

# GRANTS DETERMINATION (CABINET) SUB- COMMITTEE

## MEMBERS

### Chair:

Councillor Candida Ronald (Cabinet Member for Resources and the Voluntary Sector)

Mayor John Biggs (Executive Mayor)

Councillor Asma Begum (Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Equalities)

Councillor Sirajul Islam (Statutory Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing)

### DEPUTIES:

Councillor Amina Ali (Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing)

Councillor Rachel Blake (Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Planning, Air Quality and Tackling Poverty)

Councillor David Edgar (Cabinet Member for Environment)

Councillor Danny Hassell (Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Young People)

Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman (Cabinet Member for Work and Economic Growth)

Councillor Sabina Akhtar (Cabinet Member for Culture, Arts and Brexit)

[The quorum for the meeting is 3 Members]

## MEETING DETAILS

**Wednesday, 11 September 2019 at 5.30 p.m.  
Committee Room One - Town Hall Mulberry Place**

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**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

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**3. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES**

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To confirm as a correct record of the proceedings the unrestricted minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019.

**4. CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS**

Consideration of any written comments received from members of the public in relation to any of the reports on the agenda.

[Any submissions should be sent to the clerk listed on the agenda front page by 5pm the day before the meeting]

**5. EXERCISE OF MAYORAL DISCRETIONS**

To note for information individual decisions relating to the award of grants that have been taken by the Mayor the last meeting.

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**7. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS  
CONSIDERED TO BE URGENT**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 6 November 2019. Meeting venue:  
Committee Room One - Town Hall Mulberry Place

# Agenda Item 2.

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**Further advice**

For further advice please contact:-

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## APPENDIX A: Definition of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

(Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, Reg 2 and Schedule)

Subject	Prescribed description
Employment, office, trade, profession or vacation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
Sponsorship	<p>Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the relevant authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by the Member in carrying out duties as a member, or towards the election expenses of the Member.</p> <p>This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.</p>
Contracts	<p>Any contract which is made between the relevant person (or a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest) and the relevant authority—</p> <p>(a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and</p> <p>(b) which has not been fully discharged.</p>
Land	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the relevant authority.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the relevant authority for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	<p>Any tenancy where (to the Member's knowledge)—</p> <p>(a) the landlord is the relevant authority; and</p> <p>(b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.</p>
Securities	<p>Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where—</p> <p>(a) that body (to the Member's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and</p> <p>(b) either—</p> <p>(i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or</p> <p>(ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.</p>

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**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**

**MINUTES OF THE GRANTS DETERMINATION (CABINET) SUB-COMMITTEE**

**HELD AT 5.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 3 JULY 2019**

**COMMITTEE ROOM ONE - TOWN HALL MULBERRY PLACE**

**Members Present:**

Mayor John Biggs (Chair)	(Executive Mayor)
Councillor Sirajul Islam (Member)	(Statutory Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing)
Councillor Sabina Akhtar (Substitute for Councillor Asma Begum)	(Cabinet Member for Culture, Arts and Brexit)

**Other Councillors Present:**

Councillor Tarik Khan

**Officers Present:**

Dr Somen Banerjee	(Director of Public Health)
Fiona Crehan	(High Streets and Town Centres Manager, Place)
David Freeman	(Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Strategy Manager)
Ellie Kershaw	(Tackling Poverty Programme Manager, Benefits)
Abdul Khan	(Service Manager - Energy & Sustainability)
Robert Mee	(Interim Voluntary & Community Sector Team Manager)
Katy McGinity	Strategy and Policy Officer
Michael Ritchie	(Place Shaping Team Leader, Strategic Planning)
Sarah Williams	(Legal Services, Governance)
Anna Zucchelli	(Heritage at Risk Projects Officer, Place)
Zoe Folley	(Committee Officer, Governance)

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from:

- Councillor Asma Begum
- Councillor Candida Ronald

**2. ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE SUB - COMMITTEE FOR 2019/20**

It was proposed by Mayor John Biggs and seconded by Councillor Sabina Akhtar and **RESOLVED**

That Councillor Candida Ronald be elected Chair of the Grants Determination Sub - Committee for the Municipal Year 2019/2020

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

No declarations of interest were reported.

**4. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 May 2019 were presented and approved as a correct record of proceedings.

**5. CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS**

There were no public submissions

**6. EXERCISE OF MAYORAL DISCRETIONS**

The Sub - Committee noted that, since the last meeting, the Mayor had taken no urgent decisions in the form of an Individual Mayoral Decision that related to grants.

**7. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**7.1 GRANTS DETERMINATION SUB-COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE, QUORUM, MEMBERSHIP AND DATES OF MEETINGS**

The Sub- Committee considered the report setting out its Terms of Reference, Quorum, Membership and Dates of meetings for the Municipal Year 2019/20

**RESOLVED**

1. That the Terms of Reference, Quorum, Membership and Dates of meetings for the Municipal Year 2019/20 be noted as set out in Appendices 1, 2 and 3 of the report

## **7.2 Formal Offer of Historic Buildings Grant to St. Mary and Holy Trinity Church**

Anna Zucchelli (Heritage at Risk Projects Officer) and Michael Ritchie (Place Shaping Team Leader, Strategic Planning), presented the report.

The report sought authorisation to issue a formal grant offer of £30,000 to the above church for the second and final phase of repair works. The Council were now in position to offer the formal grant following the receipt of the necessary documents and it was expected that following the repair work, the church should be removed from the Historic England Heritage at risk register. The Sub – Committee noted details of the next stage of the project and the decision making processes, allowing Officers to release the payment (as detailed in the report)

In response to questions, the Sub – Committee noted the merits of repairing the building given its community value and also the reasons for the completion of the works in two phases in accordance with National Lottery Heritage Funding recommendations

Members also commented on the need to improve the setting of the church and noted the longer term plans for this.

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the Corporate Director Place be authorised to issue a formal offer of grant to St Mary's and Holy Trinity, Bow to a maximum of £30,000 as a contribution to vital repair works to improve surface drainage, repair rainwater goods and remove pollutant encrustation to the external stonework of the aisles and chancel.
2. That the Corporate Director Place be authorised to enter into the grant agreement and any such other agreements required to affect the grant and the use of the grant as detailed in paragraph 1 in the report.

## **7.3 Payment of Historic Buildings Grant to Oxford House in Bethnal Green**

Anna Zucchelli (Heritage at Risk Projects Officer) and Michael Ritchie (Place Shaping Team Leader, Strategic Planning), presented the report. The report sought authorisation to award a Grant of £95,902.00 to Oxford House, for vital repair works.

It was noted that following the recent completion all of the works, the building should soon be in a position to open.

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the payment of grant of £95,902 to Oxford House in Bethnal Green as a contribution towards vital repair works to the roof and high level windows be approved.

#### **7.4 Roman Road West Regeneration Programme - Shopfront Improvement project grant Approval**

Fiona Crehan (High Streets & Town Centres Manager) presented the report.

The report sought the approval for a grant scheme to fund shop front improvements in Roman Road West town centre.

Members were advised of the key features of the plans, specifically, the plans to replace the shutters with good quality internal shutters to help prevent graffiti. The Sub - Committee also noted details of the lease arrangements as set out in the report; the target for allocating the funding and the plans in place to commence works once planning permission had been granted.

The repair works should improve the overall appearance of the shop fronts and uplift the area.

In response the Sub – Committee and Councillor Tarik Khan asked questions about the consultation with the leaseholders of the shops. In response, Officers reported on the progress that had been made in relation to this and the next stage in this process. It was noted that the businesses may choose to opt out of providing a contribution, which would mean that work may have to be scaled back. The Sub – Committee were mindful of this and stressed the need to consult with the leaseholders on the work. They also sought assurances regarding the quality of the new ‘unbreakable’ glass windows for the internal shutters.

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the shopfront improvement grant scheme for Roman Road West town centre be approved.
2. To note the specific equalities considerations as set out in Paragraph 4 of the report.

#### **7.5 Addition to the 2015 grant conditions for the creation of early learning for two year olds (EL2) places**

Ronke Martins-Taylor (Divisional Director Youth and Commissioning) and Pauline Hoare (Head of the Intergrated Early Years Service) presented this item. This report proposed an addition to the grant conditions for the creation of early learning for two year olds (EL2).

The Sub – Committee were advised of the need to enter into new agreements to provide additional places for two year olds. In view of this permission was sought to amend the 2015 grant criteria to require that the schools produce a robust business plan.

In response the Sub – Committee and Councillor Tarik Khan, sought assurances regarding the impact of the changes on the availability of places to low income families. It was felt important to ensure there were sufficient safeguards to protect the poorest pupils. In response, Officers stressed the need for schools to develop robust plans setting out the implications of providing the additional places to facilitate monitoring.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the additional proposal be approved to require schools and potential providers to develop robust business planning as part of the capital application process for the creation of early learning for two-year olds (EL2) places.

**7.6 Update on Tackling Poverty Innovation Fund grants**

Ellie Kershaw (Tackling Poverty Programme Manager, Growth and Economic Development) presented this report.

This report provided an update on grants which have been awarded through the Tackling Poverty Innovation Fund.

In response to questions, the Sub - Committee noted details of the scrutiny and monitoring arrangements.

**RESOLVED:**

1. Note the organisations and projects funded through the Innovation Fund as detailed in Appendix A of the report.

**7.7 Corporate Voluntary Sector Grants Programme (Infrastructure and Capacity Building) Approval of Grants**

David Freeman (Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Strategy Manager) presented the report. This report presents the assessment of applications received and makes recommendations for allocating grants to VCS organisations under this theme for the period 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2022. Details of the application received and the outcome of the assessments were set out in the report.

The report proposed that the grant funding should be awarded to the TH Council for Voluntary Services given they achieved the highest score. THCVS and its consortium partners, Volunteer Centre Tower Hamlets and Tower Hamlets Community Transport, had applied for the full amount available for this grants programme. As the council has adopted the principle of awarding organisations the full amount applied for if their applications are successful, there was no budget available to fund the remaining applications to this grants programme.

In response to the report, Members asked questions about the number of applications received and the efforts to reach out to smaller groups to help them apply for the funding. It was considered important to engage with a wide range of community groups particularly smaller groups.

In response, it was confirmed that the Council had worked hard to engage local groups, including many new groups, both as part of this funding stream and the small grants scheme, to help them apply for funding, through for example advertising the schemes to a wider range of groups, and working with the CVS.

With the permission of the Chair, a representative from the Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Service, advised of their future plans in respect of reaching out and supporting a variety of groups with other providers, particularly voluntary organisations.

The Sub – Committee also discussed the monitoring arrangements.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That a grant to Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Service be awarded of up to £260,000 per annum for the period 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 toward the cost of providing infrastructure support and capacity building activities for the voluntary and community sector in Tower Hamlets as set out in Appendix B to the report;
2. Decline the four applications listed in Appendix B to this report for the reasons stated, and
3. Note the specific equalities considerations as set out in Paragraph 4 of the report.

**7.8 MSG Project Performance Report - Extension Period 02 (January to March 2019)**

Robert Mee (Interim Voluntary & Community Sector Team Manager) presented the report. The report covered red and amber performance rated projects for the extension period January to March 2019. It also provided details of the significant variation requested for one of the three red rated projects. The Committee were asked to agree this and note the performance information.

In response to questions, Officers provided a progress report in respect of the other two rate rated projects. (Our Base – One Stop Youth Service Shadwell Basin Outdoor Activity Centre – Girls Can Adventure). It was confirmed that Officers were working with the groups to resolve the outstanding issues.

**RESOLVED:**

1. Note the performance of the Mainstream Grants (MSG) programme as set out in 3.3 – 3.7 and the premises update 3.8 – 3.10 of the report.
2. Agree the significant variation to the DeafPLUS project to revised the output targets. This will move the performance rating to Green and will enable approval of the outstanding payment.

**7.9 Mainstream Grants (MSG) 2015-18 Outcomes**

Robert Mee (Interim Voluntary & Community Sector Team Manager) presented the MSG outcomes report. He outlined some of the activities to publicise the groups achievements and played a short video highlighting a number of success stories.

In response to questions, Officers outlined some of the differences between the Local Community Fund and Mainstream Grants. The LCF comprised a number of broader themes and sought to help groups support these themes, such as combating isolation, rather than supporting specific services. Officers also explained the Council's approach to supporting groups apply for funding and helping them become more sustainable.

**RESOLVED:**

1. Note the planned actions to promote the outcomes and achievements from the Mainstream Grants (MSG) activity including the MSG Outcomes report.

**7.10 A12 Acoustic Barrier - Part of the A12 Green Mile Initiative**

Abdul Khan, (Service Manager for Energy & Sustainability) presented the item. The report concerned an application for the design and installation of a new acoustic barrier for a section of the A12 with the ability to mitigate noise and air pollution.

It was noted that since the last meeting of the Sub – Committee in September 2018, (where the project was previously considered), further research had been carried out to demonstrate the barrier's effectiveness to help mitigate air pollution.

This was a pilot project, which along with other greening initiatives for the nearby area (including the pocket park) should improve the quality of the environment.

In response to questions Members noted details of the total costs of the project to be funded from various sources. With the permission of the Chair, a representative from Poplar HARCA addressed the Sub – Committee about the testing carried out, (that was at an advanced stage) and the quality of the

materials and the safeguards to ensure the barrier was effectively maintained, through for example the selection of appropriate materials.

**RESOLVED:**

1. Approve to provide £100,000 to Poplar HARCA as a grant to deliver the A12 acoustic barrier project.

**7.11 Aberfeldy WellOne: Approval of the Allocation of S106 totalling £500K**

**Special Circumstances Justifying Urgent Consideration**

It has not been possible to provide 5 clear days' notice of this report due to reasons set out in the legal comments (see section 5.5). Specifically, 'at the current time the Council has not completed the process of identifying the appropriate developments from which the relevant S.106 monies may be drawn. However, due to the reporting process timescales the request for the delegation to enter into the appropriate grant agreement is proceeding at this point. The committee should note that this decision cannot be made until such time as the use of s.106 funds has been approved in accordance with recommendation 2 in the report.

Nevertheless it is recommended that the report be considered because the next meeting of the Grants Determination Sub-Committee is in September and delaying until then would have significant impact on the progression of a major programme

Dr Somen Banerjee, (Public Health) presented the report relating to the release of up to £500k of section 106 to Poplar Harca to fit out a community café as part of the integrated health and wellbeing facility developed within Aberfeldy Village.

Members asked questions about the community benefits of the project. Members also asked questions about the employment opportunities and possibility of training local people to run the project. It was also felt important that the project should be community driven.

With the permission of the Chair, a representative from Poplar HARCA addressed the Sub – Committee. He provided assurances regarding: their investment plans, engagement with the local GP's and their training programme.

**RESOLVED:**

1. Approve the grant funding of £500k to Poplar Harca to fit out the community space to complement the integrated health and wellbeing facility, Aberfeldy WellOne subject to the approval of the Corporate



Director Resources that the S.106 funds can be released for this purpose in accordance with the relevant S.106 agreement(s).

2. Authorise the Corporate Director Health Adults and Community to enter into all agreements and other documents to give effect to the grant following the approval that the relevant S.106 funds can be released in line with resolution 1.


**8. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS CONSIDERED TO BE URGENT**

There were no items.

The meeting ended at 7.30 p.m.

Chair, Mayor John Biggs  
Grants Determination (Cabinet) Sub-Committee

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<p align="center"><b>Grants Determination (Cabinet) Sub-Committee</b></p> <p align="center">11 September 2019</p>	
<p><b>Report of:</b> Sharon Godman, Divisional Director Strategy, policy and performance</p>	<p><b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted</p>
<p><b>Local Community Fund</b></p>	

<b>Lead Member</b>	<b>John Biggs, the Mayor Councillor Candida Ronald, Cabinet Member for Resources</b>
<b>Originating Officer(s)</b>	David Freeman, VCS Strategy Manager
<b>Wards affected</b>	All wards
<b>Key Decision?</b>	Yes
<b>Forward Plan Notice Published</b>	
<b>Reason for Key Decision</b>	Impact on Wards
<b>Strategic Plan Priority / Outcome</b>	<b>All</b>

## Executive Summary

This report sets out proposals for implementing the mitigating actions identified in the equality analysis of the voluntary and community sector (VCS) funding programme, the Local Community Fund agreed at Cabinet on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019 including the extension of mainstream grants (MSG) funding to a number of services from 1 October 2019 to 31 March 2020.

The report also provides details of the other MSG transitional arrangements agreed in principle at Cabinet on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019.

## **Recommendations:**

The Grants Determination (Cabinet) Sub-Committee is recommended to:

1. Agree to extend funding to the organisations listed at Appendix A at the current level of funding under the council's mainstream grants programme (MSG) for a period of six months from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020, subject to the same funding conditions as those in place for MSG funding and also subject to continued satisfactory performance.
2. To note the progress relating to the transitional arrangements and equality mitigation actions for services whose current MSG funding comes to an end on 30 September 2019 as set out in appendix B.

## **1 REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS**

- 1.1 The Mayor in Cabinet agreed on 31<sup>st</sup> July to a programme of funding for voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019, a number of transitional arrangements for organisations currently funded under MSG that will not be funded under the LCF and an action plan to mitigate the impact of the change in funding from MSG to LCF on people with protected equalities characteristics.
- 1.2 This report seeks the Sub- Committee's agreement to the implementation of one of the mitigating actions, the extension of current funding for organisations currently funded to provide community language services and organisations currently funded to provide lunch club services which are not funded through the LCF.

