fees, a musical director, backing group, a soloist, publicity, evaluation, project co-ordination and overheads.	Union Chapel, 19b Compton Terrace	October 2022, 3 two hour long events during Black History Month	All sections of the community (will be placed online)	210	1,000	2,600	£500 Union Chapel (for stewarding and technical support)	The amount requested is £2,100.

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Mildmay	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. Activities will include bug hunting, pond dipping, digging, seed sowing, watering the garden and group nature stories and songs. Funding to pay for delivery (by the Garden Classroom - facilitator fees, resources, project management, volunteer expenses and refreshments) and provision of facilities for two hour sessions for eight weeks at King Henry's Walk Garden.	King Henry's Walk Garden	16 May to 15 July 2022 (one morning a week for eight weeks)	Young families	Up to 20 families	1,520	1,520	Not applicable, any match funding used on an outreach programme to attract disadvantaged families and on human resources	
Mildmay	Highbury Quadrant School Association	The project would install scooter and bicycle parking for Key Stage 1 children in the KS1 playground of Highbury Quadrant Primary School. This will enable children to cycle and scoot to school, in order to support the health and independence of the children, as well as to decrease the air pollution associated with being driven to school. The project supports Islington Council's aim to be carbon neutral by 2030. Funding to contribute towards cycle and scooter racks for 30 scooters and 20 bikes, delivery and installation and promotional material.	Key stage 1 playground, Highbury Quadrant Primary School	June to September 2022 (aiming to have the parking unit installed by September)	Most children from Mildmay ward with some from nearby wards	300	1,000	2,000	£500 existing PTA funds, £500 tbc Tesco Community Grant scheme	
Mildmay	North East London Gospel Mission (Chorley Community Church)	Three outings over the year for a group of up to 30 people, comprising the young people who are on their roster and their parents or carers. Their work targets low income families who are often under pressure from a range of factors. Two of the outings are likely to be to paid venues, like a theme or adventure park or zoo, and one will be more nature oriented, like the beach or a woodland area or farm. Funding to pay for transport (minibus hire, petrol, contingency train tickets and parking), venue fees (20 for 30 children), food, drinks and sundries and project worker fees.	Chorley Memorial Hall, N1 (various for outings)	1 September 2022 and 31 October 2023	Young people, black or ethnic minorities, and low income families	30	2,670	2,670	Not applicable	
St Mary's & St James'	Healthy Generations and Islington Pensioners Forum	50 weekly Digital Inclusion classes for older people that used to be held at the Islington Pensioners Forum hall and are presently held online through Zoom. This project has been running for six years. The project teaches people how to better use their digital equipment, computers, smartphones and tablets and better connect with family, friends and the vast array of services online. Funding to pay for the instructor to run the 50 one hour weekly classes.	Online through Zoom and later at Islington Pensioners Forum, Providence Court, N1	August 2022 to July 2023 (weekly classes)	Older people	120	1,000	2,000	Not applicable	The amount requested is £2,000.

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St Mary's & St James	XLP (in-school mentoring and weekly youth provision services)	Funding for four weekly activities supporting disadvantaged young people through in-school mentoring and weekly youth provision services. The X-Mobile Project (a Mobile Recording Studio Project) uses two specifically designed vans to help young people not only express the challenges they face through music, but to find positive pathways to success. XLP and their projects aim to equip children and young people to make wise life choices by choosing to stay in (or return to) school and succeed, choosing not to be involved in (or to get out of) gangs, crime and anti-social behaviour and choosing to set goals for the future and to work hard to achieve them. Funding to pay for food, plates and cups, a mobile youth centre and mobile recording studio (bus) fuel and maintenance, games and activities for the bus sessions, staff travel to schools and mobile youth centre sessions, booklets for in-school group mentoring, staff training and DBS checks.	Highbury Grove (bus), City of London Academy (Highbury Grove and Prebend Street)	September 2022 to September 2023, four sessions per week during term time (one on the bus, the other three at City of London Academy - two at the Prebend Street site)	Disadvantaged young people aged 10-24 who face barriers due to economic poverty or racial discrimination	113 (60 from Mildmay, 53 from St Mary's & St James')	2,000	139,000	£5,000 Pewters' Company (for work in schools), £130,000 Allan and Gill Gray Philanthropy	The amount requested is £4,000 from two wards (£2,000 per ward).
St Mary's & St James'	Galbur Foundation	Summer camping programme in partnership with Al Huda Centre in Birmingham for children and young people from marginalised BAME communities who have or are at risk of having mental health issues. Activities for the Summer Camp 2022 include a bonfire night, motivational speeches, hiking, low ropes, air rifle shooting, sumo wrestling, daily awards to highlight exceptional performance, competitions and an awards ceremony. Funding to pay for bus transport so they can take 40 children and young people from Islington.	Woodhouse Park Activity Centre, Fernhill, Almondsbury, South Gloucestershire	26 to 29 August 2022 (4 days)	Children and young people from marginalised BAME communities who have or are at risk of having mental health issues	40 from Islington	600	1,646	£646 Al Huda Community Centre	The amount requested is £1000.
St Mary's & St James' / St Peter's & Canalside	St Peter's Children and Young People's Activities Group	A four week summer holiday programme of teacher-led educational sessions together with healthy meals, sports and other fun activities for 45 children from years 5 and 6 (aged 9 to 11) entitled to FSM or with additional needs (and a few younger siblings). Seven local primary schools prioritise and nominate children on the basis of children's needs and parental agreement. Unless Covid recurs, their programme will contain at least one trip out of borough for both year groups, for example, to the Science Museum and London Zoo. They have also applied to Arsenal Football club for Emirates visits. On days where there are no visits, there are sessions on literacy, numeracy and speaking skills and on cooking, gardening and art and a range of sports. They incorporate mindfulness and yoga into the day too. Funding to contribute towards staffing costs, premises hire, project costs, additional materials, insurance, catering and admin.	Programme held at New North Academy, 32 Popham Road, N1 Children from 7 local schools: St Mary's C of E, Moreland, St Luke's, Hanover, St John the Evangelist, New North Academy and Rotherfield Schools	1 to 26 August 2022 (20 working days)	45 children in years 5 and 6 entitled to Free School Meals or with additional needs who attend seven local primary schools and are nominated by their school	45	3,700	30,900	£5,000 John Murray Trust, £2,000 personal donations to date, £11,900 reserves, £12,000 tbc from bids to private foundations	The amount requested is £5,000 from two wards (£2,500 per ward).

