

**Voluntary and Community Sector Committee - 21 November 2023**

Minutes of the meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee held at Committee Room 4, Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 21 November 2023 at 6.30 pm.

**Present: Councillors: Error! No document variable supplied.**

**Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz in the Chair**

**31 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item 1)**

There were no apologies for absence.

**32 DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item 2)**

There were no declarations of substitute members.

**33 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)**

There were no declarations of interest.

**34 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2023 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

**35 LOCAL INITIATIVES FUND AWARDS (Item 5)**

Councillor O'Halloran, Executive Member for Homes and Communities introduced the report, which has been amended on submission as follows: paragraph 4.3 - Cllr Anjna Khurana is a trustee of Hanley Crouch Community Association that has been allocated £2,004.61 for a Tollington ward partnership fun day and £1780 for a women's pampering day on behalf of Cllr Saiqa Pandor

**RESOLVED:**

1. To note 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 Community Engagement and Wellbeing being satisfied that the necessary checks have been made and any other issues resolved.
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 4.3.

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3. To note the amendments to ward budgets resulting from project funding being returned. The amendments are detailed in Appendix B and are included in the budget summary on the last page of Appendix A.
4. To agree that no more than £1000 underspend per ward can be carried forward by councillors to 2024/25.
5. To continue with delegated authority to the Corporate Director Community Engagement and Wellbeing, in consultation with the Executive Member for Homes and Communities, to make changes to the use of previously awarded funding.
6. To note that further applications received for projects addressing the cost of living crisis will revert to being considered by councillors as the extra NLWA funding is now all exhausted

### **AGREED RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Reason for decision- as specified in the report

Other options considered – none

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensation granted - none

The meeting ended at 6.32 pm

### **CHAIR**