

Voluntary and Community Sector Committee - 21 November 2022

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

Present: **Councillors:** Kaya Comer-Schwartz, Roulin Khondoker,
Una O'Halloran and Nurullah Turan

Observer: Councillor Jason Jackson

Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz in the Chair

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

Received from Councillor Anjna Khurana.

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

None.

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

None.

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

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2022 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

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

The Chair proposed an amendment to recommendation 2.1 of the report as follows, which was agreed:

Delete the words in line 1 "Executive Member for Homes and Communities" and replace with "Director of Fairer Together"

RESOLVED:

(a) That authority be delegated to the Director of Fairer Together to approve funding for proposals arising as a result of the cost of living crisis and that those awards be reported to the next meeting of the Committee at which Local Initiatives Fund awards are considered.

(b) That the new proposals and changes to previous proposals submitted by Ward councillors and detailed in Appendix A of the report of the Executive Member for Homes and Communities be approved in principle, subject to the Director of Fairer

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Together being satisfied that the necessary checks have been made and any outstanding issues resolved.

(c) That the declarations of interest made by councillors having a connection with organisations that they are recommending funding for, as detailed in paragraph 4.3 of the report, be noted.

(d) That the Director of Fairer Together be authorised to make changes to the use of previously awarded funding, with new applications to be considered by the Committee.

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. The approved proposals represented a wide range of activity and delivered significant benefits to local communities.

Other options considered – none

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted – none

The meeting ended at 6.40 pm

CHAIR