NEW PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE IN JULY 2022

Ward	Organisation	Project Summary	Location	Timescale	Areas / Residents to Benefit	Number of Residents to Benefit	Budget Proposal Amount (£)	Project Total (£)	Match Funding Details	Fairer Together Comments
St Peter's & Canalside	St James' Church	Islington Proms 2022, an annual music and art festival consisting of 8 or 9 weekend concerts providing high quality professional music with very reasonable ticket prices. Schools and local children will be involved via a Youth Prom, showcasing talented young performers. There will also be an exhibition of art by local artists, and talks and discussions on various topics. Ticket prices are low and especially low for older people, students and the unwaged and are free for children. Funding to contribute towards the cost of performers, church hire and printing costs.	St James' Church, Prebend Street, N1	9 to 24 September 2022, most concerts are on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, talks and discussions midweek, art exhibition throughout	People from all over Islington (and beyond) but principally from the two wards nearest to St James'	1,000	250	5,755	£3,000 tbc ticket sales, £400 tbc donations, £500 tbc art exhibition, £1,605 tbc from grants / sponsorship by local businesses (Golsoncott Foundation grant tbc)	
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St Peter's & Canalside	Friends of King Square Gardens	To provide a community Christmas event for children and families in King Square Gardens. The event will help to bring the community together and will highlight the work of Friends of King Square Gardens. Funding to pay for a giant snow globe, Santa's grotto plus generator, Reindeer Rodeo and generator, a bouncy castle, operator and generator, Santa and Elf, decorations and volunteer expenses.	King Square Gardens, Lever Street, EC1	16 December 2022, 4pm to 6.30pm	Mainly young children and families	500	3,580	7,440	£2,310 Berkeley Homes, £700 St Lukes, £350 LBI Parks (in kind labour), £250 King Square TRA, £250 St Clements Church	
Tollington	Octopus Community Network (in partnership with Elizabeth House Community Centre and 7 other community hubs across the borough)	Super Soup Week, a series of winter wellness events organised by Octopus' Community Food Hub that will engage and support up to 500 of Islington's most vulnerable residents, through social eating activities across the borough including a nutritionally balanced meal and an opportunity to overcome social isolation, find out more about mental health and connect with neighbours. Eight separate events will be held, one in each hub, over one week. Funding to pay for staffing costs (including cooks), food ingredients and refreshments, marketing costs, hall hire, materials and resources.	At 8 community hubs across the borough including Brickworks Community Centre	24 to 29 January 2022	Open to all. targetted at isolated older people, lone parents and other vulnerable residents, including those supported through the Food Hubs	500 (at least 90% will be from Islington)	500	3,000	£2,500 21-22 LIF	The amount requested is £3,000 from 6 wards (£500 per ward). £2,500 LIF awarded in March 2022. The total amount now allocated to this project is £3,000.

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Tollington	Hanley Crouch Community Association (tranquil workshops)	Monthly health and well being workshops, each lasting 3 and a half hours, incorporating social and therapeutic activities. The activities include singing, chair and keep fit exercises, poetry, discussions of topics like mental health, diabetes and healthy eating and group sessions to encourage older women to express themselves, develop self-confidence and raise their self-esteem. Funding to pay for nine workshops (refreshments, volunteers, therapist, a band to lead the singing, disposable plates, cups, etc and travel expenses).	Brickworks Community Centre, 42 Crouch Hill	May 2022 to January 2023 (9 monthly sessions)	Older people and other adults	70 (of whom 50 are from Islington)	1,223	2,691	£1436 21-22 Tollington LIF	The amount requested is £2,691. £1,436 awarded in March 2022. The total amount now allocated to this project is £2,659.
Tollington	The Toy Project on behalf of the Kiver Road and Fortnam Road jubilee party	Street party celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee bringing together the residents of Kiver Road and Fortnam Road. Funding to pay for a sound system, DJ and a mic for an open mic / live show.	Kiver Road and Fortnam Road	Sunday 5 June 2022	Local residents	200	500	500	Not applicable	
Tufnell Park	Brecknock Road Estate Tenants & Residents Association (BRETRA)	Involve children in planting, and maintenance of existing plants, on Brecknock Road Estate. Last year they organised gardening events that engaged approximately 30 children aged 2-13 in planting flowers and herbs in the previously derelict planters on the estate. They would like to continue the project this summer with additional planting and ongoing maintenance. Funding to pay for plants, containers and compost, slug repellents, children's gloves, small watering cans, children's trowels and stakes.	North and South Courtyards, Brecknock Road Estate	June to November 2022 - ongoing throughout the summer, with regular sessions depending on weather	Residents of Brecknock Road Estate	Approx. 500 (i.e. all residents from 190 dwellings)	254.88	254.88	Not applicable	
Tufnell Park	LBI Estate Services on behalf of Penderyn and Trecastle TRA	Funding for greening Penderyn Way. Soil is needed for three new large planters so there is enough soil to sustain plants. Additional plants will fill in areas where plants have died and areas where they did not have enough plants to fill the space initially. The space is being designed by the community and there will be a garden planting street party in September / October to plant up the new planters. Funding to pay for soil and additional plants.	Penderyn Way N7	September 2022 to February 2023	Local residents	250 live on Penderyn Way N7	2,000	5,000	£3,000 TRA funds (plants for the new planters)	

WARD PARTNERSHIP MEETING COSTS APPROVED BY THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF FAIRER TOGETHER (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

Ward	Organisation	Project Summary	Location	Timescale	Areas / Residents to Benefit	Number of Residents to Benefit	Budget Proposal Amount (£)	Project Total (£)	Match Funding Details	Fairer Together Comments
Junction	LBI Junction Ward Partnership	Junction Ward Partnership meeting held in person at Girdlestone Community Centre. The meeting focussed on the Islington Greener Together Initiative, an update on local planning issues (an update on the Vorley Road development), Green Spaces Redevelopment and a discussion of the council's proposals to tackle anti-social behaviour. Funding to pay for room hire for two hours and refreshments.	Girdlestone Community Centre, 151 Salisbury Walk, N19 5DX	17 March 2022	Local residents	15	51.05	51.05	Not applicable	This grant was awarded in 2021-22 by all three Junction councillors so was taken from their 21-22 budget.

