



**Report of: Assistant Chief Executive – Governance and Human Resources**

Meeting of	Date	Agenda Item	Ward(s)
Voluntary and Community Sector Committee	16 June 2016		n/a

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**Subject: MEMBERSHIP, TERMS OF REFERENCE AND DATES OF MEETINGS OF VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE in 2016/17**

## 1. Synopsis

To inform members of the remit of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee.

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 To note the membership of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee, appointed by the Executive on 19 May 2016, its terms of reference and dates of meetings for the municipal year 2016/17, as set out at Appendix A.

## 3. Background

- 3.1 The terms of reference of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee (as contained in Part 5 of the Council's Constitution) are set out at Appendix A. The quorum of the Committee is two Councillor members.
- 3.2 The membership and dates of meetings in 2016/17 are also set out at Appendix A for information.

## 4. Implications

### 4.1 Financial Implications

None.

## 4.2 Legal Implications

None.

## 4.3 Resident impact assessment

The Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The Council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The Council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.

A resident impact assessment has not been carried out since this report relates solely to the administrative arrangements for the Committee and will not impact upon residents.

## 4.4 Environmental Implications

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## 5. Conclusion and reasons for recommendation

The report is submitted to inform members of the remit of the Committee.

### Background papers:

Islington Council's Constitution

Programme of meetings

Final Report Clearance

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## 1. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2016/17

<u>Members</u>	<u>Substitutes</u>	<u>Observers</u>
	(all other members of the Executive)	
Councillor Richard Watts (Chair)	Councillor Janet Burgess MBE	Councillor Theresa Debono
Councillor Andy Hull	Councillor Joe Caluori	Councillor Mouna Hamitouche
Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz	Councillor Diarmaid Ward	Councillor Marian Spall
	Councillor Asima Shaikh	
	Councillor Claudia Webbe	

## 2. MEETING DATES (all at 6.30pm)

11 July 2016	19 September 2016	14 November 2016
23 January 2017	28 March 2017	

## 3. TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE

### Terms of Reference

1. To oversee the Council's engagement with the Islington community and voluntary sector and to ensure value for money and fairness in the allocation of Council resources to the sector.
2. To be responsible for the allocation of the Islington Community Fund including:
  - a. determining the Council's policy in relation to discretionary rate relief for charities and other non-profit making bodies and considering and approving applications for discretionary rate relief from the Discretionary Rate Relief Fund\*;
  - b. allocating the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Grants Fund;
  - c. allocating the Advice Fund;
  - d. allocating the Local Initiatives Fund, having regard to the recommendations of the relevant Ward members/relevant Ward Partnership or neighbourhood group and on the basis that the funding will be allocated equally among the 16 Wards making up the Council's area;
  - e. allocating the VCS Rescue Fund

\* If it considers it prudent to do so, the Committee may alter the overall allocations between the Discretionary Rate Relief Fund and the VCS Grants and Rescue Funds

3. To review and, if necessary, withdraw funding to organisations where there is a potential breach of conditions of grant aid and/or service level agreement

4. To consider the management, use and disposal of Council-owned buildings occupied by voluntary and community sector organisations and to agree the disposal or leasing of Council-owned properties to voluntary sector and community bodies, including where relevant, the rent to be set, save that decisions referred to in Part 3 4.4(j) may be taken by officers with the relevant delegated authority.
5. To approve the annual budget proposed for the London Councils' Grants Committee.
6. To make an annual report to the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee on its activities.