## **2 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 2.1 The council could decide to close the current MSG programme without implementing any action to mitigate the impact of closure on people with protected equality characteristics. However, this option could leave the council in breach of its duties under the Equality Act 2010 for failing to implement mitigation for negative impact on people with protected equality characteristics identified in the Equality Analysis relating to the change from MSG to the LCF in funding services provided by VCS organisations.

### **3 DETAILS OF THE REPORT**

- 3.1 The Mayor in Cabinet agreed on 31st July to a programme of funding for voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations from 1st October 2019, a number of transitional arrangements for organisations currently funded under MSG that will not be funded under the LCF and an action plan to mitigate the impact of the change in funding from MSG to LCF on people with protected equalities characteristics.
- 3.2 Following further consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of matters raised through the call in of these decisions, on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2019 the Mayor confirmed his decisions made on 31<sup>st</sup> July and asked officers to provide details of equalities mitigation funding for organisations whose MSG funding is due to end on 30 September 2019. This report asks the Sub-Committee to agree these funding proposals.
- 3.3 Two of the actions agreed to mitigate the impact of the change from the MSG programme to the LCF programme on people with protected equality characteristics were:
  - a. Seek approval at the meeting of the GDCSC on 11 September for the extension of current MSG funding to 31 March 2020 for services in the community language strand of the MSG programme;
  - b. Seek approval at the meeting of the GDCSC on 11 September for the extension of current MSG funding to 31 March 2020 for the community based services for older people in the lunch club strand of MSG;
- 3.4 The extension of funding for services funded through the community language strand of MSG will allow the continuation of these services until the outcome of the council's review of all community language services is complete. This review is currently at the stage of consultation with stakeholders and it is anticipated that the outcome of the review and proposals for future provision will be presented to Members for consideration before the end of the year.
- 3.5 To mitigate the impact of the change from MSG to the LCF on community based facilities for older people and, in particular, services provided by community led organisations for elders, the Mayor agreed to set up a new theme in the existing Small Grants Programme. Detailed proposals for this new small grants theme will be presented to Cabinet at its meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 with a view to funding for this scheme commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.
- 3.6 The extension to MSG funding for community based services for older people, the Lunch Club Strand of the MSG programme, will allow the continuation of these services until the new small grants are available. Existing community based services will be encouraged to apply to the small grants programme.
- 3.7 Funding will be extended to services in the Community Languages and Lunch Club Strands of MSG that have not been offered funding through the LCF.

These organisations are listed at Appendix A together with the recommended amounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. The funding will be subject to the existing MSG funding terms and conditions and, in addition, subject to continued satisfactory performance.

- 3.8 The extension of funding to some MSG funded services was one of a range of transitional arrangements and actions to mitigate negative impact on people with protected equalities characteristics. A full report on these will be made at Cabinet on 31<sup>st</sup> October. Set out at Appendix B are the agreed actions, timescales and the progress so far.

#### **4 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 A detailed equality analysis was carried out on the change MSG to the new Local Community Fund. This report is primarily concerned with implementing mitigating actions in relation to community language provision and to day services for older people, particularly where this is provided by community based organisations.
- 4.2 The detailed equality analysis can be found at appendix A of the report on the Local Community Fund to Cabinet on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019

#### **5 OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

##### 5.1 Best Value

Recent legislation, particularly the Localism Act 2010, has emphasised the role of communities working in partnership with local authorities to help achieve more effective and less costly services to local people. The process of co-production of services delivered by local voluntary and community organisations is a tool now widely recognised as a means to achieving this outcome.

##### 5.2 Risk Management

- a. Uncertainty will have an impact on staff morale in organisations currently funded through MSG. There is therefore a risk of the loss of experienced and skilled staff who seeks alternative employment if they perceive that their future employment is insecure. Timely decision making by the council will mitigate the potential impact of this risk, particularly ensuring that funding decisions are made in advance of MSG funded organisations issuing protective redundancy notices to staff at the end of the funding.

##### 5.3 Crime Reduction

There are no specific crime reduction considerations arising from this report.

#### 5.4 Safeguarding

There are no specific safeguarding implications arising from this report. However, ensuring appropriate consideration is given to safeguarding will be addressed in the development of the Local Community Fund programme, both through governance requirements and in the capacity building programme for the sector proposed.

### **6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

- 6.1 The Main Stream Grant (MSG) Programme was approved by the Commissioners on the 29 July 2015 and initially covered the period between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2018. However, subsequent Grants Determination Committees (GDC) revised the end date of the current programme to 30th September 2019; this was decided at a GDC meeting held on the 6th June 2018.
- 6.2 This report seeks approval for a further extension until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 of MSG funding for services in the Community Language and the Lunch Club strands of the current MSG programme with a cost of £27,192 and £56,104 respectively.
- 6.3 The total cost of £83,296 will be fully funded from the £180k saving identified in the MSG budget for 2019-20 which was to be utilised to cover the cost of transitional and mitigating proposals.

### **7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES**

- 7.1 The council has the legal power to fund organisations in the manner referred to in this report as it relates to the carrying out of various functions of the council. Also, the Council has the General Legal Power Of Competence derived from the Localism Act 2011.
- 7.2 The council also has the legal duty to ensure that the functions it delivers and therefore any agreements it enters into for the delivery of those functions represent Best Value having regard to the Efficiency, Effectiveness and Economy of those agreements. The extensions will be subject to the same levels of monitoring ensuring that the grant funds are spent on the purposes for which they are intended. This assists in demonstrating that the grant agreements represent Best Value
- 7.3 The actions embodied by the recommendations in this report demonstrate that the council has given due consideration to the impact the decision to implement the LCF would have on persons with protected characteristics
- 7.4 Also, following the completion of the evaluation of the LCF, the results were subjected to a further Equality Assessment. The Council then determined an

appropriate course of action in order to mitigate the impact of that potential decision on persons with a protected characteristic when compared with persons who do not have that characteristic. However, this was before the decision to implement the LCF was finalised. The council considered appropriate mitigating measures at a time when the LCF decision was still at a formative stage which is compliant with the Council's Equality Act legal duties.

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## **Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents**

### **Linked Report**

NONE

### **Appendices**

Appendix A Extension of Funding Proposals

Appendix B Transitional Arrangements and Equality Mitigation Actions

### **Background Documents – Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012**

- NONE

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## Community Language Services Funding Proposals

## Appendix A

Organisation Name	Project Title	Project Description	Annual grant	Proposed extension funding
Black Women's Health and Family Support	BWHAFS' Somali Mother Tongue Programme	Mother tongue education in the language that children speak at home with their family. The children who access this provision are bilingual or multilingual. The project provides weekly 2-hour Somali Mother Tongue classes, 38 weeks a year during term time, for young people of Somali heritage aged 7 to 13.	3,000	1,500
Boundary Community School	BCS Mother Tongue Project	Mother Tongue project providing out of school language classes (Bangla) and cultural activities for local young people (age from 6 to 16) from Boundary Estate of Weavers Ward to help boost their confidence. Classes run term time 5:30-7:30pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.	4,000	2,000
Chinese Association of Tower Hamlets	Chinese Independent School of Tower Hamlets (Mother Tongue Classes)	CISTH is one of the earliest established Chinese Schools in London. We aim to offer a complete education framework for children that inspires, energizes and develops them to excel as great thinkers and leaders in any field with an integrated background of Chinese language and culture as a key asset.	11,665	5,833
Cubitt Town Bangladeshi Cultural Association	Cubitt Town Bangladeshi Cultural Association	After-school Bengali language classes on Thursday and Friday, two hours each day for 36 weeks a year. The project consists of mother tongue classes, participation in related activities, educational trips and cultural events. All classes take place at St. Luke's Primary School between 5pm and 7pm.	2,222	1,111
Culloden Bangladeshi Parents Association	Culloden Bengali Mother Tongue Programme	CBPA will deliver Bengali Mother Tongue Classes to local children living on the Aberfeldy, Brownfield and Teviot estates where by children will improve their educational attainment, participation and progression by learning their Mother Tongue through reading, writing and speaking skills and cultural studies in the Bengali language .	8,250	4,125
EC Lighthouse Ltd	EC Lighthouse/ Lithuanian School	EC Lighthouse School classes take place on Saturdays (10 am - 5 pm). We teach Lithuanian language, history, dance, drama, music. The school is awarded a Silver Award in the Quality Framework for Supplementary School, has won the British Academy Schools Language Awards..	9,800	4,900
Limehouse Welfare Association	Limehouse Mother Tongue Classes (Bengali)	Mother Tongue Bengali classes will allow disadvantaged children of the local area to learn an additional language and gain a foundation for a qualification in GCSE/A level MFL Bengali. Learning the language will increase students' self-confidence, develop cognitive abilities and foster good relations in the community and wider British society.	5,414	2,707
Stifford Centre Limited	Stifford Community Language Services	Community language classes for 40 children aged 6 -11 years, who wish develop their language skills in Bengali and Arabic. The service runs from Monday to Friday from 5pm to 7pm. Linked to a referral programme for children who wish to undertake GCSE Bengali & Arabic in future.	5,031	2,516
Teviot British Bangladeshi Association (TBBA)	Opportunity	The project is intended to provide Mother Tongue classes for local Bangladeshi children around Teviot areas LAP 7 age between 8-12 years old.	2,000	1,000
Wapping Bangladesh Association	Wapping Bengali Mother Tongue Community Languages Project	The project will raise the academic achievements, participation and progression of disadvantaged Bangladeshi children through the provision of Bengali Mother Tongue Education. It will help to strengthen the identity of Bangladeshi Children through cultural awareness through studies in Bengali history, the arts and culture and promote community cohesion.	3,000	1,500

			54,382	27,192
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## Day Facilities for Older People Funding Proposals

Organisation Name	Project Title	Project Description	Annual grant	Proposed extension funding
Chinese Association of Tower Hamlets	Chinese and Vietnamese Elderly Luncheon Club	CATH's Luncheon Club is aimed primarily, but not exclusively, at Chinese and Vietnamese Elders who wish to improve their physical and mental wellbeing. Through our programme of fun and informative activities, and exercise classes, we wish to give attendees the awareness and knowledge to work on raising their own health.	10,200	5,100
Dorset Community Association	Older People Lunch Club	The projects to provide older people per week aged fifty and over the opportunity to attend a locally lunch club provision. To enhance the lives of older people who may be at risk of social isolation or gradually losing their independence, through the provision of a range of activities.	13,020	6,510
Ensign Youth Club	Unity	The project is intended to provide social interactive service for local elderly people 50+ from Bangladeshi and Somali by providing weekly structure coffee morning and healthy affordable meal with health and recreation activities based on their need and abilities.	8,107	4,054
Limehouse Project Limited	Limehouse Luncheon Club for Elders	The LLCE brings people aged 55+ together to enjoy a healthy meal, socialise and partake in group activities such as gentle exercises and games. With general advisers on hand to assist with any worries being faced, it aims to help relieve loneliness, increase self-confidence and enhance each elder's quality of life.	14,040	7,020
Somali Senior Citizens Club	Somali Senior Citizens Club	Our project aims to promote health and well being of vulnerable local community (Tower Hamlets). This project is to support and enhance the lives of elderly individuals who suffer from social isolation, economic deprivation and lack of independence by providing luncheon club and supplementary activities, social and cultural integration. The project will be delivering at our Granby Hall Centre address.	32,520	16,260
Wadajir Somali Community Centre	Wadajir Poplar Elderly Lunch Club Two	Wadajir's Poplar Lunch Club for older women meets four days a week from Monday to Thursday 10 am--2pm to share freshly cooked halal meals. Women are also welcome to join in traditional Somali dance sessions, craft workshops for improved physical and mental health as well as regular health talks.	18,720	9,360
Wapping Bangladesh Association	Wapping Senior Citizen's Lunch Club	The lunch club will enable WBA to increase socialisation to reduce loneliness, social isolation and promote a healthier lifestyle through improved healthy lives activities that will encourage and engage older people. The Lunch Club will give them the chance to socialise while enjoying a hot, healthy balanced and nutritious meal.	15,600	7,800
			129,007	56,104

## MSG Transitional Arrangements and Equality Mitigation Actions

Action	Timescale	Progress
Give as much notice as possible when decisions are made to give organisations the opportunity to adjust to their new funding levels	Aug/Sept 2019	Complete
Work with organisations to seek alternative provision for service users where a service is significantly reduced or comes to an end	Aug-Oct 19	Officers from the Voluntary Sector Team are actively engaging with organisations to identify alternative provision for service users where appropriate.
Work with funded organisations especially at contract mobilisation to target and promote new services funded under LCF programme	Aug- Nov 19	Organisations have been asked to engage with the council's social media to promote new services.
Support a programme of capacity building to increase organisations' chance of bidding successfully, provided by THCVS, the Council and other providers;	Aug 19- Mar 20	Contract in place for THCVS support package. Other measures to be delivered by the council commented on below.
Make available, through THCVS and other partners as appropriate, a programme of support available in advance of the end of MSG to help VCS organisations in the transition from MSG to either alternative funding or an orderly change in the level of service;	Aug – Dec 19	Officers from the Voluntary Sector Team are actively engaging with organisations previously funded through MSG to develop transition action plans for their services
Continue the VCS Small Grants programme and link to other funders to provide funding opportunities for organisations to meet new and emerging needs and develop new ways of tackling existing needs	(ongoing)	Programme continues to March 2023
Promote and support Tower Hamlets Spacehive programme to help organisations to access crowdfunding;	(ongoing)	Dedicated officer support in place to develop crowdfunding initiatives, particularly for organisations previously funded through MSG
Retain the Emergency Fund to help organisations meet the costs of transition, particularly those directly linked to lower levels of revenue funding	Aug 19- Mar 21	Retained as part of transition support package.
Develop and launch a new Tower Hamlets funders forum to help identify and promote local funding sources;	Apr 20	Initial discussions held with THCVS and the East End Community Foundation.
Support organisations facing significant change and possible cessation of service	Ongoing	Capacity building and other transitional arrangements in place.
Manage transition of community language services	Mar 20	Extension of funding to 31 March 2020 for projects supported under MSG in the community language theme proposed. Review scheduled to report to Members by the year end.
Maintain participation and access for BME communities	Apr 20	Include a new theme in the Small Grants Programme relating to access and participation to establish schemes to provide referral gateways for people from BAME communities. Draft being prepared for consultation during September/October. Proposal to be presented to Cabinet in October
Provision for young people's mental health	Dec 19	Proposal under development
Provision for early years age children or pregnant and new mothers	Dec 19	Proposal under development
Provision for young carers priority	Dec 19	Proposal under development

Need to support community led older peoples services, particularly those led by BME communities	Apr 20	Include a new theme in the Small Grants Programme to support projects which combat social isolation of older people, particularly in BAME communities, through community based services which will be reviewed over time in the context of the development of the council's review of day care for older people; Draft being prepared for consultation during September/October. Proposal to be presented to Cabinet in October
Need to ensure Geographical Spread	Ongoing	Proposals were assessed to establish whether there was evidence or track record to indicate the borough wide bids could deliver to residents across Tower Hamlets. This will be a specific element of the ongoing assessment of LCF funded projects.

<b>Grants Determination Sub Committee</b>  11 September 2019	
<b>Report of:</b> Will Tuckley, Chief Executive	<b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted
<b>ESF Community Employment programme update</b>	

<b>Lead Member</b>	<b>Councillor Candida Ronald, Cabinet Member for Resources and the Voluntary Sector</b>
<b>Originating Officer(s)</b>	Robert Mee, Interim Voluntary & Community Sector Team Manager
<b>Wards affected</b>	All wards
<b>Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>Forward Plan Notice Published</b>	12 August 2019
<b>Reason for Key Decision</b>	Not a key decision
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>All</b>

## Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to update the Grants Determination Sub-Committee on grants that have been awarded through the European Social Fund (ESF) Community Employment Programme which is co-financed through the European Union and administered by London Councils.

The first of three rounds was launched with grants totalling £302,088 awarded to 17 organisations as reported to the 1 August 2018 GDSC. The final position for Round 1 was 16 organisations delivering their projects with a total spend of 235,905.43. A closure report from London Councils for Round 1 is attached as Appendix 1.

Round 2 was launched with grants totalling £180,000 provisionally awarded to 9 organisations as reported to the 16 January 2019 GDSC. A progress update report from London Councils for Round 2 is attached as Appendix 2.

Round 3 was launched with grants totalling £279,325 provisionally awarded to 14 organisations depending on successful pre-agreement meetings.

## **Recommendations:**

The Grants Determination Sub Committee are recommended to:

1. Note the organisations and projects provisionally funded through Round 3 of the ESF Community Grants Programme as detailed in 3.8 and 3.9.
2. Note the update on the outcome of Round 1 as detailed in 3.4 and 3.5 and Appendix 1.
3. Note the progress of projects funded in Round 2 as detailed in 3.6 and 3.7 and Appendix 2.

### **1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS**

- 1.1 As part of the ESF Community Grants Programme being delegated to officers, there is a requirement to update the Grants Determination Sub-Committee of grants that have been awarded to local Voluntary and Community organisations.

### **2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 2.1 As this is a noting report, the Grants Determination Sub-Committee may request additional information on projects and organisations provisionally awarded funding.