PROJECT CHANGES APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR HOMES AND COMMUNITIES IN JULY 2022 (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

Ward	Organisation	Project Summary	Location	Timescale	Areas / Residents to Benefit	Number of Residents to Benefit	Budget Proposal Amount (£)	Project Total (£)	Match Funding Details	Fairer Together Comments
Barnsbury	LBI Greenspace on behalf of Friends of Joseph Grimaldi Park	The store for the Friends of Grimaldi Park needs its roof mended as it has begun to leak. The store holds equipment for fun days and workshops in the park that attract all members of the community including members of the Bangladeshi Community and Algerian/North African community. Funding to pay for the necessary metal works to be carried out.	Joseph Grimaldi Park	July to October 2022	Park visitors	Hundreds of people when events and workshops are run	1,624.22	1,624.22	Not applicable (if there is a price rise due to supply issues Greenspace will cover these costs)	£1,624.22 awarded in March 2018 to healthy lifestyle seminars in Joseph Grimaldi Park in partnership with Greenspace. These didn't take place.
Junction	The Toy Project	Lego therapy sessions for older people who are referred to them by Age UK. The sessions are designed for small groups to work together on creating a small LEGO figure/building etc. By hosting this activity over lunch time and providing a meal for all members of the session, this increases the social aspect and allows people to enjoy the time together as a group and form friendships, in conjunction with Age UK's aims. Funding to pay for lunches for all members of the sessions for ten weeks.	The Playroom, 99 Junction Road, N19 5QX	10 February to 14 April 2022 (one 2 hour session per week on Thursdays)	Older people aged 50+	12 weekly (120)	350	350	Not applicable	£350 awarded in November 2019 for ten sessions of Lego therapy for adults aged 60+ - the funding was to pay for two trained Lego therapists and refreshments.

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St Mary	Little Angel Theatre	A smaller more focussed event targeting the residents of the Sebbon Street Estate. This is where Little Angel Studios is based and where they run their community programme – working with the residents on the estate. The event was a community day/play street – where Sebbon Street was closed to cars on Sunday 27 March. The event consisted of an outdoor street fair with face painting, small puppet shows, craft activities, refreshments and a chance for local residents to spend a day out with their family on their doorstep, entirely free for the community and an opportunity to engage new families with our longer term community programme. Funding to pay for two puppetry workshop leaders, crafting materials for the puppet workshops and two workshop assistants.	Sebbon Street, N1 2EH	27 March 2022	Residents of the Sebbon Street Estate and the neighbouring streets	150 to 200	660	2,600	£1,500 The Ernst Hecht Foundation	£660 awarded in April 2020 to their Summer Party which draws a large audience from across the borough and which was due to take place in September 2020. The event didn't take place due to Covid-19.

Total LIF funding requested and balance remaining

Total Local Initiatives Fund budget allocation 2022-23:	£221,000
Total carried forward from previous LIF budgets / allocations:	£35,760
Total amount available to allocate:	£256,760
New proposals for July VCS Committee:	£86,888
Total amount remaining to allocate in 2022-23:	£169,872

2022-23 Balance remaining by ward:	
Ward	Balance:
Arsenal	£16,440
Barnsbury	£7,422
Bunhill	£7,132
Caledonian	£11,792
Canonbury	£9,025
Clerkenwell	£6,372
Finsbury Park	£8,984
Highbury	£15,539
Hillrise	£6,125
Holloway	£4,445
Junction	£11,599
Laycock	£9,977
Mildmay	£7,303
St Mary's & St James'	£9,918
St Peter's & Canalside	£9,267
Tollington	£9,669
Tufnell Park	£18,863
	£169,872

Notes:

Includes £5,679 from previous LIF allocations / budgets

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Includes £1,608 from previous LIF allocations / budgets

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Report of: Executive Member for Homes & Communities

Meeting of: Voluntary & Community Sector Committee

Date: 25 July 2022

Ward(s): All

Subject: Islington Council's Queen's Platinum Jubilee Fund 2022

1. Synopsis

- 1.1. Her Majesty The Queen celebrated her Platinum Jubilee over the extended bank holiday from 2 – 5 June 2022. Islington Council launched the Queen's Jubilee Fund to support events in the borough during the extended bank holiday that brought residents together and enabled them to enjoy and celebrate the occasion. The total amount available in funding was £34,080 to be distributed across the borough to organisations and resident groups.
- 1.2. This report sets out the organisations approved for funding as set out in Appendix 1 for information purposes.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. To note the funding decisions made by a steering group led by the Environment & Regeneration Directorate in relation to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Fund as set out in Appendix 1, for information.

3. Background

- 3.1. Islington Council coordinated efforts to launch the Queen's Jubilee fund in April 2022 with the intention of supporting events and activities taking place over the extended bank holiday week 2-5 June 2022.
- 3.2. This involved teams from the across the council working to develop and establish application and assessment processes for events and activities which would take place in community settings, on estates, in parks and on streets across the borough.
- 3.3. The grant fund was launched on 23 March for applications and was promoted via a dedicated webpage for the Jubilee, as well as through various communications channels. The fund closed on the 10 April.
- 3.4. A total of £600 was available per event (except in exceptional circumstances i.e. where community groups came together to run a joint event) and organisations were required to complete an application form, obtain liability insurance and provide a risk assessment ahead of being awarded funding.

