

Voluntary and Community Sector Committee - 26 March 2019

Minutes of the meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 26 March 2019 at 6.30 pm.

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

Councillor Richard Watts in the Chair

33 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item A1)**
Received from Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz and Councillor Anjna Khurana.

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

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

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

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2019 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

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

Members thanked the Ward Budget and Partnerships Officer and her Team for all their work in co-ordinating the Local Initiatives Fund to date. They noted that the total amount remaining for allocation in this financial year was just £2,971.

The Executive Member for Community Development undertook to write to all members of the Council to remind them of the deadlines for submission of applications in a timely fashion to alleviate pressure on the Team.

RESOLVED:

(a) That the proposals for funding under the Local Initiatives Fund submitted by Ward councillors and the changes to previous proposals, detailed in Appendix A (attached to these minutes) of the report of the Executive Member for Community Development, be approved in principle, subject to the Corporate Director of Housing being satisfied that the necessary checks have been made and any other issues resolved.

(b) That the declarations of interest made by councillors, detailed in paragraph 3.11 of the report, be noted.

(c) That the amendments to Ward budgets resulting from project funding being returned, as detailed in paragraph 3.12 and the final page of Appendix A of the report, be noted.

(d) That it be noted that the Executive Member for Community Development would write to members of the Council to remind them of the deadlines for submission of applications from the Local Initiatives Fund.

Reason for decision

To assist in developing and sustaining a healthy voluntary and community sector in Islington.

Other options considered

None.

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted

None.

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ISLINGTON COUNCIL VENUES: FREE COMMUNITY USE SCHEME ROUND TWO - SUMMER 2019 (Item B2)

RESOLVED:

(a) That one free hire of Islington Assembly Hall be allocated to the following organisations, between June and mid-September 2019:

- The BIG Alliance
- Yaram Arts

(b) That one free hire of the rooms at Islington Town Hall be made to each of the following organisations, between January and May 2019:

- Caris Islington
- Voluntary Action Islington (Volunteer Centre Islington)

(c) That the following applicant be held in reserve, in the event of the inability of the organisations named in resolution (a) above to negotiate appropriate dates and timings:

- Islington Mind

Reason for decision

The scheme provided an opportunity for the Council to support local organisations through free use of the Assembly Hall.

Other options considered

A total of ten applications were received and evaluated by officers.

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted

None.

The meeting ended at 6.40 pm

CHAIR