### **3. DETAILS OF THE REPORT**

#### **ESF Community Grants Programme**

- 3.1 At the 1st March 2016 Commissioners Decision Making Meeting in Public, Commissioners agreed to match-fund the European Social Fund (ESF) Community Employment Grants Programme 2016-19. The council's financial commitment is £225,000 per year over 3 years. This funding attracts an equal contribution from the European Social Fund thus making a total scheme budget of £1.350m over the 3-year programme period. It is intended that there will be 3 bidding rounds: one during each year of the programme – Round 1 was launched in December 2017. Voluntary and Community organisations are able to apply for grants of up to £20,000 during each bidding round.
- 3.2 London's ESF Programme is administered by the Greater London Authority (GLA). However, the day-to-day management and administration of the programme will be undertaken by London Councils. Due to delays in finalising the contractual agreement between the GLA and London Councils, the programme was launched in December 2017 and will run until 2020

- 3.3 The programme falls within Investment Priority 1.4 to address the root causes of poverty which create barriers to work so more people move closer to or into employment.

### **ESF Round 1**

- 3.4 London Councils has produced a closure report for Round 1 which is attached as Appendix 1.
- 3.5 The report includes information on achievement of the round (see table below) and provides context and lessons learned that are being applied in future rounds.

	Round 1 Profile	Actual to Date	Achievement against Profile to Date (%)
Participant Starts	331	110	33
long-term unemployed participants	116	45	39
Economically inactive participants	215	63	29
Women	198	83	42
Older people (50 years and over)	60	29	48
Ethnic minorities	292	103	35
Disabled (Self-declared)	40	3	7.5
Lone Parents	39	18	46

### **ESF Round 2 progress**

- 3.6 London Councils has produced a report giving an update on progress for the Round 2 projects which is attached as Appendix 2.
- 3.7 A total of seven projects were funded. The projects signed their funding agreements between April and June. London Councils ensured that projects funded under round 1 (Tower Hamlets Community Employment Programme) were only able to have their round 2 funding agreements issued for signature after their round 1 projects were completed. The completion date for round 1 projects was 31 March 2019. Enrolment begun shortly after this, with 95 participants currently enrolled, against a target enrolment figure of 125.

Projects are continuing to deliver outputs, with 45 participants gaining a level 2 or below qualification. These qualifications have enabled participants to gain level 2 qualifications in First Aid at Work, Customer Service, and Food Hygiene. Level 2 qualifications have also been gained by participants in Early Years Care Education, SIA Door Supervision (for security work) and Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) Examination. These qualifications will enable participants, including the most vulnerable with no formal skills and training, to gain employment opportunities, with formal qualifications.

## ESF Round 3 update

- 3.8 In Round 3 of the programme, 17 applications were received from local VCS organisations. Applications were assessed by LBTH and London Councils' staff. A panel comprising of LBTH officers and colleagues from London Councils was involved with moderating applications with a final report being devised with recommendations for the decision making panel – comprising of senior officers from LBTH, London Councils and the GLA.
- 3.9 As a result, 14 organisations have provisionally secured funding depending on the Pre-Agreement meetings. The organisations are listed below:

Organisation	Grant Amount
Cressy IT Solutions CIC	£20,000
Wapping Bangladesh Association	£19,924
Udichi Shilpi Gosthi	£20,000
CEN Business & Training Services	£20,000
Dorset Community Association	£20,000
Boundary Community School	£19,999
City Steps Guided Tours	£19,921
WISE Youth Trust	£20,000
Bangladesh Youth Movement	£19,481
Bongobir Osmany Trust	£20,000
Somali Parent and Children Play Association	£20,000
The Rooted Forum	£20,000
Taqwa Needy Trust	£20,000
Wise Age Ltd	£20,000
<b>Total Round 3 Grant Value</b>	<b>£279,325.00</b>

- 3.10 Appendix 3 has some background information on these organisations including the charitable objects where applicable.

### Next Steps

- 3.11 Although Round 2 and 3 will continue delivery with Round 3 going in to 2020 another round is not scheduled.
- 3.12 A report will be taken to the Grants Determination Sub-Committee when Round 2 is closed with a final report taken with the closure of Round 3.

## 4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 London Councils' ESF Community Employment Programme promotes equal opportunities and non-discrimination. All delivery partners are required to



adhere to the principles and processes set out in EU and UK equality legislation.

- 4.2 As part of the application process all applicants have to explain how they have embedded equality, diversity and inclusion at all stages within their project. They should include information about how they will ensure equal access to the project and any ways in which their project will celebrate diversity and a commitment to reducing inequality.

## **5. OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 This section of the report is used to highlight further specific statutory implications that are either not covered in the main body of the report or are required to be highlighted to ensure decision makers give them proper consideration. Examples of other implications may be:

- Best Value Implications,
- Consultations,
- Environmental (including air quality),
- Risk Management,
- Crime Reduction,
- Safeguarding.

### **5.2 Best Value Implications**

The level of awards to organisations was determined by the quality of their individual applications as well as the overall demand for the funds available.

Additionally, the application appraisal process took into consideration the proposed levels of outputs and outcomes to be delivered as well as the organisation's track record and the bid's overall value for money rating.

There will be ongoing performance management of the approved portfolio of projects to ensure that interventions meet the required standards and that the evidencing of project achievements and expenditure is accurately recorded and reported. For the ESF Community Grants Programme, this will be administered by London Councils.

### **5.3 Environment**

All programme beneficiaries, be they individuals or local organisations, will be encouraged to consider taking appropriate steps to minimise negative impact on the environment when taking up the opportunities offered within the programme and on an ongoing basis.

### **5.4 Risk Management**

A number of different risks arise from any funding of external organisations. The key risks are:

- The funding may not be fully utilised i.e. allocations remain unspent and outcomes are not maximised
- The funding may be used for purposes that have not been agreed e.g. in the case of fraud
- The organisation may not in the event have the capacity to achieve the contracted outputs/outcomes

As part of the ongoing programme management arrangements, support, advice and guidance will be made available projects to ensure that all performance and other risks are minimised.

## 5.5 **Crime Reduction**

The activities, services and outcomes that are being targeted through these grant programmes support the objectives of reducing crime and disorder.

Throughout the programmes as a whole however, those people involved in, or at risk of involvement in, the criminal justice system will be targeted for support.

## 5.6 **Safeguarding**

As part of the initial application process organisations were required to provide details of their safeguarding policy, if appropriate. The Grant Agreements for both funding streams includes requirements in relation to safeguarding.

Organisations providing services to children or vulnerable adults and employing staff or volunteers in a position whose duties include caring for, training, supervising or being responsible in some way for them, are required to fully comply with all necessary safeguarding requirements.

## 6. **COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

- 6.1 This report provides an update on the European Social Fund Community Employment Programme and allows opportunity for greater transparency and scrutiny of the Councils grants processes.
- 6.2 Round one of the programme delivered total grants allocations of £302,088 to 17 organisations. The final position for Round 1 was 16 organisations delivering their projects with a total spend of 235,905.43.
- 6.3 Round two of the programme delivered total grants allocations of £180,000 to 9 organisations.
- 6.4 The report provides details of the third of three rounds which includes the provisional release of £279,325 in awards to 14 organisations.
- 6.5 The Council's financial commitment to the programme is £225,000 per year over three years, with the programme funding attracting an equal commitment

from the European Social Fund making up a total £1.350m. Total allocation to date is £761,413. The remaining £588,587 of which £294k relates to the Council's contribution will be available if further rounds are agreed.

## **7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES**

7.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

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### **Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents**

#### **Linked Report**

- NONE

#### **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – ESF Round 1 Project Closure report
- Appendix 2 – ESF Round 2 progress report

#### **Background Documents – Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012**

- NONE

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# European Social Fund Community Employment Programme 2014-2020

## Tower Hamlets ESF Community Employment Programme Round 1

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### 1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Community Employment Programme is part of the 2014-2020 London European Social Fund (ESF) Programme. ESF in London is managed by the Greater London Authority's (GLA) European Programmes Management Unit (EPMU), which has been designated by government as an Intermediate Body for ESF.
- 1.2 The 2014-2020 ESF Programme has two main Priorities, each with several Investment Priorities. The London Councils ESF Community Employment Programme operates under Priority Axis 1 – Inclusive Labour Markets:
  - Priority 1.4 – Active Inclusion - To address the root causes of poverty which creates barriers to work so more people move closer or into employment

### 2 The Community Employment Programme

- 2.1 The Community Employment Programme operates under ESF Priority 1.4, to support people furthest away from the labour market.
- 2.2 The programme is embedded and delivered at the heart of the community by voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations that have access to and are best positioned to meet the needs of local residents in partnership with the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.
- 2.3 Round 1 of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets ESF Community Employment Programme Grants were:
  - small grants (up to £20,000)
  - given to small non-governmental or VCS organisations in Tower Hamlets (eligibility criteria apply)
  - for projects which help long-term unemployed and economically inactive people move into or closer to the labour market in line with the Tower Hamlets Employment Strategy
  - for projects that will run for a maximum of nine months of delivery, with a further three months to close the project

- for projects that contribute to the 2014-20 London European Structural & Investment Funds (ESIF) Strategy for London.
- to help people fulfil their potential by giving them better skills and better job prospects.
- given to organisations that have an annual income of less than £150,000 or £250,000 if the organisation works exclusively with people with a disability.

2.4 The Community Employment Programme targeted and engaged specific priority groups that were at risk of social exclusion:

- Residents housed by Tower Hamlets in temporary accommodation in neighbouring boroughs
- Those in receipt of Discretionary Housing Payments
- Women, in particular Somali and Bangladeshi women and those who are economically inactive due to parental and/or caring responsibilities
- People with health issues, particularly mental health or a disability
- Lone parents, particularly those living in temporary accommodation
- Residents who are 50+ years old
- Long-term unemployed and economically inactive residents who have not engaged with any projects or developed their skills in the last two years.

2.5 In addition to supporting long-term unemployed and economically inactive participants, projects need to work with specific targets groups as outlined in table 1 below:

**Table 1 – ESF Target Groups**

ESF Target Groups	%
Economically Inactive	75%
Long-term Unemployed	25%
Women	51%
Older People (50 years and over)	18%
Ethnic Minorities	60%
Disabled (self-declared)	22%
Lone Parents	16%

### 3 Programme Outputs and Results

3.1. Organisations were expected to deliver a variety of outputs and results for a grant of £12,500, £15,000 or £20,000 as outlined in the table 2 below:

**Table 2 – Outputs and Results**

Outputs for payment	Expected Average Number		
	£12,500	£15,000	£20,000
Number of <i>long-term unemployed</i> participants enrolled onto the project	2	4	4
Number of <i>economically inactive</i> participants enrolled onto the project	8	12	12
Minimum total number of participants enrolled	10	16	16

Outputs for payment	Expected Average Number		
	£12,500	£15,000	£20,000
Number of participants receiving 6+ hours of support (IAG, job-search, mentoring, training, 1-2-1)	8	14	16
Results for payment	Expected Average Number		
Number of participants supported towards achieving a Level 2 (or below*) qualification	6	8	10
Number of participants progressing into further education or training provider or specified accredited support service	5	5	6
Number of <i>long-term unemployed</i> participants in employment	1	1	1
Number of <i>economically inactive</i> participants in employment/job search	4	4	5
Number of participants in sustained employment for 26 weeks (6M)	0	0	1
<b>Maximum funding available</b>	<b>£12,500</b>	<b>£15,000</b>	<b>£20,000</b>

#### 4 Application Process

- 4.1 Round 1 of the Community Employment programme was promoted through mail outs, the Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Services and the London Councils website. London Councils also promoted Round 1 through a series of workshops, where the application process was explained to potential applicants, giving them a chance to ask questions and network with other voluntary sector organisations.
- 4.2 Applications were assessed for eligibility against a due diligence framework, then scored by London Councils and Tower Hamlets officers. Individual scores were then moderated. A minimum score threshold of over 50 (the maximum score possible was 100) was required for organisations to be considered for funding. The panel recommended successful applicant/s to an external panel
- 4.3 Following scoring and moderation, an internal appraisal panel met to review each project application and the proposed moderated scores. The panel was comprised of senior officers from London Councils and Tower Hamlets Councils Third Sector & Partnerships Development Team. The panel recommended successful applicants to an external panel.
- 4.4 The external panel provided the final judgement on applications. This panel comprised of:
- a representative East End Community Foundation representing the Voluntary sector
  - Tower Hamlets Council representatives
  - representative of the GLA's European Programmes Management Unit
  - officers from the internal panel.

#### 5 Payment of Funding

- 5.1 All successful applicants were paid 50 per cent of their grant on signing their funding agreement (subject to due diligence requirement being met); 30 per cent of the grant

on evidencing that the first payment had been fully spent; final 20 per cent of the grant was paid on submission of evidence of that the entire grant had been spent.

- 5.2 At each stage, payment was released following participant and financial claim submissions, including supporting documentation participants were eligible for ESF support and eligible evidence of financial defrayal.

## 6 Management of the Programme

- 6.1 The programme was managed by London Councils, which used a process (in consultation with the borough) to deliver the first round of funding. The programme management consisted of:

- Consultation and programme specification – the borough identified priority groups, London Councils drafted the specification, ensuring strong links to other ESF programmes, and local employment and training provision
- Programme promotion - promotion of funding opportunities to community and voluntary organisations
- Scoring, appraisal and approval - assessing applications for eligibility and scoring against agreed priorities, convening and chairing appraisal panels to approve projects for funding
- Due diligence and funding agreements convening and managing pre-agreement meetings, robust due diligence and completion of funding agreements setting out terms and conditions
- Implementation – monthly performance monitoring, quality assurance and compliance checks (delivery and financial), payments and support for funded projects, particularly in relation to ESF regulations
- Project closure - project evaluations, completion of evidence gathering and checks, assessment of performance - project and round level - final payments, round 1 performance report (success and lessons learned).

## 7 Round 1 funding

- 7.1 A total of 29 applications were received, for round 1 with 17 applicants awarded funding. The total of £302,088 of funding awarded was.

**Table 3 - Funding**

Borough	Number of applications	Number of grants awarded	Total value of funded applications
Tower Hamlets	29	17	£302,088

Total funding available per round	Funding allocated (round 1)	Unallocated	Payments to date
£382,500	£302,088	£80,412	£233,181.38

- 7.2 To date, programme spend is 78 per cent of the profiled allocated funding. We expect the spend to increase following the closure of the round by the end of September 2019 as several projects are in the process of completing local project closure.
- 7.3 Two projects did not complete delivery of their projects resulting in the recovery of grant funding:



- Sylhet Bawl received their initial 50% payment. Though they submitted one claim, there were numerous inaccuracies with their paperwork. We have sought clarification on the queries and their appointed London Councils officer has made several attempts to contact and visit them, but to no avail. No further payments will be made, and London Councils will be invoicing Sylhet Bawl for a return of their initial payment of £6,225.
- Al Isharah's funding agreement was terminated as the organisation experienced delays in the recruitment of project staff, resulting in the not being able to deliver the agreed programme of activities within the time remaining. London Councils recovered the advance payment of £10,000.

## 8 Programme Targets, Outputs and Results

- 8.1 Table 4 represents the number participants eligible for ESF support having met the ESF national eligibility requirements and a breakdown of their target group demographic characteristics projects worked with.
- 8.2 A combination of factors has meant that even though the groups have worked with many more participants than those shown in Table 4, they are not eligible for ESF support and cannot be claimed. However, organisations have been paid full eligible project delivery costs, which have been paid from the London Councils management and administration costs. Less

**Table 4 – Target groups**

Target groups	Round 1 Profile	Actual to Date	Achievement against Profile to date (%)
Participant Starts	331	110	33
long-term unemployed participants	116	45	39
Economically inactive participants	215	63	29
Women	198	83	42
Older people (50 years and over)	60	29	48
Ethnic minorities	292	103	35
Disabled (Self-declared)	40	3	7.5
Lone Parents	39	18	46

- 8.3 Lessons have been learnt from Round 1, with additional support and monitoring being put in place by London Councils officers to quickly support project's in challenges with delivery, including eligibility issues relating to financial and participant paperwork.
- 8.4 Table 5 illustrates the need for continued support for these organisations that are dedicated to reaching out to people in their community who often feel excluded from other training provision. London Councils will also need to ensure that funding agreements are issued on time, to ensure that projects have the maximum time to work with participants and assist them with their journey to employment.
- 8.5 Round 2 Tower Hamlets Community Employment Programme has already commenced delivery with London Councils officers providing support to organisations to ensure that:
- Projects are using their profile to ensure that they are planning ahead to assist participants to make the next step in the journey to employment
  - on-going support is available to projects, particularly participant engagement and progression pathway strategies are in place.
  - monthly quality assurance and performance monitoring visits take place.

**Table 5 – Eligible ESF participants**

	Round 1 Profile	Actual to Date	Achievement against Profile to Date (%)
Spend	£302,088	£233,181.38	78%
Number of participants enrolled	331	110	33%
Number of participants receiving 6+ hours of support (IAG, job-search, mentoring, training, 1-2-1)	249	95	38%
Number of participants supported towards achieving a Level 2 (or below) qualification	229	73	32%
Number of participants progressing into further education or training provider or specified accredited support service within 4 weeks of leaving the project	89	17	19%
Number of long-term unemployed participants in employment within 4 weeks of leaving the project	35	5	14%
Number of economically inactive participants in employment/ job search within 4 weeks of leaving the project	80	1	1%
Number of participants in sustained employment for 26 weeks	15	1	17%

## **9 Incorporating equalities into project delivery**

9.1 London Councils' ESF Community Employment Programme aims to promote equal opportunities and non-discrimination. All delivery partners were required to adhere to these principles and incorporate equality of opportunity into the design, running and monitoring of their project. This was achieved on a project level by:

- Having bilingual and culturally diverse staff that were best placed to support the participants on their projects.
- Using outreach methods tailored to engage with certain equalities groups, in order to ensure support for them
- Employing tutors to support for participants who may not have English i.e. Newark Youth London employed a Bengali speaking employment and training advisor
- Using participants as peer support/mentors i.e. City Steps Guided Tours employed an ex-participant to act as a mentor to new participants
- Running projects for groups that are often excluded or not encouraged to partake in activities outside the home
- Ensuring that the marketing of their project was relevant by advertising in community newspapers and conducting outreach in community spaces
- Addressing financial barriers to participation by providing childcare and travel costs
- Supporting parents by delivering projects that offer flexible hours i.e. being able to drop in for support at times children are at school
- Ensuring all participants have equality of access to training by locating training venues within the community.