4. Funding Process and Grant Awards

- 4.1. The Communities team worked alongside the Estate Services, Parks and Road Safety Teams to coordinate the assessment of applications and review the necessary permissions which are required to ensure public safety. Risk assessment checks were also in place and this enabled teams to have an overall picture of activity across the borough. This ensured that any road closures and event notices were in place and council staff were able to support the delivery of events if required.
- 4.2. A total of 63 applications were received from resident groups and voluntary and community organisations across the borough requesting funding for various activities ranging from tea parties, fun days, street parties, estate events and a football tournament. These took place in various locations from community centres, on housing estates, in local parks and gardens and in day centres.
- 4.3. One event was cancelled and one application was withdrawn, this meant that a total of 61 applications totalling a funding spend of £33,044.98 were approved for funding (details of the events can be found at Appendix 1).
- 4.4. Decisions on funding were made by the Environment and Regeneration Directorate with input from the Communities, Estate Services, Parks and Road

Safety Teams. This funding has now been distributed and events have taken place.

- 4.5. Feedback received from grantees was extremely positive reflecting that the funding enabled activities to take place across different locations in the borough, demonstrating the breadth of community activity which involved thousands of Islington residents.

5. Implications

5.1. Financial Implications

- 5.2. The Council launched the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Fund to support events in the borough during the extended bank holiday that brought residents together and enabled them to enjoy and celebrate the occasion. The total amount allocated to the fund was £34,080.

- 5.3. This was partially funded by a core-funded budget £25,000 contribution from Planning and Development. An additional £1,080 was provided by the Community Development budget, which is restricted specifically for estate activities.

- 5.4. The remaining £8,000 was funded by corporate partners Jewson's, from their social value fund which was allocated to Council estate events during the Platinum Jubilee.

5.5. Legal Implications

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

5.7. Environmental Implications and contribution to achieving a net zero carbon Islington by 2030

- 5.8. Several of the grants being awarded will fund activities with an environmental impact. These include purchase of materials and food, use of energy and water and travel by event attendees. However, some will have positive impacts that include improving biodiversity by bringing together gardening groups and residents in a local area to utilise green spaces such as parks and gardens across the borough.

5.9. Equalities Impact Assessment

- 5.9.1. The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.
- 5.9.2. An Equalities Impact Assessment is not required in relation to this report, because this was a short term programme of funding for borough wide events over a specific time period which enabled residents and groups to come together across the protected characteristics. This included funding for day centres in the borough, activities on housing estates and in community settings.

6. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

- 6.1. Through the Queen's Jubilee Fund, Islington Council has been able to support local community activity for a wide range of residents and communities in a range of locations across Islington. In particular enabling residents who would not otherwise have been able to celebrate by working in partnership to organise estate activities, events in parks and ensuring road closures for street parties. The result was a bank holiday weekend filled with celebrations taking place in over 60 areas of the borough and engaging thousands of residents.

Appendices:

Appendix 1 - Approved Grant Awards for Queen's Platinum Jubilee Fund 2022

Final report clearance:

Signed by:



Executive Member for Homes & Communities

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Appendix 1: Queen's Jubilee Fund Awards 2022

Organisation name	Event name	Event Location	Date/Time	Number of Approximate Attendees	Funding Amount
Chestnuts Community Hall	The Chestnuts & Amberleigh Celebrate the Queen's Jubilee	In the communal garden in the chestnuts estate	Friday 3rd June	60-80	£600.00
Cally Estate TRA	Cally Estate TRA Queens Jubilee Children's Party	On the estate in the playground area	Sat 4 June 2022 Noon until 5pm	40-80	£500.00
Hilldrop Community Centre	Jubilations!	Hilldrop Estate	Wednesday 1st June 2:30 – 7:30pm	150	£600.00
Hornsey Lane Community Association	Hornsey Lane Estate Platinum Jubilee Party	Hornsey Lane Estate	Thursday 2nd June 11am to 5pm estate family party, 6- 9pm in the community centre	250	£600.00
Help on Your Doorstep (on behalf of New River Green Good Neighbours Scheme)	New River Green's Good Neighbours Scheme Jubilee Celebration	Canonbury Crescent Estate	Wednesday, the 25th of May from 12pm to 4pm	70-90	£600.00
Help on Your Doorstep (on behalf of Bemerton Good Neighbours Scheme)	Bemerton's Good Neighbours Scheme Jubilee Celebration	York Way Estate	26th of May from 12noon to 4pm.	30-40	£300.00
Hawthorne Close TRA	Hawthorne Close Jubilee Party	Hawthorne Close Estate	Saturday 4th June 2pm-6pm	80-150	£1,238.94

Pleydell Management Organisation (TMO)	Queens' Jubilee Estate Fun Day	Pleydell Estate	Saturday 4th June 2022. 1.00pm to 6.00pm	200	£600.00
King Square TRA	King Square Queen's Platinum Jubilee Event	Kings Square Community Centre	Saturday 5th June 2:00 – 6:00pm	100-150	£600.00
Finsbury Estate TRA	Finsbury Estate Jubilee Party	Finsbury Estate	Sunday 5th June 2pm		£600.00
Barnsbury Housing Association	BHA Platinum Jubilee Lunch	Top site on Morland Mews N1 1HN	Sunday 5th June – 1pm – 4pm	150	£600.00
Andover CC	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Community Picnic	Andover Community Centre	Saturday 4th June 2022, 12noon -4pm		£600.00
Quaker Court Tenant Management Association	Quaker Court TMO Queens Platinum Jubilee Tea Party	Quaker Court Estate	12 midday to 4.00 p.m. on Sunday, 5 June	80-100	£600.00
Fleece Walk residents (via Camden Estate Community Food Garden)	Fleece Walk Platinum Jubilee Cream Tea	Shearling Way	Thursday 2nd June 2- 8pm	34 residential homes and families	£600.00
Drummond Way Residents Group (via Y&Y Management Ltd)	Drummond Way Platinum Jubilee Party	Drummond Way	3rd June from midday onward	50-100	£600.00
Harry Western Cooperative	Queen's Jubilee Party	Estate of Cowdenheath Path	Friday 3rd June at 3pm	50	£350.00

