

**Voluntary and Community Sector Committee - 22 November 2021**

Minutes of the meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee held in the Council Chamber at Islington Town Hall, Upper Street, London N1 2UD at 6.30 pm.

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

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

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

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

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

None.

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

None.

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

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 September 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

**118      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 applications for funding for political activities and costs for individuals be not eligible for the Local Initiatives Fund.

(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 continued.

(e) 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.

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### 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

The meeting ended at 6.34 pm

**CHAIR**