## **10 Sustainable development**

10.1 The overall goal of ESF in England is to contribute to sustainable economic growth and social inclusion by extending opportunities and by developing a skilled and adaptable workforce.

10.2 Social development

- Organisations incorporated social development into their projects by providing training for long term and economically inactive unemployed participants. The training was provided in the hope that it would lead to a better quality of life for the individual and community i.e. education and employment.

10.3 Economic development

- Similar to environmental sustainability, economic sustainability involves organisations generating economic value out of their projects. Economic sustainability means that decisions are made in the fairest and financially sound way possible while considering the other aspects of sustainability.
- Organisations have incorporated economic development into their projects by providing training that will enable them to fulfil their potential and gain skills that they would not have gained elsewhere. Some participants who have never worked or taken part in any training course, have for the first time been enabled to mix with their peers in an educational setting and gained qualifications i.e. AQA certificates, CSCS card and SIA license.

10.4 Environmental development

- Organisations used recycled stationary, promoted the use of public transport amongst staff and participants, used energy-saving resources, minimised waste and selected bio-degradable products when possible.

## **11 London Living Wage**

11.1 The London Borough of Tower Hamlets is an accredited London Living Wage friendly funder/employer and pays all directly employed and agency staff the London Living Wage. The Councils views the Living Wage as a policy priority and as such all grants awarded for the ESF Community Employment programme are required to pay the London Living Wage.

## **12 Partnership Working**

12.1 Partnership working is at the core of improving outcomes and making local services more cost effective. Working in partnership should bring together organisations so that they can benefit from pooled expertise and resources, enhancing the efficiency and quality of service provision.

12.2 As part of gaining funding, organisations were to form partnerships with the Councils employment service WorkPath.

12.3 Organisations made contact with WorkPath, but the consensus is that the assistance offered was not what they expected. Several organisations reported that WorkPath offered to help with referring participants to projects, but expected to claim themselves progressions achieved, which was deemed unfair. They would have to work with the participants i.e. organise training, pay any associated costs and WorkPath would gain the outcome. Organisations were not happy to accept this and instead used other referral routes. Though the working relationship with WorkPath in round 1 was not a positive one for many of the groups, London Councils are arranging a meeting in September 2019 to meet with WorkPath to agree partnership working arrangements for round 2 and 3 projects.

12.4 Job Centre Plus (JCP) was used by several of the organisations as a referral route. Wise Youth Trust had an agreement in place with JCP to give presentations on a regular basis to their clients about their project, which worked well. Wise Youth Trust would gain a regular flow of participants and in turn, JCP would complete the ESF referral form confirming the employment status of participants. Boundary Community School also worked with JCP to refer participants to their project and verify their employment status.

12.5 Several organisations have established relationships with JCP, using them as a referral route and also to confirm participants employment status.

12.6 Organisations are embedded within their local community and have good links with a range of VCS and or training providers. This proved useful for sourcing volunteering opportunities for volunteers. Boundary Community School used their links with Vallance Community Sports Association to provide volunteering opportunities for two participants. Bongobir Osmany Trust also linked with several training providers to progress six participants into education or training.

## **13 Challenges**

13.1 Projects found it difficult to understand and manage the reporting requirements of ESF. London Councils provided extra support to projects, where required in addition to:

- Quality Assurance visits to check and support with participant paperwork
  - appointed London Councils Officer visits to check financial and participant claims and performance monitoring.
- 13.2 Payments to projects were delayed. This was due to London Councils not making payments in a timely manner and delays in paperwork resubmissions from projects. To prevent this from happening again we have spoken with Round 1 projects and changed the way we process claims and ensuring that projects continue to have 5% cashflow available from their grant payments to not impact on project delivery. Round 2 and 3 project claims will be processed within two weeks of submission.
- 13.3 The verification of participants employment status proved difficult for some organisations. Due to cultural barriers, some of the female participants in Tower Hamlets were not been able to provide the documentation needed to verify their employment status. To resolve this, London Councils suggested that verification was sought from alternative sources or other third sector organisations the participant may have received assistance from and would be aware of their circumstances. For round 2 and 3, links will be made with WorkPath and the National Careers Service to assist funded organisations with employment status verification in addition to the provision of impartial careers, information, advice and guidance.
- 13.4 ESF projects are administrative heavy and projects found this an ongoing issue, resulting in insufficient budget allocation for admin support. London Councils have worked with Round 2 and 3 projects to ensure adequate admin costs are factored into budgets.

## **14 Added Value**

- 14.1 The ESF Community Employment programme promotes and supports small organisations in accessing public funding to support individuals, helping them gain experiences and skills that move them closer towards employment through learning and training opportunities. It provides VCS organisations with the support to understand the needs of funders and develops their internal processes to meet more stringent requirements. By supporting local providers in building their capacity to deliver employment support, the programme enhances the quality of the small provider based in London.
- 14.2 The capacity building support on offer can also be seen as a first step in scaling up activities that providers deliver. Helping them deliver publicly funded projects increases their ability to access other potentially larger funding pots.
- 14.3 Emphasis is placed on putting the needs of the participant and the local community at the forefront by developing services that respond to their needs.

## **15 Effectiveness of ESF Community Employment Programme Grant**

- 15.1 If this programme had not been funded, most of the activities would not have occurred. It is not possible to comment on the extent to which funded organisations would have supported individuals in the absence of funding. Indeed, for many small organisations staff often work on a voluntary basis to deliver services in the community.
- 15.2 Feedback from projects who received a grant, suggest the funding and support received has helped them to improve their processes, which may lead to them operating more effectively in the future. In many instances, the experience of being an ESF Community Employment Grant funded project also provided staff with skills they

believe will help them access further public funding. This is an outcome which project staff may not have achieved without participating in this programme.

15.3 In general terms, the ESF Community Employment Programme has ensured capacity-building for organisations in several areas, adding value by ensuring that organisations were better placed to apply for other provision, after their project has ended:

- Setting up and maintaining financial systems
- Setting up and maintaining monitoring systems
- Establishing sustainable progression routes for participants
- Maximising the potential of staff and volunteers
- Raising the profile of the organisation
- Undertaking longer-term business planning.

15.4 Community Employment adds value to existing provision by providing a platform for testing and showcasing innovative methods, tailored to the needs of specific hard-to-reach communities, for building work-readiness.

## **16 Good practice**

16.1 The following are examples of good practice that projects have highlighted as a result of receiving the ESF Community Employment grant and delivering their projects:

- Boundary Community School maximised access to services by offering drop-in sessions to participants. This enabled them to access services on day's activities were not in place. Participants were also able to access face to face one to one advise.
- Bongobir Osmany Trust had a strong outreach model. They employed a female outreach/admin worker, who focused on engaging with potential female participants, who traditionally had not been engaged in any external training or employment. The outreach worker interacted with potential female participants and their families (families who were often reluctant to 'allow' them to do any external employment or training). This model worked and the project engaged eighteen women onto the project.
- To recruit participants Wise Youth Trust based themselves at the local job centre in Poplar on a regular basis. The link they had with the job centre ensured that they were able to recruit eligible long-term unemployed participants. Also, the job centre acted as a verifier of the participants employment status.
- City Steps Guided Tours recruited two previous participants as volunteer mentors. The volunteers provided peer support and disseminated information. The volunteers were in a unique position as they were based within the community and shared the same life and social experiences as the participants. The use of volunteers helps to build capacity of organisations, it also offered opportunities for the individual to gain work experience and gain skills to further their progression to employment.
- Newark Youth London employed a female employment and training advisor. The advisor was also a fluent Bengali speaker which made it easier to work with the women, many of whom were not fluent in English. The project also worked flexibly, taking into consideration their family commitments and religious needs i.e. Ramadan.
- Weavers Community Forum made links with a local nursery who provided work experience for the ESF project participants. This reciprocal relationship has

continued with the nursery expressing their intention to work with Weavers Community Forum on other projects such as recruiting volunteers.

## **17 Impact on participants**

- 17.1 The impact of the programme on the intended participants, individuals who need support, was diverse. For some, the projects helped them to realise that skills they had acquired in a non-work context could be used to enhance employability. For example, a Bengali participant from City Steps Guided Tours was supported to recognise she could use her communication skills to assist other women. She is now volunteering with the organisation to mentor other women.
- 17.2 For some projects, the staff enabled individuals to overcome cultural norms regarding working outside of the home. For example, one organisation employed a female Bangladeshi outreach worker to encourage women to enrol onto their project. Part of her role was to speak to the women and their partners about the project and the evidence requirements. In most cases this worked.
- 17.3 The impacts the projects have on participants are sustainable because they focus on the initial skills, confidence building and support that are essential for individuals to move towards further training or employment. The projects that are funded focus on new experiences and positive opportunities which will benefit the individuals if they enter employment, training or further support. They are the first step to helping individuals enter a wider system of support. They are the outreach into the community through trusted means that larger organisations are not always able to achieve.

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## **SUMMARY**

This document represents the London Councils Tower Hamlets Community Employment ESF Programme 2014-2020 (round 2). A total of seven projects were funded. The projects signed their funding agreements between April and June. London Councils ensured that projects funded under round 1 (Tower Hamlets Community Employment Programme) were only able to have their round 2 funding agreements issued for signature after their round 1 projects were completed. The completion date for round 1 projects was 31 March 2019. Enrolment begun shortly after this, with (95 participants currently enrolled, against a target enrolment figure of 125.

### **Range of Funded Projects:**

There are six projects funded to support a majority of Bangladeshi participants. There is one project that has a target group for Somali women. Project support includes focussed level 2 training; online computer literacy skills, face to face employability support, outreach work and employability workshops.

### **Current Delivery**

The training of participants in level 2 qualifications begun in earnest after the Holy month of Ramadan. Projects felt that this was appropriate to accommodate cultural requirements of fasting, where participants would be better placed to attend and engage in training after the Holy month. London Councils are fully aware and committed to the need to provide services which are culturally sensitive.

Projects are continuing to deliver outputs, with 45 participants gaining a level 2 or below qualification. These qualifications have enabled participants to gain level 2 qualifications in First Aid at Work, Customer Service, and Food Hygiene. Level 2 qualifications have also been gained by participants in Early Years Care Education, SIA Door Supervision (for security work) and Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) Examination. These qualifications will enable participants, including the most vulnerable with no formal skills and training, to gain employment opportunities, with formal qualifications. These qualifications will bring tremendous benefits for Tower Hamlets residents enrolled on the programme. A large majority of participants have no qualifications, may never had entered salaried or unpaid employment, are long term unemployed and economically inactive with multiple and complex social, personal and health needs.

**Tables 1, 2 and 3** of this Report provide detail of the targets currently achieved. London Councils will continue to provide support to projects and will begin the process of supporting projects to achieve further education and training, employment, and job search results for participants.

### **Payment of Funding**

All successful organisations are paid 50% of their grant on signing their funding agreement (subject to due diligence requirement being met), then 30% of the grant on evidencing 50%

of total grant defrayed. The final 20% is paid on submission of evidence of defrayal of 100% of grant expenditure.

At each stage, payment is released once organisations have submitted copies of expenditure, participant enrolment forms and evidence templates to demonstrate that delivery, and expenditure, has taken place.

## 1. PROGRAMME OUTPUTS AND RESULTS

The programme aimed to support people from a range of key equality and priority groups. Round two's package of provision is due to end February 2020

Table 1 shows the participants the projects will be supporting through their projects.

**Table 1 Programme targets groups (numbers achieved to August 2019)**

Target group	Profiled Target	Achieved To Date (against original target)
Enrolments (starts)	125	95
Long term unemployed	40	31
Economically inactive	85	29
Over 50	25	8
Women	89	49
Lone parents	34	7
Ethnic minorities	125	61
Disabled (self-declared)	16	2

The London Councils priority manager will be meeting projects over the next two weeks to establish indicative delivery figures for completion of project enrolments, outputs and results.

### Target Groups

The Community Employment programme contains targets for the numbers within each equality group that the funded projects need to engage with. **Table 2** below shows the profiled equality group figures, against the actual equality group figures returned by five projects (for the second monthly submission date 2 August 2019).

With a profile of 125 enrolments across all seven projects (and a current enrolment figure of 95 across all seven projects) there is currently a shortfall in enrolments of 30 participants. The London Councils priority manager is working with projects to try to ensure that the indicative shortfall of 30 participant enrolments is bridged. The priority manager will be

discussing any challenges projects may be experiencing with meeting enrolment targets. And what remedies and support may be able to be put in place to address these challenges.

The actual figures and percentages in **Table 2** (at August 2019) currently show that Bangladeshi participants will be well representation in regard to engagement on the projects; current engagement on the project for Bangladeshi participants being 55.7 per cent (against an agreed percentage figure of 66.4 per cent). There is an underrepresentation of Somali participants; with engagement on the project currently only being 3.1 per cent (against an agreed percentage figure of 24 per cent). This is a marked underrepresentation, which needs to be addressed. The London Councils priority manager will meet with projects to ascertain why there is an underrepresentation of Somali participants. During pre-agreement meetings the importance of engaging all target groups on the project, especially Somali participants, was reiterated. Projects will need to review their engagement and publicity strategies to ensure that particular equalities groups are included within the programme of support. This is particularly in view of the round 1 programme underrepresentation of participants from the Somali community.

**Table 2: Ethnicity (based on figures submitted up to August 2019)**

		Profiled	Achieved to date
<b>Asian/Asian British</b>	Indian	2	0
	Pakistani		1
	Bangladeshi	83	53
	Chinese		
	Other		
<b>Black/Black British</b>	African	2	0
	Caribbean		1
	Somali	30	3
	Other		
<b>White</b>	English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	6	2
	Irish		
	Gypsy or Irish traveller		
	Other		
<b>Mixed</b>	White and Black Caribbean		1
	White and Black African		
	White and Asian		
	Other		
<b>Other</b>	Arab		
	Other	2	0

## Results

The Tower Hamlets Community Employment Programme expects funded projects to deliver a range of outputs and results. **Table 3** sets out the expected and achieved results delivered to August 2019.

**Table 3**

Result	Profiled Results (%)	Achieved To Date (against original target)
Enrolments (starts)	125	95
6+ hours of support (IAG, job-search, mentoring, training, 1-2-1)	112	18
Level 2 (or below) qualification	84	45
Further education or training provider or specified accredited support service within 4 weeks of leaving the project	44	0
Long-term unemployed participants in employment within 4 weeks of leaving the project	10	0
Economically inactive participants in employment/ job search within 4 weeks of leaving the project	29	0
Participants in sustained employment for 26 weeks	7	0

Projects are yet to submit comprehensive enrolment and output information and accompanying evidence. Projects are in the process of providing skills training and ongoing employment support to participants.

## **Challenges**

The Tower Hamlets projects were struggling to understand and manage the reporting requirements of ESF, but with the ongoing support provided by London Councils Officers we have seen a vast improvement in the quality of the paperwork in this round. We are providing extra support to projects, where needed to help with this. Projects have been


assigned a London Councils Officer to visit them on a fortnightly or monthly basis, to check all financial and enrolment data.

More direct links have also been made with Job Centres, who are able to provide referrals and confirmation of employment status. This includes one of the projects that have established sessions in the Job Centre to engage participants directly.

### **Successes**

- Links with Jobcentre Plus have proved invaluable for Wise Youth Trust. The organisation put links in place with Job Centre Plus before their project commenced. They regularly do presentations at the Job Centre to recruit participants. This has resulted in the Jobcentre referring participants to their project and also promptly signing the job centre referral form to confirm employment status.
- CEN has already enrolled 20 participants and has provided a steady stream of skills training. 16 participants have been able to secure level 2 training, including in Food Hygiene and Customer Service.
- Wise Youth has enabled participants to gain level 2 training in Early Years and in security and construction work.

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<b>Grants Determination Sub Committee</b>  11 September 2019	 <b>TOWER HAMLETS</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Will Tuckley, Chief Executive	<b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted
<b>Community Benefit Rent Reduction update</b>	

<b>Lead Member</b>	<b>Councillor Candida Ronald, Cabinet Member for Resources and the Voluntary Sector</b>
<b>Originating Officer(s)</b>	Robert Mee, Interim Voluntary & Community Sector Team Manager Brenda Doku, Programme Assessment & Monitoring Officer
<b>Wards affected</b>	All
<b>Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>Forward Plan Notice Published</b>	12 August 2019
<b>Reason for Key Decision</b>	Not a key decision
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>All</b>

### Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to update the Grants Determination Sub-Committee on grants that have been awarded by the Community Benefit Rent Reduction Panel at its meetings on 6 February and 3 July 2019. 7 organisations have been awarded funding totalling £165,352

The Community Benefit Rent Reduction Scheme was agreed by Cabinet in November 2016. Subsequently a revised version which extended the eligibility of organisations was agreed in March 2018. Decision making on applications has been delegated to the Community Benefit Rent Reduction Panel.