Miranda Estate TMO	Miranda Jubilee Party in the Park	Miranda Estate Park	Thursday 2nd June 2-4pm	100-150	£600.00
Half Moon Crescent Tenants' Co-op	Half Moon Crescent Co-op Queens Platinum Jubilee party	Half Moon Estate	Friday, 3rd June, 2-6pm	200	£600.00
Harvist Estate TRA	Harvist Estate - The Queen's Jubilee Fun Day Celebration	Harvist Estate	Friday 3rd or Saturday 4th June between 11:00 – 16:00	250	£530.00
Nailour Tenants Association	Queen's Jubilee Party Picnic	Nailour Estate	Friday 3rd June 1-5pm	150+	£600.00
Mildmay Street TRA	Mildmay Jubilee Party	Mildmay Street	Friday 3rd June Time: 2-6pm	40-50	£430.00
Goodinge Community Centre	Jubilee Party	Goodinge Community Centre	Thursday 2nd June & Friday 3rd June	250	£500.00
Hungerford Road residents	Hungerford Road Platinum Jubilee Street Party	48-62 Hungerford Road	2 June 2022 from 14.00-17.00	120	£600.00
Friends of Marriott Road	Marriott Road + Stonest Street Jubilee Festivities	Mariott Road and Stonest Street	Sunday 5th June 11-4pm	70-100	£600.00
Chatterton Road residents (via Elizabeth House)	Chatterton Road Summer Jubilee Street Party	Chatterton Road	Sunday 12th June, 2-5pm	100	£555.00
Islington Street Associations	Street Associations' Queen's Jubilee Street Party	Elizabeth Avenue	Sunday 5 June 1-6pm	60-80	£600.00

Highbury Hill residents (via Friends of Gillespie Park)	Highbury Hill Platinum Jubilee Street Party	Highbury Hill	Sunday 5th June from 10:00 a.m – 7:00 p.m (approx.)	200	£600.00
St Thomas the Apostle Finsbury Park	Jubilee open day at St Thomas's	St Thomas' Church	Saturday 4th June, 12 noon until 4pm	100-200	£600.00
The Arc	The Queen's Jubilee Street Party	The Arc Community Centre	June 5th, 12pm - 6pm	400	£600.00
Arlington Association	Arlington Square Platinum Jubilee Community Party	Arlington Square Gardens	Saturday 4th June 1.30pm to 5.00pm	200	£590.00
Caledonian Park Friends Group	Caledonian Park Jubilee Picnic	Caledonian Park	Sunday 5th June, 12noon to 4pm	200	£545.00
Friends of King Square Gardens	King Square Gardens Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebration	Park	Friday 4th June 2022 from 14:00 – 18:00	300	£600.00
Friends of Wilton Square	Friends of Wilton Square Platinum Jubilee Party	Wilton Square	Sunday June 5th 1-4pm	100-150	£600.00
St Mary's Church	Jubilee Family Fun Day	St Mary's Church	Saturday 4th June 14:00-17:00	900-1000	£600.00
St James' Church	Jubilee on the Green	St James' Church	Sunday 5th June 1pm-5pm	300	£600.00

Islington Borough Ladies Football Club	Islington Jubilee Cup	Whittington Park pitch	6 separate competitions, involving 7-aside games on the 3G astro pitch. Team will be made of from our own players, and other local/nearby women & girls teams that we invite. We would have approx. 4-6 teams/35-60 players at each event.	40 per event (160-240 total)	£600.00
Awesome ELM CIC	Platinum Jubilee Celebration	Waterside Adventure Playground	Saturday 4th June 11-4	50+	£600.00
Awesome ELM CIC	Barnard's Jubilee Fun Day!	Barnard Adventure Playground	Friday 3rd June 12-4	80-100	£600.00
The Spitz Charitable Trust	Celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with The Spitz	Bridgeside Lodge Care Home	Thursday 2nd of June 1pm until 4.30pm	150-200	£600.00
All Change	Jubilee Block Party	Mildmay Street Extra Care Housing (Notting Hill Genesis), Mildmay Street	Sunday 5 June 2022 – 2-6pm	50-75	£600.00
Caxton House	Caxton House Jubilee Celebration	Caxton House	Sunday 5th June 2022, 12pm-3pm	120	£600.00
Mercers' House Residents Group	Mercers House Queen's Platinum Jubilee Party	Mercers House	Thursday June 2nd approximately	60 plus family members	£400.00

			4.30pm through to 8.30pm		
St Lukes CC	St Luke's Platinum Jubilee Party	St Luke's Community Centre	12-4pm, Wednesday 1st June	100-200	£600.00
Manor Gardens Welfare Trust	Now and then – a Manor Gardens celebration for the Jubilee	Manor Gardens Welfare Trust Garden	Monday 6th June	40 refugees, 40 children 0-5, 20 staff	£600.00
Highbury Roundhouse	Highbury Roundhouse Jubilee Party	Highbury Roundhouse	Wednesday 1st June from 1:00 – 4:00pm	100-150	£500.00
Chabad Lubavitch of Islington	Jubilee Shabbat Lunch	Jewish Islington Community Centre, 1 Elliott's Place, London N1 8HX	Sunday 4 June 2022, 12:00-14:00	30	£600.00
Friends of Lumpy Hill	Lumpy Hill Jubilee Party	Lumpy Hill Adventure Playground	Wednesday 1st June, 1pm – 4:30pm (arts and crafts from 10:30am)	50 children. The young people who attend the playground tend to be from disadvantaged/minority backgrounds. Many are LAC, CIN, or SEND etc.	£364.04
King Henry's Walk Adventure playground (via Awesome CIC)	King Henry's Walk, Diamond Jubilee Celebration	King Henry's Walk Adventure Playground	Friday 03/06/2022		£600.00
Hillside Clubhouse	Hillside Queens's Jubilee Afternoon Tea Party	Caledonian Park	Wednesday 1st June from 1.30 to 4pm	50	£500.00

