

Voluntary and Community Sector Committee - 21 July 2014

Minutes of the meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, London N1 2UD on 21 July 2014 at 6.00 pm.

Present: **Councillors:** Janet Burgess, Rakhia Ismail and Richard Watts

Observers: **Councillors:** Aysegul Erdogan

Councillor Richard Watts in the Chair

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item A1)

Received from Councillor Hull.

2 DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item A2)

Councillor Burgess substituted for Councillor Hull.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item A3)

Councillor Hull was present at the beginning of the meeting but, having declared a Discloseable Pecuniary Interest in agenda items B1 (Local Initiatives Fund) and B2 (Islington Community Chest grant awards – round one 2014/15), as a trustee of the organisation “Back 2 Basics”, he left the meeting.

Councillor Ismail also declared a Discloseable Pecuniary Interest in agenda items B1 (Local Initiatives Fund) and B2 (Islington Community Chest grant awards – round one 2014/15), as a trustee of the organisation “Back 2 Basics”, and left the room during consideration of those items.

4 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Item A4)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

5 LOCAL INITIATIVES FUND (Item B1)

A revised version of Appendix A was laid round, which set out full details of the bids received, which would be interleaved with the formal record of the meeting.

RESOLVED:

(a) That Local Initiatives Fund awards be approved as set out in revised Appendix A to the report of the Executive Member for Community Development and attached to these minutes, subject to the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy and Community Partnerships) being satisfied that all necessary checks have been made and any other issues resolved.

(b) That those Local Initiatives Fund applications received after 1 April 2014, approved under delegated authority to the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy and Community Partnerships and also detailed in Appendix A of the report, be noted.

(c) That, subject to the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy and Community Partnerships) being satisfied that all necessary checks have been made and any other issues resolved, authority be delegated to the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy and Community Partnerships) to agree the allocation of up to £1,000 each

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for funding proposals for summer events and activities, received prior to the next Committee meeting.

(e) That the amendments to the Ward budgets resulting from project funding being returned, detailed in Appendix A of the report, be also noted.

Reasons for decision

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

Other options considered

None.

Conflicts of interest/note of dispensations granted

None.

6 ISLINGTON COMMUNITY CHEST GRANT AWARDS - ROUND ONE 2014/15 (Item B2)

RESOLVED:

That Islington Community Chest grant awards be approved to the organisations detailed in Appendix A of the report of the Executive Member for Community Development.

Reason for decision

To enable funding to be directed towards meeting the needs of low income residents and disadvantaged communities.

Other options considered

None.

Conflicts of interest/note of dispensations granted

None.

7 SCRUTINY REVIEW - SUPPORTING THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR THROUGH PROCUREMENT - 12 MONTH REPORT BACK (Item C1)

RESOLVED:

That the action plan appended to the report of the Executive Member for Community Development and the Executive Member for Finance and Performance, detailing progress to date on the recommendations in the scrutiny report entitled "Supporting the local Voluntary and Community Sector in Islington through procurement", be noted.

Reasons for decision

To keep members informed of progress.

Other options considered

None.

Conflicts of interest/note of any dispensations granted

None.

The meeting closed at 6.05pm.

CHAIR