### Recommendations:

The Grants Determination Sub Committee are recommended to:

1. Note the organisations and projects funded through the LBTH Community Benefit Rent Reduction Scheme as detailed in 3.6.

## **1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS**

- 1.1 As part of the Community Benefit Rent Reduction Scheme being delegated to officers, there is a requirement to update the Grants Determination Sub-Committee of grants that have been awarded to local voluntary and community organisations.

## **2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 2.1 As this is a noting report, the Grants Determination Sub-Committee may request additional information on organisations awarded funding.

## **3. DETAILS OF THE REPORT**

### **Community Benefit Rent Reduction (CBRR) Scheme**

- 3.1 The purpose of the Assessment Panel is to ensure the fair and transparent application of the Council's Community Benefit Rent Reduction policy and to assess individual applications and make decisions on whether an applicant has met the requirements of the Eligibility Criteria. The Assessment Panel comprises the Head of Revenues (Chair), the Head of Benefits and a representative of the THCVS.
- 3.2 Tower Hamlets Council recognises that the local voluntary and community sector is a valuable and important asset that delivers important services and benefits to local residents. Tower Hamlets Council is committed to ensuring this community value is appropriately recognised and reflected in its community buildings lettings policy.
- 3.3 Recognising that actively investing in the local community sector often represents good value for the public purse and helps Tower Hamlets Council achieve its own social, economic, and environmental outcomes as set out in its Community Plan, Tower Hamlets Council will offer, through a consistent, transparent, and accountable process, a Community Benefit rent-reduction of 80% to organisations that meet the Eligibility Criteria and assessment set out in the Council's policy.
- 3.4 Organisations are required to evidence that they pass the following tests as part of the rent reduction assessment process:
- Have an appropriate Quality Assurance Standard
  - Have an updated Business Plan
  - Complete a Social Value Assessment detailing how projects of the organisation meet social, economic and environmental priorities of the Council.
  - Complete the Social Value UK Social Return on Investment Assessment (only for organisations where the proposed benefit exceeds £20,000 per annum)



3.5 Organisations that are successful with their application will be required to enter into a grant agreement with the Council for the rent reduction. The agreement will include an annual audit of the organisations to ensure that they still meet the requirements of the three tests undertaken as part of the application process.

3.6 CBRR awarded including lease amount and premises usage:

No.	Organisation	Date of award	CBRR (80%) – grant amount per annum	Organisation contribution per annum	Total lease amount per annum	Premises usage
1	Wapping Bangladeshi Association	6/02/19	£32,792	£8,198	£40,990	The organisation's activities timetable demonstrates that the asset is intensively being used.
2	Stifford Centre Limited	6/02/19	£26,320	£6,580	£32,900	The organisation's activities timetable demonstrates a high usage of the centre.
3	Black Women's Health & Family Support	6/02/19	£28,800	£7,200	£36,000	The organisation has a number of projects that it delivers from the centre.
4	Age UK East London	3/07/19	£28,800	£7,200	£26,500	The organisation has a number of projects that it delivers from the centre.
5	Bethnal Green Weightlifting Club	3/07/19	£21,200	£5,300	£26,500	The organisation's activities timetable demonstrates the high usage of the facilities including free dedicated sessions for the over 55's and training for under 18s.
6	Legal Advice Centre	3/07/19	£18,400	£4,600	£23,000	The organisation demonstrates a high usage of the centre by the community.
7	SPLASH	3/07/19	£9,040	£2,260	£11,300	The organisation's activities timetable demonstrates the high usage of the centre.
			<b>£165,352</b>	<b>£41,338</b>	<b>£206,690</b>	

#### **4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 A full equalities analysis (EA) was undertaken in relation to the Community Benefit rent reduction policy and was included with the report to the 1 November 2016 Cabinet that approved the policy.

4.2 The EA included an Action Plan with the following areas that the CBRR scheme adheres to:

- Criteria for community benefit rent reduction to include evidence of organisation promoting equalities
- Equalities monitoring to be included within the monitoring arrangements

## **5. OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 This section of the report is used to highlight further specific statutory implications that are either not covered in the main body of the report or are required to be highlighted to ensure decision makers give them proper consideration. Examples of other implications may be:

- Best Value Implications,
- Consultations,
- Environmental (including air quality),
- Risk Management,
- Crime Reduction,
- Safeguarding.

### **One Tower Hamlets Considerations**

5.2 The contribution of VCS organisations helping to deliver One Tower Hamlets objectives and priorities are explicitly recognised and articulated within the Council's agreed Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy

VCS Organisations play a key role in delivering services that address inequality, improve cohesion and increase community leadership. These services are real examples of 'One Tower Hamlets' in practice.

### **Best Value (BV) Implications**

5.3 The level of awards to organisations was determined by the quality of their individual applications as well as the overall usage of the premises by a cross section of the community.

Additionally, the application appraisal process took into consideration the proposed levels of outputs and outcomes to be delivered as well as the organisation's track record and the bid's overall value for money rating.

There will be ongoing performance management of the approved portfolio of projects to ensure that interventions meet the required standards; that the evidencing of project achievements and expenditure is accurately recorded and reported.

### **Sustainable Action for a Greener Environment**

5.4 All programme beneficiaries, be they individuals or local organisations, will be encouraged to consider taking appropriate steps to minimise negative impact on the environment when taking up the opportunities offered within the programme and on an ongoing basis.

## **Risk Management Implications**

5.5 A number of different risks arise from any funding of external organisations.

The key risks are:

- The funding may not be fully utilised i.e. allocations remain unspent and outcomes are not maximised
- The funding may be used for purposes that have not been agreed e.g. in the case of fraud
- The organisation may not in the event have the capacity to achieve the contracted outputs/outcomes

As part of the ongoing programme management arrangements, support, advice and guidance will be made available to projects to ensure that all performance and other risks are minimised.

## **Crime and Disorder Reduction Implications**

5.6 The activities, services and outcomes that are being targeted through this grant programme support the objectives of reducing crime and disorder.

Throughout the CBRR scheme, those people involved in, or at risk of involvement in, the criminal justice system will be targeted for support.

## **Safeguarding Implications**

5.7 As part of the initial application process organisations were required to provide details of their safeguarding policy, if appropriate. The Grant Agreements for both funding streams includes requirements in relation to safeguarding.

Organisations providing services to children or vulnerable adults and employing staff or volunteers in a position whose duties include caring for, training, supervising or being responsible in some way for them, are required to fully comply with all necessary safeguarding requirements.

## **6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

6.1 This report provides an update on the LBTH Community Benefit Rent Reduction Scheme. The report also allows opportunity for greater transparency and scrutiny around the Councils grant processes.

6.2 The Community Benefit Rent Reduction (80%) Scheme to date has allocated grant funding of £165,352 per annum. A budget to fund this expenditure needs to be identified and considered as part of the council's budget setting and medium term financial strategy before costs are incurred.

6.3 Organisations that are a part of the Community Benefit Rent Reduction Scheme will be expected to contribute 20% towards the rent which to date will amount to £41,338 per annum.

## **7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES**

7.1 This report is a noting report and is in line with the previous approving report. There are no further legal issues.

7.2 Any equalities issues are dealt with in line with the overall equalities assessments undertaken as part of the scheme and as the scheme progresses.

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### **Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents**

#### **Linked Report**

- NONE

#### **Appendices**

- NONE


#### **Background Documents – Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012**

- NONE

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<p><b>Grants Determination Sub Committee</b></p> <p>11 September 2019</p>	
<p><b>Report of:</b> Will Tuckley, Chief Executive</p>	<p><b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted</p>
<p><b>MSG Project Performance Report – Extension Period 03 (April to June 2019)</b></p>	

<b>Lead Member</b>	<b>Councillor Candida Ronald, Cabinet Member for Resources and the Voluntary Sector</b>
<b>Originating Officer(s)</b>	Robert Mee, Interim Voluntary & Community Sector Team Manager
<b>Wards affected</b>	All
<b>Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>Forward Plan Notice Published</b>	12 August 2019
<b>Reason for Key Decision</b>	Not a key decision
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>All</b>

### Executive Summary

The Mainstream Grant (MSG) 2015/18 Programme was approved by the Commissioners on 29 July 2015 and was initially expected to be delivered from 1st September 2015 through to 31st August 2018.

At the 12th September 2017 Grants Determination Sub-Committee, the programme was extended to 31st March 2019.

A further extension to the programme, to the 30th September 2019, was agreed by the Grants Determination Sub-Committee at its meeting on the 6th June 2018.

The activities and services are being delivered by a portfolio of projects each of which has targeted outcomes to achieve during the course of the programme period. Projects are classified as Red, Amber or Green within the Council's agreed performance management framework. This report covers Red and Amber rated projects only. Red or Amber performance ratings may be as a consequence of premises issues, debtor issues, performance issues, failure to submit the quarterly monitoring returns or a combination of these factors.

There were 107 live projects in April to June 2019, the third extension period.

Two projects delivered by Family Action ended delivery March 2019. Mainly due to other contracts ending making it not viable to continue the MSG projects.

Project performance for this period (Apr-Jun 19) shows there is 1 Amber rated project.

Amber rated projects:

Toynbee Hall – Wellbeing in Tower Hamlets

This report details these issues and provides recommendations for the Sub-Committee to consider.

### **Recommendations:**

The Grants Determination Sub Committee are recommended to:

1. Note the performance of the Mainstream Grants (MSG) programme as set out in 3.3 – 3.6 and the premises update 3.7 – 3.9.

### **1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS**

- 1.1 Regular performance updates ensure that the MSG themes and individual projects are on track to achieve the targeted outcomes.
- 1.2 Any issues that raise concerns can be addressed and appropriate remedial actions agreed. Where necessary, this could include the reduction, withdrawal or reallocation of funds to ensure that the overall Programme is making the most effective use of resources and maximising the potential achievement of agreed aims and objectives

### **2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 2.1 Information relating to various aspects of project and monitoring activity is contained within the report to provide Grants Determination Sub Committee with an overall understanding of how projects and organisations have performed against the key elements of their Grant Agreements.
- 2.2 Grants Determination Sub Committee could request further information or alter the recommendations.

### **3. DETAILS OF THE REPORT**

- 3.1 For the reporting period April to June 2019, the MSG Programme had 107 live projects. This is the third period of the extension up to September 2019. The extension is for 13 months and is split into four reporting periods – Sep-Dec 18, Jan-Mar 19, Apr-Jun 19 and Jul-Sep 19.
- 3.2 Family Action had two projects that ended 31 March 2019, mainly due to other contracts ending making it not viable to continue the MSG projects.

### **3.3 Theme 1 Summary – Children and young people**

The work of the theme focuses primarily on delivering activities and services aimed at children and young people.

There are 53 live projects within this theme of which all are RAG rated Green.

### **3.4 Theme 2 Summary – Routeways to Employment & Social Welfare Advice Services**

The theme is split into two distinct areas of focus; the first being employability skills training which is formally referred to as Routeways to Employment. The other area focuses on delivering a range of social welfare advice services.

There are 20 projects within this theme all of which are RAG rated Green.

### **3.5 Theme 3 Summary – Health and Wellbeing**

This theme is entitled prevention, health and wellbeing and is intended to achieve a range of targeted outcomes with a primary focus on what were traditionally referred to as adult services.

This theme is made up of 33 live projects, 1 of which is rated Amber:

The Amber rated project is:

#### **Toynbee Hall – Wellbeing in Tower Hamlets**

The project has underachieved in 2 key output areas: Number of peer support volunteers recruited and Number of successful peer support matches made. The project was put on an improvement plan since January 2019 and though it has made some improvements over the months, it hasn't made sufficient progress in the last 6 months to be RAG rated Green.

The targets agreed for the extension period are now seen to be overambitious and the project is struggling to meet the quarterly targets. The VCS Team is continuing to support the organisation as it delivers the project.

### **3.6 Theme 4 Summary – Third Sector Organisational Development**

Theme four consists of 3 projects. All projects within this theme have been RAG rated Green for performance for this reporting period.

One of the projects covers a key “strategic partner” role to the Council and is undertaken by Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Services. The other two

consortium projects provide organisational development and capacity building support to local voluntary and community sector organisations

### **Premises**

3.7 At the Grants Determination Sub Committee meeting on the 1st August 2018, it was agreed that subject to completion of an appropriate property agreement, the following organisations would receive a rent subsidy to cover the cost of rent up to the end of the MSG programme (30th September 2019). Officers are in the process of liaising with these organisations confirming the rent subsidy and next steps. In accordance with the decision on 1st August 2018, whilst this takes place, together with lease negotiations, MSG payments to these organisations continue subject to satisfactory performance:

- Age UK East London
- Bethnal Green Weightlifting Club
- Black Women's Health and Family Support
- Legal Advice Centre
- Stifford Centre
- Our Base
- Tower Hamlets Community Transport

3.8 Asset Management are working with the organisations to put in place appropriate property agreements. The position as at 9 August 2019 is:

#### **Age UK East London**

Delays with communication experienced. Heads of Terms re-sent early June 2019 after initial contact was made in May '18. A further follow-up has been made-hoping for a response in the coming days.

#### **Bethnal Green Weightlifting Club**

CBRR grant now approved. Heads of Terms redrafted. Main issues to be resolved are agreement of new rent up from £26.5k to circa £35k and mechanical repairs of £34k plus external repairs and decorations (cost not yet known).

#### **Black Women's Health and Family Support**

Met with occupant and provided Heads of Terms. Issues with funding indicated by occupant i.e. rental is unaffordable

#### **Legal Advice Centre**

The lease is about to be completed, just one issue to be sorted out on the 1954 Act.

#### **Stifford Centre**

Asset Management has written to the Trustees of Stifford Community with the option of surrender and re-grant of a new 5 years lease at open market rent. However, the trustees of Stifford Centre are querying the new market rent of £32,900pa and asking for the rent to be in line with the independent



assessment carried out for 2016 rent review which is at a rate of £12.35 per sq.ft. This is not in line with the Council's open market rent at £14 per.sq.ft.

The MSG Rent Subsidy agreement has been signed and payments are being raised so Stifford Centre can pay the outstanding rent invoices up to the end of the MSG programme.

### **Our Base**

The Offer Letter setting out the Rent Subsidy amount and conditions has been drafted to fund the rent up to September 2019. Payments are scheduled and the first payment can be made upon signing the agreement.

### **Tower Hamlets Community Transport**

Rent subsidy agreed. Section 25 notice served. Legal services to confirm expiry date. Currently waiting for confirmation from Legal.

- 3.9 There are other MSG funded organisations in Council buildings that are not covered by the agreed Rent Subsidy scheme. The position of these is set out below:

### **Somali Senior Citizens Club**

The lease to SSCC was completed April 2019

### **Splash (St Vincent's Porta- cabin)**

Asset Management have chased Splash again on 26/07/2019 to approve the Heads of Terms and still awaiting response before instructing the Legal Team to start preparing the lease.

Splash has been awarded Community Benefit Rent Reduction (see separate report).

### **Wadajir (Teviot Community Hall)**

This is tied in with agreeing the general approach to granting leases to TRAs and how they will fund the various lease and occupational costs in order to make any agreement sustainable over the term granted and is still ongoing. No further update until the final Locality Review has been completed

### **Wapping Bangladesh Association**

A draft lease was issued to the tenant's solicitor March 2019 and confirmed instructions. The leases are with Legal and about to complete in August 2019.

### **Weavers Community Forum**

The lease has been extended until September 2019 in line with current MSG. Asset Management has started negotiation for a new lease beyond September by issuing Heads of Terms to Weavers on April 2019. Negotiations have started for a new lease beyond September 2019.

#### **4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 A strategic assessment was undertaken of the proposed MSG programme in April 2015. It focused on identified need (or beneficiaries) and the difference between the MSG Programme 2013-15 and the proposed programme. Looking in particular at the potential impact of;
- Reduction in overall funding;
  - Rationalisation of themes; and
  - Introduction of locality boundaries
- 4.2 The programme continues to deliver against the themes developed to address the identified need.

#### **5. OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 This section of the report is used to highlight further specific statutory implications that are either not covered in the main body of the report or are required to be highlighted to ensure decision makers give them proper consideration. Examples of other implications may be:
- Best Value Implications,
  - Consultations,
  - Environmental (including air quality),
  - Risk Management,
  - Crime Reduction,
  - Safeguarding.

#### **One Tower Hamlets Considerations**

- 5.2 The contribution of VCS organisations helping to deliver One Tower Hamlets objectives and priorities are explicitly recognised and articulated within the Council's agreed Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy.

VCS Organisations play a key role in delivering services that address inequality, improve cohesion and increase community leadership. These services are real examples of 'One Tower Hamlets' in practice.

The opportunities offered through the MSG Programme will play a key role in delivering the aims of One Tower Hamlets.

#### **Best Value (BV) Implications**

- 5.3 The level of awards to organisations was determined by the quality of their individual applications as well as the overall demand for the funds available within each Theme.

Additionally, the application appraisal process took into consideration the proposed levels of outputs and outcomes to be delivered as well as the organisation's track record and the bid's overall value for money rating.

There will be ongoing performance management of the approved portfolio of projects to ensure that interventions meet the required standards; that the evidencing of project achievements and expenditure is accurately recorded and reported.