Wenlake TMO	Estate party to celebrate HRH Platinum Jubilee	Wenlake Estate – in the Children’s Play Area	4th June - 3pm	30	£542.00
Kelli Corney/ Cloudesley Street Residents	Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebration on Cloudesley	On Cloudesley Street between Cloudesley Place and Cloudesley Square	2-Jun	100	£600.00
Caledonian Road Traders Association	Caledonian Road Traders Association Platinum Jubilee street party.	263 Caledonian Road	2nd June 2022 between 5pm and 7pm	40-80	£600.00
Islington Chinese Association	Happy Platinum Reign	ICA CC & Car park	2 June 1-5pm	300	£600.00
In House Provider Services	Alsen, HNP	In main hall	1/6/2022		£300.00
In House Provider Services	Outlook	Dining Room & Garden	1/6/2022		£300.00
In House Provider Services	Daylight	In the building and Garden			£300.00
In House Provider Services	Spectrum	In the building and Garden	1/6/2022		£300.00
In House Provider Services	Supported Living	Garden or indoors on site	3/6/2022		£300.00
In House Provider Services	King Henry's Walk	KHW's Garden	3/6/2022		£300.00

In House Provider Services	Orchard Close	In the building and Garden	3/6/2022		£300.00
In House Provider Services	Wray Ct	In the building and Garden	1/6/2022		£300.00
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Report of: Executive Member for Homes & Communities

Meeting of: Voluntary & Community Sector Committee

Date: 25 July 2022

Ward(s): All

Subject: Islington Council's Community Chest - Round Three Grant Awards 2021/22

1. Synopsis

- 1.1. Small voluntary and community organisations play an important role in Islington, helping to build community resilience and supporting residents who are experiencing poverty and isolation. Islington Council's Community Chest (ICCC), one of the borough's most popular grant programmes, has proved to be a very effective way of funding grassroots activity and developing the capacity of local groups.
- 1.2. This report sets out the organisations approved by Islington Council's Community Chest Panel for the third round of funding for 2021/22.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. To note the funding decisions made by Islington Council's Community Chest Panel in relation to the third round of ICCC grant funding for 2021/22, as set out in Appendix 1.

3. Background

- 3.1. ICCC is a partnership between Islington Council and Cripplegate Foundation. It is a small grants programme that funds grassroots activity and brings additional capacity building, networking and development support to local voluntary and community organisations. By providing resources for local groups ICCC helps to build community resilience and to tackle poverty and isolation.
- 3.2. ICCC is available to local organisations with a turnover of no more than £100,000 per year – in most cases less than £50,000 per year. Organisations can apply for one grant of up to £5,000 per year. The priority is to support applications from the most deprived areas of the borough with a focus on the following themes:
 - Advice and support
 - Improving community safety
 - Making Islington a more environmentally sustainable place to live
 - Reducing isolation and increasing people's involvement in the community
 - Educating people and improving their skills and employability
 - Improving people's mental and physical health
- 3.3. Community Chest programmes in Islington have been successfully managed by Cripplegate Foundation for many years. Under current grant funding arrangements, agreed by VCS Committee in March 2015, the Council provides funding of £200,000 per year and Cripplegate Foundation adds £50,000 per year (from which £36,000 per year is deducted to cover the costs of administering and developing the programme). In addition, Cripplegate Foundation has committed up to £2,500 a year towards the costs of holding an annual celebration event to promote the achievements and impact of activity supported through ICCC.
- 3.4. Applications to the ICCC are considered by the Islington Council Community Chest Panel, (ICCCP) which meets three times a year. The ICCCP is Chaired by the Executive Member for Homes and Communities and consists of two nominated ward Councillors, representatives from Cripplegate Foundation and representatives from the Voluntary and Community Sector, nominated by the Islington Community Network.
- 3.5. The ICCCP also considers issues of wider relevance to the local voluntary and community sector and reviews priorities annually to ensure that the programme continues to meet the needs of Islington's most vulnerable and isolated residents. In addition, panellists track application trends and identify any gaps in the programme that should be addressed.

- 3.6. In April 2017 VCS Committee decided to transfer full responsibility to ICCCP regarding confirming the awarding of grants to VCS Organisations, rather than being required to decide on recommendations made by the panel. This change has helped to streamline the decision-making process and reduce delays in notifying VCS organisations of the outcome of their applications. The Council's interests are protected by having the Executive Member for Homes and Communities as Chairperson of the ICCCP. The VCS Committee continues to receive reports to note decisions made by ICCCP in respect of awards through the programme. However, the Council has reserved the right to adjust this arrangement if deemed necessary.

4. Round Three Grant Awards 2021/22

- 4.1. The third round of ICCCP was widely advertised through Voluntary Action Islington's e-news and Cripplegate Foundation's contacts and website. An email was also sent to all previous applicants from the past five years to raise awareness of the deadline and to encourage further applications. All ICCCP publicity encourages groups to directly contact Cripplegate Foundation for an informal conversation prior to submitting an application.
- 4.2. Eighteen applications for funding were received in this round, requesting a total of £79,465. One application was ineligible for funding (due to having already applied during the previous 12 months) leaving a total of 17 applications for the Panel to consider. £88,795 was available to allocate (£71,334 from the current round plus £11,456 allocated from last years underspend, plus £1,005 underspend from previous round and £5,000 reallocated from a withdrawn offer).
- 4.3. The Panel reviewed 17 eligible applications and agreed 16 projects for funding (including the deferred applications from FIT Women and Reanella Trust from the previous round) totalling £74,565. Fourteen projects were agreed for funding at the amount requested, while the Panel agreed with the recommendation to fund one project over two years. This means that 82% of considered applications are agreed funding. Four (24%) of applications for consideration are from first-time applicants and four applications agreed funding are from groups that have not previously received funding (including one that has previously applied).

5. Implications

5.1. Financial Implications

- 5.2. The Council's grant funding of £200,000 per year referred to in this report has been met from existing budgets allocated to ICCCP in the Housing General Fund.

5.3. Due to the reduction in the number of applications over the past year an underspend from the 2020/21 budget of £34,369 was carried forward into the current 2021/22 year. This means that an additional £11,456 has been allocated to each of the three rounds this year. As this is the final round for 2021/22 any underspend at the end of this year will be carried over into the first round for 2022/23. The current level of funds available for allocation in the current round is £88,795 (£71,334 from the current round plus £11,456 allocated from last year underspend, plus £1,005 underspend from previous round and £5,000 reallocated as a result of an offer from a previous round being withdrawn due to lack of contact).

5.4. £14,230 underspend from this round will now be carried forward into the new 2022/23 year, and there will be no adverse financial implications borne by the Council as a result of this funding round.

5.5. **Legal Implications**

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

5.7. **Environmental Implications and contribution to achieving a net zero carbon Islington by 2030**

5.8. Several of the grants being awarded will fund activities with an environmental impact. These include purchase of materials and food, use of energy and water and travel by event attendees. However, some will have positive impacts that include improving biodiversity. There is also now a theme dedicated to making Islington a more environmentally sustainable place to live which encourages organisations to apply to the fund with projects which will have a positive impact and will build on the ambition to achieve net zero carbon Islington by 2030.

5.9. **Equalities Impact Assessment**

5.9.1. The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant

protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.

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

6. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

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

Appendices:

Appendix 1 - Approved Grant Awards for ICCC: Round Three 2021/22

Final report clearance:

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Appendix 1: Approved Grant Awards for ICCC: Round Three 2021/22

Organisation	Project / Activity	Proposed Grant Award (£)
Advise and Support People		
Islington Turkish, Kurdish and Cypriot Women's Welfare Group	Advice Connect Service for BAME women	£5,000.00
MerryGoRound	MerryGoRound	£3,865.00
The Hive Food Bank	The Hive Food Bank	£5,000.00
Educate and improve peoples skills and employment		
Reanella Trust (deferred but subsequently funded)	Resilience Recovery and Relief	£3,700.00
Making Islington a more sustainable place to live		
Friends of Pooles Park (2 year funding agreed)	Naturehood for our Neighbourhood Community Project	£10,000.00
Improve People's Mental and / or Physical Health		
Ball Out Community	Ball Out 3x3 Coaching	£1,700.00
The Dynamic Autism Group	SUMMER CAMP	£5,000.00
Islington Panthers Basketball	Covid return	£5,000.00
CULPEPER COMMUNITY GARDEN	Digging and Walking for Health	£4,900.00
Isledon Wolves	Football Kit	£1,000.00
FIT Women (deferred from previous round)	Pilates, Zumba and healthy eating	£5,000.00
Reduce Isolation and Increase People's Involvement in the Community		

Go Africa CIC	The Go Africa Community Hub	£4,475.00
Finsbury and Clerkenwell Volunteers	The ongoing delivery of our services	£5,000.00
Creative Opportunities	Creative Opportunities Core Costs	£5,000.00
Cally Connects Us	Cally Stories.	£5,000.00
Chorley Community Church	Chorley Sports Club	£4,925.00
Total		74,565.00

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Report of Executive Member for Homes and Communities

Meeting of Voluntary and Community Sector Committee

Date: July 2022

Ward(s): Caledonian

Jean Stokes Community Centre: Allocation of Office Space to Voluntary Sector Organisations

1. Synopsis

- 1.1. Jean Stokes Community Centre, a council-managed estate-based community facility in Caledonian ward, is being improved through investment from the council and the GLA as part of the [‘We are Cally’](#) programme. The works will bring currently disused parts of the building back into use, creating improved spaces for the delivery of a range of activities and services for local people, and offices for voluntary and community sector organisations.
- 1.2. The Communities team have run an open and competitive process to identify voluntary sector organisations to be based in the improved facility when it reopens in September 2022, who will contribute to meeting the needs and priorities of residents of Bemerton Estate and the wider Cally area. This paper outlines the assessment panel’s recommendations to license office space at Jean Stokes Community Centre to four voluntary sector organisations.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. To note the intention to award licenses to the following voluntary sector organisations for use of office space at Jean Stokes Community Centre from September 2022:
 - Age UK Islington
 - Asperger London Area Group - The Autism Hub Camden and Islington
 - Help on Your Doorstep
 - Stuart Low Trust

Reasons for Recommendations

- 2.2. The four organisations provide services which help improve outcomes for Islington residents. They will contribute to an engaging offer from the community centre for residents of Bemerton Estate and the surrounding area. This includes targeted services that help when people need it, such as peer support, one-to-one support and casework. It also includes activities available to all residents that bring people together with a shared purpose, for example arts and creative activities, exercise and wellbeing sessions, social activities and community meals.
- 2.3. The recommended organisations will help meet aspirations for the area laid out in the [We are Cally Community Plan](#). Collectively, the four organisations contribute to all five key thematic areas of the We are Cally Community Plan.
- 2.4. The organisations will help tackle inequality, providing services for residents with protected characteristics and those experiencing socio-economic disadvantage. This includes specialist support to older residents, those experiencing mental and physical health difficulties, and neuro-diverse adults.
- 2.5. All recommended organisations have committed to working collaboratively with residents, reaching and involving the Cally's diverse communities, as well as with other organisations based in the centre, the council and other local partners. This supports the collaborative, partnership approach central to We are Cally and the Fairer Together programme.

3. Background

We are Cally

- 3.1. In December 2018, the council was awarded £350,000 from the Mayor of London's Good Growth Fund, matched by £1m of council investment, for a place-based demonstrator project in the Caledonian Road area. The 'We are Cally' programme is reviewing the use and design of public assets in Cally to support key outcomes for Islington's communities, primarily around employability, skills, connectedness and cohesion.
- 3.2. Improvements to two council buildings in the area, West Library and Jean Stokes Community Centre, will create modern and engaging public spaces that provide civic space, encourage connectedness and community engagement, and provide services that residents need.
- 3.3. The We are Cally programme is framed by the We are Cally Community Plan 2021-24, which lays out the aspirations of people living and working in Cally

across five key thematic areas, and the actions that will be taken to realise these. The plan provides detail on how partners will work together to:

- create more opportunities for children, young people and families so that young people in Cally get the best possible start in life
- boost the local economy by supporting businesses and helping people into training and work
- strengthen community connections and a shared sense of belonging
- make Cally a greener place, with attractive open spaces that are used by everyone
- improve health and wellbeing and tackle poor air quality