Monitoring and reporting arrangements are in place to ensure that payments to organisations are in line with performance. The agreed Payment By Results process will ensure that grants will not be paid to organisations that either significantly or consistently under-perform, or those that are not able to properly evidence the work/outcomes for which funding has been approved.

Agreement of the proposed rent subsidies will assist the Council in achieving the Best Value action plan in relation to the regularisation of lease arrangements with VCS organisations which occupy our premises.

### **Sustainable Action for a Greener Environment**

- 5.4 The MSG 2015/18 Programme has a broad focus including developing new skills for local people and organisations that are disadvantaged and perhaps facing multiple barriers to achieving a sustainable future.

All programme beneficiaries be they individuals or local organisations will be encouraged to consider taking appropriate steps to minimise negative impact on the environment when taking up the opportunities offered within the programme and on an ongoing basis.

### **Risk Management Implications**

- 5.5 A number of different risks arise from any funding of external organisations. The key risks are:

- The funding may not be fully utilised i.e. allocations remain unspent and outcomes are not maximised
- The funding may be used for purposes that have not been agreed e.g. in the case of fraud
- The organisation may not in the event have the capacity to achieve the contracted outputs/outcomes

The monitoring being undertaken has identified a small number of projects that have been rated either Red or Amber within the Council's RAG performance rating process. In these circumstances either formal project improvement plans or other appropriate arrangements have been put in place to minimise the risk of further/significant underperformance.

As part of the ongoing programme management arrangements, support, advice and guidance will be made available to projects to ensure that all performance and other risks are minimised.

## **Crime and Disorder Reduction Implications**

- 5.6 The activities, services and outcomes that are being targeted through the MSG Programme support the objectives of reducing crime and disorder; this is particularly true of the projects delivering under the Community Engagement, Cohesion and Resilience Theme.

Throughout the programme as a whole however, those people involved in, or at risk of involvement in, the criminal justice system will be targeted for support.

## **Safeguarding Implications**

- 5.7 As part of the initial application process organisations were required to provide details of their safeguarding policy if appropriate. The Grant Agreement that funded organisations have entered into includes requirements in relation to safeguarding.

Organisations providing services to children or vulnerable adults and employing staff or volunteers in a position whose duties include caring for, training, supervising or being responsible in some way for them, are required to fully comply with all necessary safeguarding requirements.

## **6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

- 6.1 The Main Stream Grant (MSG) Programme was approved by the Commissioners on the 29 July 2015 and initially covered the period between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2018. However, subsequent Grants Determination Committees (GDC) revised the end date of the current programme to 30th September 2019; this was decided at a GDC meeting held on the 6th June 2018.
- 6.2 The Council's MSG programme is budgeted at approximately £3.049m per annum. Funding exists within individual directorate budgets to fully fund the agreed programme and associated payments until 30th September 2019.
- 6.3 At the conclusion of the MSG programme, there will need to be a full review of expenditure and income to determine the remaining funds available to deliver the post MSG programme from 2019-20 onwards. The current medium term financial plan assumes a proposed saving target of £330k in 2021-22. If at the point of the review it is determined that there is the potential for incurring costs that exceed the current envelope, those additional costs will need to be approved using existing financial procedures and rules before any further commitments can be made.
- 6.4 Section 3 of this report highlights individual project performance and only identifies Toynbee Hall as failing to achieve key project milestones. The remaining projects have managed to achieve an acceptable level of performance.

## **7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES**

- 7.1 The decisions of the Commissioners relating to the Mainstream Grants were made at a time when the Council's grant function was being carried out by the Commissioners. Therefore, the Council executive should still consider itself to be bound by those decisions.
- 7.2 The key requirement for the Council is to act reasonably and consistently with the advertised grant process and terms. In addition, the Council is bound by its Best Value duty to ensure that the grant funds are being used in accordance with the grant terms.
- 7.3 In the event that organisations are not performing in a manner consistent with those terms then the Council is entitled to take the variety of actions as highlighted in this report.

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### **Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents**

#### **Linked Report**

- None

#### **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – Project Performance April – June 2019

#### **Background Documents – Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012**

- None

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<b>Theme 1 Children Young People and Families - Community Languages</b>														
Black Women's Health and Family Support	BWHAFS' Somali Mother Tongue Programme	Mother tongue education in the language that children speak at home with their family. The children who access this provision are bilingual or multilingual. The project provides weekly 2-hour Somali Mother Tongue classes, 38 weeks a year during term time, for young people of Somali heritage, aged 7 to 13 and living in the borough.	One learner was offered a Jack Petchey Award for her hard work and support to the group. An award of £250 was used in organising an Eid party on 11 June 2019 for the group. The group celebrated the occasion in grand style with their friends, neighbours and families.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	3,250.00	3,250.00	3,250.00	3,250.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Boundary Community School	BCS Mother Tongue Project	Mother Tongue project providing out of school language classes (Bangla) and cultural activities for local young people (age from 6 to 16) from Boundary Estate of Weavers Ward to help boost their confidence. The classes run from 5:30-7:30pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (School Term only).	Classes progressed well with good attendance. This quarter focused on preparation for assessments. Students prepared by taking mock assessments in groups to go through topics that may be assessed.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	4,333.00	4,333.00	4,333.00	4,333.00	0.00	RED	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Chinese Association of Tower Hamlets	Chinese Independent School of Tower Hamlets (Mother Tongue Classes)	Offers a complete education framework for children aimed to inspire, energise and develop students to excel as great thinkers and leaders in any field with an integrated background of Chinese language and culture as a key asset. Lessons are delivered every Saturday in two separate sessions during term time at St. Mary and St. Michael Primary School, Sutton Street, London E1 0BD. Mandarin GCSE, AS Level and A Level classes are delivered between 10 am to 1 pm; Cantonese GCSE and A Level classes are delivered 12:45 pm to 3:45 pm.	The School held its graduation ceremony on 22nd June to celebrate student achievements. We were very honoured to have invited the Civic Mayor, Victoria Obaze to be our VIP guest! She thoroughly enjoyed student performances as well as presenting awards to our young achievers. Over 90 awards were presented to students for their excellent efforts put into their Chinese studies during this academic year.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	12,637.00	12,637.00	12,637.00	12,637.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Cubitt Town Bangladeshi Cultural Association	Cubitt Town Bangladeshi Cultural Association	After-school Bengali language classes on Thursday and Friday, two hours each day for 36 weeks a year. The project consists of mother tongue classes, participation in related activities, educational trips and cultural events. All classes take place at St. Luke's Primary School between 5pm and 7pm.	31 young people attended the sessions this qtr with 3 new students joining. There is an equal divide of girls and boys that attend the sessions, parents sessions to discuss childrens results proved popular.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	2,407.00	2,407.00	2,407.00	2,275.00	-132.00	RED	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Culloden Bangladeshi Parents Association	Culloden Bengali Mother Tongue Programme	Delivers Bengali Mother Tongue Classes to local children living on the Aberfeldy, Brownfield and Teviot estates with the aim of the children improving their educational attainment, participation and progression by learning their Mother Tongue through reading, writing and speaking skills and cultural studies in the Bengali language.	Classes progressed well with good attendance. This quarter focused on preparation for assessments. Students prepared by taking mock assessments in groups to go through topics that may be assessed.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	8,938.00	8,938.00	8,938.00	8,938.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
EC Lighthouse Ltd	EC Lighthouse/ Lithuanian School	EC Lighthouse School classes take place on Saturdays (10 am - 5 pm). We teach Lithuanian language, history, dance, drama, music. The school is awarded a Silver Award in the Quality Framework for Supplementary School, has won the British Academy Schools Language Awards. Students participate in local and international projects.	The Organisation won the Barcelona International Dance award in April with their - CATALUNYA SPECIAL PRIZE	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	10,617.00	10,617.00	10,617.00	10,617.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.

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Limehouse Welfare Association	Limehouse Mother Tongue Classes (Bengali)	Mother Tongue Bengali classes will allow disadvantaged children of the local area to learn an additional language and gain a foundation for a qualification in GCSE/A level MFL Bengali. Learning the language will increase students' self-confidence, develop cognitive abilities and foster good relations in the community and wider British society.	With 20 sessions being delivered this period the organisation has successfully maintained engagement and participation of children and families. The relationship with parents is good and results in them accessing IAG from the project on various issues that affect them such as secondary schools transfer as well as seeking advice on housing issues.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	5,865.00	5,865.00	5,865.00	5,218.00	-647.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Stifford Centre Limited	Stifford Community Language Services	Community language classes for 40 children aged 6 -11 years, who wish develop their language skills in Bengali and Arabic. The service runs from Monday to Friday from 5pm to 7pm. It is linked to a referral programme for children who wish to undertake GCSE Bengali & Arabic in future.	The Community Language project continues to be successful, and much needed endeavour providing local children with an after school provision to improve their bilingual skills and learn a community language.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	5,450.00	5,450.00	5,450.00	4,192.25	-1,257.75	RED	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Teviot British Bangladeshi Association (TBBA)	Opportunity	The project is intended to provide Mother Tongue classes for local Bangladeshi children around Teviot areas LAP 7 age between 8-12 years old.	During the parents evening, we had feedback from parents that young people have improved	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	2,167.00	2,167.00	2,167.00	2,167.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Wapping Bangladeshi Association	Wapping Bengali Mother Tongue Community Languages Project	The project will raise the academic achievements, participation and progression of disadvantaged Bangladeshi children through the provision of Bengali Mother Tongue Education. It will help to strengthen the identity of Bangladeshi Children through cultural awareness through studies in Bengali history, the arts and culture and promote community cohesion.	Confidence in communicating with community languages	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	3,250.00	3,250.00	3,250.00	3,250.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes. A visit is due to be scheduled.
<b>Theme 7 Children Young People and Families - Culture</b>														
Green Candle Dance Company	MG Hop! (formerly called BanglaHop! after school project)	MG Hop! after school dance project for children and young people of South Asian backgrounds, offering secondary school children regular dance workshops, specialist dance photography sessions and exhibition and performance opportunities,	Project beneficiaries participated in a dance photography editing workshop in April 2019 to enable them to develop photographic images for an exhibition that would take place in July 2019. Beneficiaries have also developed material, in collaboration with a dance artist, for a scheduled final project public dance performance. This included creating their own choreography.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	11,330.00	11,330.00	11,330.00	11,330.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Half Moon Young People's Theatre	Professional theatre venue for young people in Tower Hamlets	Half Moon is an accessible, friendly venue presenting professional theatre shows for young audiences from birth to 18. The company also runs inclusive out of school drama groups for young people aged 5 to 18 (or 25 for disabled young people), providing free access support to those who require it.	Youth theatre groups have been developing performance scripts, which they have shared with each group, thus helping in the development of performances. Project recruitment of new beneficiaries is 32% ahead of scheduled profile at the end of June 2019. The project is also 63% ahead of its profiled output target for supporting people to access theatre for the first time.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	22,163.00	22,163.00	22,163.00	22,163.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Pollyanna Training Theatre	Musical Theatre & Performance Arts Course	Acting, Dancing, Singing and Performance Skills for ages 12-16yrs. Create and devise performances, learn new skills, make friends, gain confidence. Work with industry professionals to achieve excellence.	The project continues to support its beneficiaries to gain confidence and find their voice. Beneficiaries put on a performance in May 2019 of a script which they devised. Performances of plays have enabled beneficiaries to develop their stage craft, drama techniques, self-esteem and ownership of the arts.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	10,111.00	10,111.00	10,111.00	7,778.00	-2,333.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Ragged School Museum	Family Learning Holiday Programme	The Ragged School Museum will provide 23 - 25 days of creative family learning activities. These will be free and drop-in, aimed at children from 1 month to 12 years old. Activities are designed so that families feel that learning together is inspirational.	Programme activities included two days of craft activities in May 2019, focusing on Victorian sports and games. Beneficiaries were involved in a range of activities - face painting, museum trail, balloon tennis - linked to sports that became established in the Victorian era, such as horse racing, football and sailing	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	0.00	RED	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
The Shadwell Community Project	The People GAP	The Shadwell Community Project is local; it is parent and community led. It focuses on the needs of children, young people and their families. It runs an adventure playground, hosts youth work, a bike workshop and allotments and, from summer 2016, a unique children's café: run by children for children.	In April 2019 the project supported a fundraising event at Glamis Adventure Playground during the London marathon, offering snacks and refreshments to visitors who were viewing the race. The playground offers a range of play activities to local children, whilst working with parents to offer healthy and nutritious meals to beneficiaries. The project has supported volunteers to help refurbish the playground and maintain adjoining allotments.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	9,027.00	9,027.00	9,027.00	4,861.00	-4,166.00	RED	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.



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Udichi Shilpi Gosthi	Udichi Performing Arts and Festivals Programme for Young People	The Udichi Performing Arts and Festivals Programme aims to increase participation in celebratory cultural events, promoting diversity and improving social cohesion, whilst increasing participation in cultural activity in the Bengali community in Tower Hamlets as whole, specifically to young people from our specialist Performing Arts facilities at the Brady Centre	Beneficiaries have continued to receive training through the project in music, dance and performance arts. They have had opportunities to perform in local cultural events. Participation in the project has enabled beneficiaries to improve their team working skills and enhance their progress in education. They have been enabled to develop their self-confidence, improve their physical and emotional health and increase their knowledge and appreciation of Bengali culture.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	10,833.00	10,833.00	10,833.00	10,833.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Wapping Bangladesh Association	Wapping Children's Arts Education Project	To promote Bengali history, art, culture and heritage to the British--Bangladeshi and other BME children through an array of creative and visual arts activity that will support children to build their creative skills to enhance their educational attainment and contribute to bridge building between different cultures.	Participation in the project has enabled beneficiaries to improve their imaginative abilities and analytical skills. This has supported their progress in mainstream education. Beneficiaries performed storytelling and produced drawings at cultural events in June 2019. Their performances were well received by participants at the events.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	4,333.00	4,333.00	4,333.00	4,333.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Weavers Adventure Playground Association	Play On	An all weathers, drop in, inclusive, adventure playground situated in Bethnal Green, serving children, young people and their families across Tower Hamlets. Attendees enjoy a wide variety of physical and social play opportunities in a child and youth centred, safe, staffed environment five days a week, term time and holidays.	The project continues to develop children's wellbeing and fitness levels by enabling them to participate in supervised sports, activities and games. This participation also strengthens social and leadership skills, enabling children to learn about the value of taking part and fostering trust in relation to achieving common goals and self-discipline. The project also offers creative and sensory play, such as model making and origami, which has enabled beneficiaries to develop their imagination and self-expression.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	20,358.00	20,358.00	20,358.00	20,358.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
<b>Theme 1 Children Young People and Families - Raising Attainment</b>														
Black Women's Health and Family Support	BWHAFS Supplementary School Programme	BWHAFS' Homework Club helps young people aged 7-13 with maths, science, English and IT support to improve study skills, address learning through a mix of approaches including digital learning and help young people improve their educational achievements.	One learner was offered a Jack Petchey Award for her hard work and support to the group. An award of £250 was used in organising an Eid party on 11 June 2019 for the group. The group celebrated the occasion in grand style with their friends, neighbours and families.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	4,550.00	4,550.00	4,550.00	4,550.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Chinese Association of Tower Hamlets	Chinese After School Homework Club	The Chinese After School Homework Club provides bilingual support, homework assistance, and cultural awareness for children ages 5 to 17. It is aimed primarily, but not exclusively, at pupils attending the Saturday's Chinese School. We operate every Saturdays between 12:30 and 3:30 pm during school terms.	Parents have commented that their children can communicate confidently at home with family members. Also they enjoy talking to their family in Chinese and do family activities together.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	4,339.00	4,339.00	4,339.00	4,339.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes. There is a slight overspend on salaries.
Community of Refugees from Vietnam - East London	Home-School Liaison Project	The Home-School Liaison Project provides active links between Vietnamese children, families and schools to raise attainment and improve the quality of life for vulnerable Vietnamese children and young people especially those with special needs or disability.	Grant officer to visit project and obtain info on key achievements this period. Otherwise they are on track	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	4,550.00	4,550.00	4,550.00	4,550.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Culloden Bangladeshi Parents Association	Culloden Supplementary School	The Culloden Supplementary School will provide education support, assistance and guidance to underachieving children with their learning and school - work that underpins the National Curriculum -- to deliver educational support in English and Maths -- from Key Stage 1 to 4.	Sessions progressed well with good attendance. Students taking GCSEs this year were given additional support	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	6,912.00	6,912.00	6,912.00	6,912.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.

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Graduate Forum - Careers London	Top Tutors	The Top Tutors Project aims to alleviate the cycle of poverty in low income families by offering Numeracy & Literacy intervention through tuition for children aged 7-16 from BAME low income families. Programme will ensure children raise their aspirations and motivate them for further education.	<p>The Project Manager reports that the project has received a positive response from both parents and students, from the feedback through surveys and parent interactions. There is also a waiting list of a large number of students who are eligible to join the project in the near future.</p> <p>The Project Manager also reports that the project had low attendance and punctuality rates for a small number of KS2 and KS3 students over the Ramadan period. The year 11 students who completed their GCSE exams in June have been placed on the PFE (Personal Finance Education Group) financial education programmes.</p> <p>An end of year party was held to celebrate students' achievements. All KS2 students were given prizes including stationery, assorted candy tubs and Tiger Gift bags.</p>	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	5,417.00	5,417.00	5,417.00	5,417.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Headline (UK)	Digital Citizens	The Digital Citizens programme offers multi-media courses which supports young people to explore issues of concern to them and campaign through the media. You will gain the digital skills to make films and podcasts for online publication/broadcast. Programmes offer accreditation and the opportunity to attend Master Classes delivered by Creative Industry professionals.	<p>F attends Wapping High School. F has dyslexia and at the beginning of the project spoke very quietly and would hesitate to add his voice into group discussions and didn't enjoy getting in front of the camera or writing. Working with a staff journalist, F identified some small steps he could take towards building his confidence and skills, especially within his Headliners team.</p> <p>F was very keen on exploring racism in the area and F did very well when it came to using the audio kit, which meant that he could step up and be involved in interviewing without being in front of a camera. F also found that he could positively add to the team dynamic by conducting online research on the story topic and in support of the personal/ professional goals of his peers.</p> <p>As F met his goals to build confidence and speak confidently to others, he challenged himself further by interviewing the school's business manager and has built a solid journalistic story around racism in Tower Hamlets. With multiple interviews now recorded, F's voice has grown and his determination and maturity indicate a positive path to being an empathetic and understanding leader.</p> <p>F has most recently teamed up with the photographer of the group who is taking portraits for the racism theme as part of the end of project exhibition. F will be accompanying him to elicit a sentence from each student about themselves to accompany the pictures. The project has empowered F to</p>	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	15,910.00	15,910.00	15,910.00	15,910.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Newark Youth London	Newark Study Support Club	We want to run a Study Support Club in the Stepney and St. Dunstan's area for children 13-16 year olds, to help them improve their educational attainments, especially supporting those in Year 11, going onto doing their GCSE exams the coming year.	<p>The Project Manager reports that in this quarter the project delivered 14 Study support sessions for children and young people in the Stepney area in particular and in Tower Hamlets more generally.</p> <p>Despite Ramadan in May, both children and parents wanted the sessions to continue as SAT and GCSE exams were scheduled for June.</p>	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	4,290.00	4,290.00	4,290.00	4,290.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
SocietyLinks Tower Hamlets	Raising Attainment Children and Young People Support Projects 1. Study Support	Children and Young People Support: Study Club -- study support to boost attainment levels, two hours per week	<p>The Project Manager reports that during this quarter the project had many new young people join and sign up for the summer activities</p> <p>Young people have expressed an interest in volunteering during summer and therefore the project has run a volunteering course with a accredited outcome through ASDAN.</p>	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	4,550.00	4,550.00	4,550.00	4,550.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.

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Tower Hamlets Parents' Centre	THPC Saturday Study Support Project	This project delivers a 3 hour weekly study support session on a Saturday morning for 40 weeks each year that help improve the attainment of 75 disadvantaged local young people at Key Stages 1 and 2.	The children have been making good progress. The Tutor has been observing them on an on-going basis. The children have been receiving support in their English, Maths work and Homework, set by their Mainstream School Teachers. The Classroom Assistant has been giving one-to-one support to the weaker children in the Group.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	4,550.00	4,550.00	4,550.00	4,550.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
<b>Theme 1 Children Young People and Families - Sports</b>														
Lord's Taverners	Wicketz	Wicketz' will use the sport of cricket as a catalyst to change the lives of disadvantaged young people across Tower Hamlets. Our aim is to work in partnership with community organisations, to help improve the overall quality of life locally by utilising the power of sport, social and educational opportunities.	10 Wicketz participants from the THCC have been taking part in a huge community festival cricket event to celebrate Capital Kids 30th anniversary. In this 50 local schools along with participants from 50 nations have got together to play cricket.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	8,667.00	8,667.00	8,667.00	8,667.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Somali Parents and Children's Play Association	Girls' Active play & sports	Girls' Active play & sports provide physical activities for unfit/obese Somali girls in NW, NE and SE clusters; between the ages of 8 to 13 years old. The sessions are unstructured, spontaneous and involve children following their interests and ideas. One session per week at Mile End Adventure Park	Girls' Active play & sports provide physical activities for unfit/obese Somali girls in NW, NE and SE clusters; between the ages of 8 to 13 years old. The sessions are unstructured, spontaneous and involve children following their interests and ideas. One session per week at Mile End Adventure Park	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	12,643.00	12,643.00	12,643.00	9,726.00	-2,917.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Splash	Sports & Play Sessions	Supervised sessions where local children between ages 5-13 access a range of activities and games. Play provisions offer a safe and friendly environment for children to play and explore new skills, friendships and themselves. Children are nourished with creative play activities encouraged by experienced and qualified playworkers, giving children many opportunities to contribute their ideas. Sessions are inclusive and are attended by children of all ages, abilities and backgrounds. Working in partnership with the local community, local schools, parent groups and other stakeholders the project provides free play sessions every week during term time and additional sessions in school holidays. The following sessions are currently in place:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>St. Vincent's Thursday Play Sessions- 16:30 to 19:30</li> <li>Will Crooks Estate Saturday Play Sessions-12:30 to 15:30.</li> </ul> Playwork training and appropriate workshops are additionally provided for older participants who act as volunteers.	To develop awareness of citizenship and cultural understanding, The organisation successfully delivered a community Eid party where over 60 participants attended and participated in the traditional games with their friends and families. They also arranged William Crooks Remembrance Day in Will Crooks where his great grandson came to the ceremony. Over 80 people attended to pay their respect to William Crooks.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	25,131.00	25,131.00	25,131.00	25,131.00	0.00	RED	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Vallance Community Sports Association Limited	Sports Access for All	The overall aim of our project is to improve physical and emotional health and wellbeing in children and young people. We aim to work with our partners including Attlee Centre and local secondary schools to target vulnerable groups, particularly young people with disabilities.	The Vallance Community Sports Association held its annual Disability Sports Day Festival 2019 on Wednesday 12th June. Over 150 participants registered on the day despite the predicted wet weather to take part in the multi sports activities which included Football, Cricket, Soft Tennis, Inclusive Bikes and many others.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	29,361.00	29,361.00	29,361.00	29,361.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
<b>Theme 1 Children Young People and Families - Vulnerable &amp; Excluded</b>														

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Attlee Youth and Community Centre	Connecting Children and Families	Attlee, Home-Start Tower Hamlets and Praxis in collaboration providing inclusive services for children 0-16 years and their families; including migrant families. Services include support in the home, structured drop in sessions, peer therapeutic support, skills, health and wellbeing workshops and exercise classes for adults and play and informal learning for children	Attlee: under-fives play session (previously run by Homestart) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attendance is picking up.</li> <li>Parents continue to support each other and their children in the sessions.</li> <li>Parents continue to promote the sessions and upload their interactions and activities on the WhatsApp group</li> </ul> Attlee: 5-12 play session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Harry Gosling Primary School: This was a busy new term with 20 plus girls attending each session.</li> <li>Saturday Family sessions: parents continuing to stay for sessions with their children and joining in with activities</li> <li>Parents continue to promote the services</li> <li>Parents have established peer networks, sharing parental experiences and supporting each other.</li> <li>Easter was busy with varied activities on site.</li> <li>The project continues to provide a secure environment where both children and their parents feel free to be themselves and experiment with new experiences and establish friendships without pressure or being judged</li> </ul> Praxis: Families involved in this project have continued to make the most of a varied programme of groups, workshops and activities that benefit both children's development, bonding between families and parent and child wellbeing.  Delivered 2 drama workshops, 2 movement therapy sessions and a poetry workshop for mums. The workshops encouraged	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	22,306.00	22,306.00	22,306.00	17,158.00	-5,148.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Family Support	Tower Hamlets Young Carers Support Service	The Young Carers Schools Project will provide consultancy/capacity building support to local primary and secondary schools to help raise awareness of the needs of young carers and improve processes around identifying and supporting them to fulfil their potential.	Not Applicable. This project ended in March 2019.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	11,423.00	11,423.00	11,423.00	11,423.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	n/a		The project finished in March 2019.
Osmani Trust	Shaathi Family Support Programme	The Shaathi Family Support programme is both a prevention and intervention programme seeking to work with families that are at risk of breaking down and/or are facing multiple social, financial or health related difficulties	The project continues to offer support to families across a range of issues, including anti-social behaviour, involvement with gangs, drug abuse, mental health support needs and behavioural disorders. Support was provided in the last period to ten newly referred families for the project. Families have benefitted from mentoring support, which has helped prevent family breakdown.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	35,750.00	35,750.00	35,750.00	35,750.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes
St Giles Trust	Gamechangers	A borough wide service providing holistic casework support for families with complex issues; including housing support and help to access education, training and employment. Gamechangers has experience of working with families where members are gang involved or otherwise involved with the criminal justice system.	A and his family were first referred to Gamechangers in 2018, after he was permanently excluded from school and placed in alternative provision. At the time of referral, A had been arrested on a number of occasions for robbery and possession of a weapon and professionals were concerned that he was gang-affiliated. In addition to this, he had been a victim of violence which resulted in him being held up at knife point. A was on a YOS order, but was frequently missing his appointments.  A lived with his Mum and 4 siblings in a 2 bedroom flat but they were unable to bid for a larger, more suitable, property as Mum had over £1,000 of rent arrears. The Caseworker supported her to agree regular payments towards her arrears with her Housing Officer. Since engaging with the project, there has been a reduction in the frequency of police involvement with the family, and A has been attending his YOT appointments consistently. A is also working with the organisation's skills and employment team to find work in line with finishing school this year. A has secured funding to start a CSCS course during the summer.  Mum has now managed to clear her rent arrears, so she is able to bid for more suitable properties.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	44,417.00	44,417.00	34,167.00	34,167.00	-10,250.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes. A review of spend on the project to be made to confirm final amount.

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Step Forward	Young Peoples Counselling and Support Project	You are welcome to speak in confidence to one of our counsellors at Step Forward about anything that is on your mind, no matter how big or how small it seems. You might want someone to talk to because there are difficulties in your life or because you feel worried, anxious, upset or confused. We will not judge you or tell you what to do. We are here to listen to you and help you to deal with any issues you have and support you to make informed choices about your life. Please contact us to find out more.	Project evaluation and feedback from project beneficiaries has confirmed that the project has had a significantly positive impact on the lives and well-being of the young people that it has supported. The project provided a workshop on on-line safety in June 2019 which enabled beneficiaries to explore and develop their personal relationship with the internet.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	54,167.00	54,167.00	54,167.00	41,667.00	-12,500.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Toyhouse Libraries Association of Tower Hamlets	Mellow Parenting	Mellow Parenting is an evidence based, in depth, early intervention suite of parenting programmes targeted to support families who are finding parenting a struggle so they can develop more positive ways to interact & remain a family. Courses are designed for parents & pre-school children together & also for parents-to-be.	Project has delivered another Mellow Bumps course to support pregnant women to be ready for motherhood. Feedback from participants in this course has been positive. Project staff were able to listen to beneficiaries' concerns, secure the support of course members for each other and signpost beneficiaries to support services.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	18,228.00	18,228.00	18,228.00	18,228.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.

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<b>Theme 1 Children Young People and Families - Youth</b>														
Bangladesh Youth Movement.	'Challenge For Youth' BME & Bangladeshi Girls Development Programme.	"Challenge for Youth" BME & Bangladeshi Girls' Development Programme will operate from BYM's dedicated Youth Centre and via outreach providing myriad activities which enable girls to address social, educational, employment and health issues via constructive leisure activities, health workshops and training programmes on a gender specific basis.	The Project Manager reports that the girls and young women youth project is progressing well and has delivered activities and met the target and achieved outcomes accordingly for this quarter.  5 young people achieved accredited training for the AQA Award in planning. 8 people achieved recorded outcomes from participating in Health and Hygiene and Employability Skills and CV Writing workshops.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	14,083.00	14,083.00	14,083.00	14,083.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
ELT Baptist Church	Young Women's Project	After-School Club for young women aged 13-19 on Friday afternoons (3.15-5.30pm) with a wide range of activities:- arts, crafts, sports, dance, drama, cooking, and workshops. Day trips during school holidays such as rock climbing, AirHop, theatre and Southend. Summer project/residential. Lunch-time arts & crafts clubs in 2 local secondary schools.	The Project Manager reports that this quarter the girls have been collaborating on an on-going mural project for the shared community space with tutors from A Team Arts, which has involved every girl in some way in designing, drawing out, painting or creating personalised 3D elements. Six girls also came to a Community Fair organised by the church in the local park, assisting with face-painting and slime-making with church volunteers.  A core group from different schools within the club are known to have nicknames for each other, walk home together, and have created their own WhatsApp group to organise meet-ups in the holidays. They are not exclusive, and recently invited some newer members to join them. While not all have been receptive, this is indicative of the strong peer relationships at the core of the club. A number of the new attendees are younger and have additional needs or behavioural issues, which the girls have handled kindly and responsibly, with full inclusivity.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	8,667.00	8,667.00	8,667.00	8,667.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Island House Community Centre	Island House YOU Project	A Youth Project for teenagers in Tower Hamlets South East locality. Working collaboratively with other providers, we aim to increase participation, reduce isolation, raise attainment, improve health wellbeing and promote citizenship through a wide range of weekly activities including sport, street dance & scouting; plus daily diversionary activities throughout school holidays.	The Project Manager reports that all has gone really well this quarter. There was no May half-term holiday club but numbers at the school lunchtime project increased during the term.  The Project Manager reports that no recorded outcomes were noted for this quarter and this was due to the delay in receiving certification details from the Scouts and the lack of a May half term project.  However, the project has significantly overachieved on its accredited outcomes (lifetime forecast – 38 / actual up to June: 208).	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	16,250.00	16,250.00	16,250.00	16,250.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes
Newark Youth London	Newark Adelina and Exmouth Youth Project	Our project will provide 9 hours of structured youth provision for children and young people (13-19 year olds) from Shadwell, St. Dunstan's, St. Katherine's & Wapping, Stepney Green and Whitechapel area. We will run 2 youth clubs; Adelina for 2 nights (6hours) and Exmouth 1 night for 3 hours.	The Project Manager reports In this quarter that the project engaged and worked with 11 new young people; 6 boys and 5 girls between the ages of 11-19.  The football session attracted 6 new young people along with the existing 33 young people that continued coming from the previous quarterly session. The Saturday Girls attracted 5 new girls, along with the 8 from the previous quarter.  5 young people completed recorded outcomes and 2 young people volunteered to support local organisations.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	16,250.00	16,250.00	16,250.00	16,250.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.

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Ocean Youth Connexions	Ocean Youth Connexions	Ocean Youth Connexion will provide a safe place to be for young people aged 13-19 and up to 25 if SEN. We will provide a youth facility based around the needs of young people, a homework club to raise local young people's attainment levels and two fitness and wellbeing classes.	The Project Manager reports that the project is on track to exceed its targets by the end of the contract. The Project has made 408 Contacts, 304 participants, completed 154 Recorded Outcomes and 94 young people completed an accredited outcome with a total of 70 referrals made to date.  During the April-June quarter 17 NEET young people received support in finding employment, part time work and exploring apprenticeship opportunities. The project continues to collaborate with Societylinks on taekwondo sessions.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	16,250.00	16,250.00	16,250.00	16,250.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Osmani Trust	Aasha Peer Project	The Aasha Programme has a track record spanning over 15 years in dealing with disaffected young people who are involved in gangs, violent crimes and ASB. Aasha's Peer Programme engages these young people to become ambassadors to their peers, changes attitude, promotes understanding, reduces crime and ultimately empowers young people.	The Project Manager reports that the peer work continued with the group from Bethnal Green. The group were involved in arranging sport sessions on their local estates as well as utilising the indoor space in the Minerva centre for workshops. Some of these workshops were led and delivered by peer workers on subjects such as "love for parents" and "my neighbourhood" - these themes were chosen by peer workers and were presented to listeners through personal stories that kept the issues local.  During the Ramadan period, both the weekly sessions were held indoors in most cases. This also included walking about in the community and bringing other young people to the youth centre. The peer workers were asked to mentor some of the new, younger members of the youth club.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	16,250.00	16,250.00	16,250.00	16,250.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Our Base LTD	One Stop Youth Service	Our Base and Cannon Support Link will work in partnership to enhance life opportunities through education, training and recreational activities, provide skills to build self-confidence and prevent gang affiliation and organized crime through targeted youth service delivered in both NW and SW ward clusters over six evenings per week.	Sessional plans are young people led. Ourbase has organised additional activities such as residential trips, visits to the cinema, go-karting, and fundraising events to make up for missed targets.  Young people have planned a cinema trip to Genesis on 28 June 2019.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	16,250.00	16,250.00	12,500.00	12,500.00	-3,750.00	GREEN	RED	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes. The Rent Subsidy Grant Agreement has been prepared and a countersignature is being awaited from the organisation.
Shadwell Basin Outdoor Activity Centre	Girls Can Adventure - Shadwell Basin Outdoor Activity Centre	'Girls Can Adventure' is a 'long term athletic development' programme open to all girls from the age of 9 up to 18 years old. It uses the vehicle of outdoor and adventure activities to allow young girls to achieve their potential through both gaining technical abilities in adventure sports and exploring and developing themselves in the fields of leadership, teamwork, problem solving and decision making. All this whilst creating a healthy lifestyle and living, with a chance at training for employment skills.	The Project Manager reports that the project is going well, with continued regular attendance from participants.  In this quarter members of the programme took part in the London Youth Games Regatta, gaining individual medals and contributing to the team gaining a Team Gold in Kayak Slalom and a Team Silver in Kayak Sprint.  The project achieved 22 recorded and 21 accredited outcomes respectively.	01/04/2016 - 31/08/2018	5,417.00	5,417.00	5,417.00	2,917.00	-2,500.00	GREEN	RED	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
SocietyLinks Tower Hamlets	Youth Children and Young People Support Projects 1. Girls Group 2. Accredited Training	Children and Young People Support:  1. Girls Group -- diversionary activities and support for girls and young women, two sessions per week 2. Accredited Training -- opportunity for young people to participate in Arts Award or ASDAN accredited courses	The Project Manager reports that the project has continued to help children and young people who need additional support with homework and raising their attainment. The project especially supports those in Year 11 going on to do their GCSE exams, which will lead to the following anticipated (reported) outcomes for participants:  •Higher attainment among participants  •Increased confidence and motivation, and improved learning skills  •Improved levels in reading, writing and maths through targeted small-group activities and one-to-one support	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	16,250.00	16,250.00	16,250.00	16,250.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.