Jean Stokes Community Centre

- 3.4. Jean Stokes Community Centre is a council-managed Housing Revenue Account facility located on the Bemerton Estate in Caledonian ward, south Islington. It is a resource for residents of the estate and surrounding areas.
- 3.5. Improvements to the centre as part of the We are Cally programme are bringing disused space back into use and improving accessibility, in order to create a vibrant centre which is a hub for community life. The centre will be an important part of the social infrastructure of the Cally – the physical spaces, networks and relationships that support the community to be connected, resilient and inclusive.
- 3.6. The redesign of the community centre has been informed by extensive engagement with residents and with organisations and services who are current or potential users of the space. This has clearly demonstrated that residents and local organisations want Jean Stokes Community Centre to become a drop-in community centre with an enhanced programme of activities and events.
- 3.7. The improved Jean Stokes Community Centre will provide office space at below market rent exclusively for local voluntary sector groups.

Premises Allocation Process

- 3.8. One of the ways in which the council supports Islington's voluntary and community sector is through the provision of office and delivery space below market rates. This is intended to support not-for-profit organisations, defined as organisations that reinvest any surpluses to further social, cultural or environmental objectives.
- 3.9. An open and competitive applications process was run to identify suitable tenants to occupy the available office space at Jean Stokes Community Centre.
- 3.10. Applications for use of office space at Jean Stokes Community Centre were assessed against minimum standards, suitability and award criteria. Organisations were asked to demonstrate how they would address priorities of the We are Cally

Community Plan; contribute to an engaging programme of services and activities that improves outcomes for residents of Bemerton Estate and the wider area; and work collaboratively with residents, and with the council and other local partners.

4. Implications

4.1. Financial Implications

- 4.1.1. The Housing Revenue Account has allowed for £900,000 of investment for improvement works at Jean Stokes Community Centre. Works are on-going with a total of £295,000 spent as of 2021/22.
- 4.1.2. One of the ways the council supports the voluntary section is to provide office and delivery space at below market rate when a suitable premises becomes available. This is intended to support not-for-profit organisations, defined as organisations that reinvest any surpluses to further social, cultural or environmental objectives. Given the demand for affordable office space in the borough, allocations processes are run on an open and competitive basis.
- 4.1.3. In order to allocate office space at Jean Stokes Community Centre, all four organisations completed an application as part of an open process. Part of that process was to demonstrate their financial viability and a commitment to paying all staff the London Living Wage as a minimum. All organisations demonstrated in their application the social value they will provide in order to offset forgone rent; monitoring of social value will be part of the annual monitoring which is a condition of the license to occupy.
- 4.1.4. Each of the four organisations recommended currently receive funding from the council either through commissioning or core grant funding. Offering rent at below market value allows more of that funding to be used in delivering services and activities to benefit residents.
- 4.1.5. The rent charged to voluntary sector organisations will contribute to meeting the overall running costs of the community centre, which is being run on a not-for-profit basis.

4.2. Legal Implications

- 4.2.1. The Council has power to provide office space under Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011, which provision confers a general power of competence on the Council to do anything for the benefit of its area or person's resident or present in its area.
- 4.2.2. Officers should ensure that each of the successful organisations signs the necessary Licence to Occupy (or Tenancy At Will, as the case may be); Legal Services Property Team should be consulted for the relevant documents to be prepared.
- 4.2.3. As this is a land transaction and of relatively low financial value it is not affected by the Procurement Regulations or the Concession Contracts Regulations.
- 4.2.4. Assuming the selection process was fair and transparent there should be no risk of a successful legal challenge by any unsuccessful applicant.

- 4.2.5. The discount on market rates for the occupation fees is not a subsidy as the discount does not affect international trade; accordingly the Subsidy Control regulations are not applicable.
- 4.2.6. The grant of the Licenses (or Tenancies At Will) will need to be formally authorised in writing by the Corporate Director (or such other officer invested with the requisite delegated authority to do so).
- 4.3. **Environmental Implications and contribution to achieving a net zero carbon Islington by 2030**
- 4.3.1. The redesign of Jean Stokes Community Centre and the development of the lower ground floor to provide work space has been undertaken with regard for environmental implications and the goal of achieving a net zero Islington by 2030.
- 4.3.2. The waste management plan for the centre has been developed with the Waste and Recycling team in order to minimise the amount of residual waste.
- 4.3.3. There is no car parking provided at Jean Stokes Community Centre, and staff and residents are encouraged to walk, cycle or use public transport to get to the centre. There are good public transport links in the area and cycling parking is being provided as part of the redesign.
- 4.3.4. There are carbon and environmental impacts associated with the work of the four recommended organisations at the community centre, including the use of energy, water and consumable materials. However, some activities provided will have positive environmental impact, for example communal meals, gardening and growing activities and provision of advice to residents on energy efficiency at home.
- 4.4. **Equalities Impact Assessment**
- 4.4.1. The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.
- 4.4.2. An Equalities Impact Assessment is not required in relation to this report, as the recommendation will have a beneficial and desirable impact on people with protected characteristics and those who may be at a disadvantage in accessing opportunities or services, such as people from low-income households.
- 4.4.3. The four organisations recommended to occupy office space at Jean Stokes Community Centre provide services for residents with protected characteristics and those experiencing socio-economic disadvantage, including specialist support to older residents, those experiencing mental and physical health difficulties, and

neuro-diverse adults. Having these organisations based at Jean Stokes Community Centre will make it easier for residents living in and near Caledonian ward, including those with disabilities and other barriers to accessing services, to access services in their local area.

5. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

- 5.1. The committee is asked to note the intention to award licenses to Age UK, Help on Your Doorstep, Autism Hub and the Stuart Low Trust for use of office space at Jean Stokes Community Centre from September 2022. The four organisations will help realise aspirations for the area laid out in the We are Cally community plan, contribute to an offer of community activities and services that improves the quality of life of local residents, and help tackle inequality.

Appendices:

- None

Background papers:

- None

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