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St Hilda's East Community Centre	St.Hilda's Youth Hub	St. Hilda's Youth Hub offers inclusive life enhancing social learning opportunities to male and female young people between 13 to 19 years, disabled young people up to 25 years old, delivering a range of innovative, creative and challenging activities within a safe and friendly environment founded on Child Rights principles.	The Project Manager reports that the St. Hilda's Youth HUB continues to have a real impact on the lives of young people, including disabled young people with mild to moderate learning and physical disabilities. It offers a safe and friendly environment for young people to engage in a wide range of educational and recreational activities and develop new skills.  A key objective of the project is to support disabled young people develop confidence and independence skills. The project's work has been exemplary in supporting users to find voluntary jobs and start their own families.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	14,083.00	14,083.00	14,083.00	10,833.00	-3,250.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Stifford Centre Limited	Stepney Youth Innit @ Stifford Centre	A female only provision for young girls aged 13-19 (up to 25 if SEN), delivering a range of activities and workshop which tackle issues related to bullying, self-harming, sexual exploitation, relationships, body image and more.	The Project Manager reports that the girls project has successfully delivered this quarter. In addition to the regular activities, young people have volunteered for Stifford's Easter and Eid celebration event. The young people gave very positive feedback on the Healthy Living workshop and exercise sessions in which they participated.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	5,417.00	5,417.00	4,167.00	4,167.00	-1,250.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
The Rooted Forum (TRF)	Interventions Without Borders	Interventions Without Borders (IWB) project is a peer-to-peer intermediary resolution and mitigation service that utilises innovative means of role modelling, mentoring and restorative justice to offer offenders/ ex-offenders pathways that reduce territorialism, avert antisocial behaviour, deglamourises gang culture with associated substance misuse, conflict and criminality.	The Project Manager reports that the project continues to offer inclusive life enhancing social learning opportunities to young people between 13 to 19 years and disabled young people aged up to 25 years old, leading to the following outcomes:  1. Community engagement / Improved health 2. New Skills 3. Civic Responsibility	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	16,250.00	16,250.00	16,250.00	16,250.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
The Rooted Forum (TRF)	Youth INNIT!	A female only provision for young girls aged 13-19 (up to 25 if SEN), delivering a range of activities and workshop which tackle issues related to bullying, self-harming, sexual exploitation, relationships, body image and more.	The Project Manager reports that the project continues to offer a range of activities leading to the following outcomes for young people:  • developing stronger relationships with their peers in a safe environment • growing more confident and motivated • developing/learning new key life skills (such as communication, planning, team work etc) and beginning to play active roles in the wider community • gaining improved health and fitness, increasing physical activity, health and wellbeing, and gaining higher aspirations and a positive attitude to learning • feeling less isolated and developing positive relationships with young people and adults that they wouldn't normally mix with, contributing to greater social cohesion, crossing boundaries of colour, culture, religion etc.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	5,417.00	5,417.00	5,417.00	5,417.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Wadajir Somali Community Centre	Wadajir Homework Club Two	Wadajir's After-school and Homework Club helps young people aged 11-16 with English, maths and sciences to build a strong academic foundation that will help students to become confident, creative and successful adults. Supervised IT facilities are also available to support students' learning.	The Project Manager reports that the girls youth group has continued to run smoothly and the activities being put into the service have been of benefit to the users who have provided positive feedback.  The monthly fundraising event for the sponsored orphans has continued and is now a big part of the local community who regularly attend.  The number of attendees of the event has steadily increased as the girls get more creative with the fundraising methods. These have been very successful in bridging the cultural gap between younger people and the older generation living in the area.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	14,083.00	14,083.00	14,083.00	14,083.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.



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Weavers Community Forum (WCF)	Be Active in the Community (BAC)	Be Active in the Community project is to help inspire, activate & motivate young people learn about themselves, others, and Society, through non-formal education activities which combines enjoyment, challenge and learning.	The Project Manager reports that the organisation's in-house evaluation recorded outcomes and consultation with the participants. This has revealed an increase in the confidence of young people. The evidence also indicates that young people have improved their social skills, and developed personal awareness on health and well-being as well as an awareness of crime and its consequences.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	16,250.00	16,250.00	16,250.00	16,250.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Young and Talented Ltd	Young and Talented Performing Arts Project	Young and Talented Performing Arts Project, to develop the confidence and skills of children and young people using theatre arts training. The sessions include the very best training with professional practitioners in acting, singing and dance and live performance showcases. Y&T nurtures and develops children for Stage, Screen and Life.	A student joined Y&T in September 2018. She has progressed steadily with Y&T. However, she missed a few sessions as she had to undergo surgery. Staff then noticed a shift in her behaviour and contacted her parents who told the team she was going through a difficult period in her life. Staff then offered tailored support and encouraged her to participate and feel included.  The student has done very well throughout the rehearsals for the end of year show, learning all her lines dance routines and songs. She has demonstrated team work, displayed more confidence, is much more assertive, has a positive attitude and enjoys being around her peers.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	16,250.00	16,250.00	16,250.00	16,250.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
<b>Theme 1 Children Young People and Families - Total</b>						<b>684,147</b>	<b>684,147</b>	<b>668,897</b>	<b>634,046</b>	<b>-50,101</b>				

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<b>Theme 2 Jobs, Skills and Prosperity - Strand 1 Routeways to</b>														
DeafPLUS - Breakthrough Deaf and Hearing Integration	Employment for Deaf and Disabled people in Tower Hamlets (EDITH)	A specialist pan-disability Employment Service in Tower Hamlets provided by deafPLUS and Real will provide IAG to address barriers to employment, accredited and non-accredited training including digital skills, volunteering and employment support. Skills of job seekers will be enhanced to gain confidence and motivation to gain and sustain employment.	A total of 28 clients accessed the EDITH project during the course of Quarter 1 and there were 9 new clients that came directly from the Poplar JCP. The EDITH Employment Manager had a meeting with the JCP's 2 x Disability Employment Managers to request new clients for the service. This led to the provision of 20 new names and their contact details. Despite the project's working hard to give appointments to the new contacts, only 9 have so far turned up for these. The other 11 (plus more in Quarter 2, 2019) will be contacted by the the project. The project has over-achieved on particular targets, much to its satisfaction. The project is confident that it will meet the required targets by the end of the EDITH Project. On another note, there were some difficulties in asking a number of clients from religious backgrounds into deafPLUS Employment Services during Ramadan.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	41,296.00	41,296.00	41,296.00	41,296.00	0.00	GREEN	RED	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Four Corners	ZOOM (formerly known as Creativity Plus)	ZOOM: FUTURES IN CREATIVE MEDIA is a specialist, 3-month training scheme, offering high-quality training in film/TV craft/production skills, followed by mentoring and employability support. Applications are invited from unemployed people aged 18-30 in Tower Hamlet	As the ZOOM project draws to a close it reports that it has had another successful quarter. All of this year's cohort have successfully finished making a short film promoting the work of local charity Tower Hamlets Law Centre (THLC) and for many of them this was their first film. THLC were incredibly happy with the finished films and have shared them widely.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	37,617.00	37,617.00	37,617.00	37,617.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Island House Community Centre	ABLE - Adult Basic Learning & Employment - Readiness Project	This collaborative consortium project works to integrate basic skills and adult education training with employment preparation courses and volunteer work placements to help support & up-skill people in SE locality of Tower Hamlets to move them closer to the job market.	To date, the project has engaged and assessed 372 clients, placed 45 clients in work or volunteer placements, and secured 19 clients into jobs.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	32,500.00	32,500.00	32,500.00	32,500.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Limehouse Project Limited	Enhancing Vocational Access (EVA)	EVA offers economically inactive/unemployed women an integrated incremental programme of personal development, employability and vocational training to improve their life chances. EVA targets women who seek work opportunities compatible with their experience, interests and family commitments such as Health & Social Care, childcare or self-employment based on domestic skills.	This quarter the project has engaged 66 new beneficiaries and seen 12 beneficiaries move into employment with long-term support and guidance from EVA. Unfortunately, and again, this quarter the project has not had a large number of beneficiaries take up new volunteering placements, but as an organisation Limehouse Project Ltd has many new volunteers supporting its services and are continues to apply good practice in creating volunteer opportunities for local people.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	50,140.00	50,140.00	50,140.00	50,140.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Mind In Tower Hamlets	Upskill	Upskill is a new service which aims to support people with mental health issues to get closer to the labour market. Developing social enterprise models of employment, we will offer direct work place experience, training and placements in related business areas which will support our clients to access work.	The project continues to operate at capacity with a waiting list. A recently completed evaluation shows positive feedback from clients regarding their Upskill engagement.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	74,932.00	74,932.00	74,932.00	74,932.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Newark Youth London	Women into Work	Our project aims to increase employability skills of all women in Tower Hamlets, specifically targeting BAME women and supporting them to move closer to the job market and into work through assessment, one to one support, supported work placements/volunteering, improving essential basic skills, training, enterprise and back to work seminars.	Two women progressed into work (one is working at the Royal London Hospital and one is working at HATS).	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	21,100.00	21,100.00	21,100.00	21,100.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Osmani Trust	Education & Employment	The Education & Employment Project was established in 2006. Our aim is to develop the capacity, knowledge and skills of young people, especially those facing barriers, marginalised, so that they are able to access and benefit from training and developmental opportunities with the view to improving their quality of life.	This quarter the project was able to meet targets for most of the outcomes and plans to deliver accredited qualifications in Workskills level 1 and SIA Door Supervision Level 2 during July. This will help it exceed targets for the overall outcomes and cover any variances.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	32,605.00	32,605.00	32,605.00	32,605.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.

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The Prince's Trust	Bridging The Gap	Led by The Prince's Trust, the 'Bridging the Gap' programme is an innovative, high impact course designed for marginalised young people living Tower Hamlets. Through targeted outreach we will engage those young people furthest from the job market and provide them with 1-1 support, development opportunities and employment skills.	The project has engaged 1 young adult from Tower Hamlets in the current quarter. To date the project has engaged a total of 8 Tower Hamlets residents and has supported 6 with non-accredited training and 1 young person to gain accredited skills. It continues to build good working relationships with other organisations in the Tower Hamlets area to help engage the hardest to reach young adults. In the immediate wake of the murder of a young person in the borough in June the project was involved in a taskforce which brought agencies together to tackle youth violence and work with the hardest to reach young residents.  During June, the project has placed particular focus on connecting with referral partners in the borough such as supported accommodations, Youth Offending officers and local Colleges. Project staff have reviewed outreach and recruitment needs in order to deliver the project and meet contractual targets.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	39,776.00	39,776.00	39,776.00	39,776.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Tower Hamlets Parents' Centre	THPC ICT Embedded Women's ESOL Project	The THPC ICT Embedded Women's ESOL Project is a three year initiative that will offer ICT embedded ESOL Classes to 90 unemployed women from the Borough. It will improve their skills, thus helping them to enhance their employment prospects.	The project has provided 8 hours of ESOL/ Literacy tuition per week (two hourly, 2 Sessions, to each of the two Tutor Groups); Entry level 1 and Entry level 2, attended by 37 beneficiaries. 8 stronger beneficiaries have been supported in developing their Basic ICT Skills: word-processing, opening emails and doing some language work. This quarter has seen the delivery of 23 Sessions, with 46 hours of tuition, in which a total attendance of 629 was recorded. 13 Support Sessions were also delivered (a two hourly Session per week), with 26 hours of support providing Career Advice & Guidance, across which an attendance of 76 was recorded, with a Personal Action Plan having been prepared for each of the 37 beneficiaries attending the Classes.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	7,424.00	7,424.00	7,424.00	7,424.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
<b>Theme 1 Jobs, Skills and Prosperity - Strand 1 Routeways into Employment -</b>						<b>337,390</b>	<b>337,390</b>	<b>337,390</b>	<b>337,390</b>	<b>0</b>				
<b>Theme 2 Jobs, Skills and Prosperity - Strand 2 Social Welfare Advice</b>														
Account3 Ltd	LAP 5 Advice Partnership	This project operates across LAP5 and will be providing Social Welfare Advice Services based on the needs of Tower Hamlets residents. The advice sessions will be provided in DDA compliant, comfortable and friendly setting, maintaining confidentiality and trust. The service will be delivered by Account3 in partnership with Legal Advice Centre. Free face-to-face advice service for residents includes:  1. Welfare Benefits 2. Money/Debt 3. Employment 4. Housing/Homelessness 5. Council Tax 6. Education and special educational needs 7. Consumer 8. Civil litigation and small claims	The project is progressing well and delivered on all target outputs and outcomes; the partnership has assisted 330 individual clients against a target of 300 clients and dealt with 632 enquiries (quarterly target is 550) - overall achieving the quarter's target. The Partnership continues to deliver on the expected target of 60% positive outcomes. Across all the partners, clients were assisted to raise an additional income of over £170,000 in actual and backdated income in the areas of Welfare Benefits and employment settlement cases; there were 15 successful appeal/reconsideration outcomes; there were 47 housing related outcomes - repossession stopped, disrepair, repayment plans and other; and there were 83 debt related outcomes.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	54,167.00	54,167.00	54,167.00	54,167.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.

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Bromley By Bow Centre	Integrated Generalist Advice Service for the North East Cluster	Using new design methods and creative approaches we will provide a whole person focused advice service that equips local people to lead independent, resilient and sustainable lives, whilst producing better outcomes and reducing public sector costs.	During Q1 (Apr-Jun 2019) the project dealt with 508 clients, 208 more than the target. It continues to deliver onsite and offsite drop in sessions and offer appointments to clients with more complex needs. The project continues to receive support from trainee advice workers (who are completing an Advice and Guidance Course with Island Advice Centre) and is in the process of recruiting Advice UK Law students to provide support with the drop in sessions and with form filling. A Community Development Officer has been recruited, who has been supporting and promoting the Tower Hamlets rental charter throughout the borough, raising awareness of it in the community and ensuring that the charter is implemented more consistently and effectively. The project has also recruited a Volunteer Co-ordinator who will provide dedicated direct support to volunteer advocates and enable the project to use volunteers in its advice service more effectively. This will create additional channels of advice and information for clients, free up time for the advice service to assist clients with more complex advice issues, complement and increase the effectiveness of advice provision, and provide increased support to service users.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	54,167.00	54,167.00	54,167.00	54,167.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Citizens Advice Bureau (East End CABx)	Tower Hamlets Borough Wide Advice	Free, confidential and independent advice to help all Tower Hamlets residents resolve the problems they face including Benefits, Housing, Money/Debt, Employment, Immigration, Consumer, Family and Personal issues. Tower Hamlets Citizens Advice Bureau leads the service with partners including Ocean Somali Community Association, Praxis, Chinese Association of Tower Hamlets and DeafPLUS.	The project is progressing well and delivered on all target outputs and outcomes: in this period the Project has supported 1564 individuals with 2713 new enquiries.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	265,417.00	265,417.00	265,417.00	265,417.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Island Advice Centre	LAP 8 Generalist Advice Service	General Help and Casework in benefits, debt and housing, open door sessions Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10 to 12, telephone advice 020 7987 9379 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10 to 12, appointments available daily. Check website island-advice.org.uk for more details.	In this period the project advised 226 clients on 339 different matters. Most clients accessed services through twice-weekly drop-in or three a week telephone advice sessions, though the project also received 5 email requests for advice. 69 people were seen at appointments. The majority of clients had benefits problems. These increasingly concern Universal Credit issues. Clients attending with housing problems such as rent arrears and those attending with debt problems also in many cases required advice and help with benefits such as Housing Benefit, Universal Credit and PIP. Many required help from the project to complete complex benefit claim forms relating to disability including PIP, ESA, Universal Credit, and Medical Priority forms for housing transfers. 18 volunteers engaged with the service this quarter, attending the project's Volunteer Advice Work Training sessions, outcomes of which included law students improving their skills in interviewing, gathering information, negotiation and advocacy, and drafting letters/legal arguments. The project's clients had 38 scheduled hearings in the quarter in question, of which 10 were adjourned or postponed for various reasons and of the remaining 28, 24 were successful (86%).	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	54,167.00	54,167.00	54,167.00	54,167.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.

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Island Advice Centre	Tower Hamlets Trainee Advice Project	The project aims to improve capacity, quality and access to the boroughs advice services. We recruit and train volunteers to become advice workers, liaising with advice agencies to secure voluntary work placements. We deliver training for volunteers and paid workers and facilitate/develop LBTH's advice sector website www.thcan.org.uk and network meetings.	The cohort of volunteers that started in September 2018 have now completed their training and work placements. 15 completed 10 months of training/volunteering. The course is delivered locally to residents who volunteer giving advice in a Tower Hamlets agency. 8 agencies had at least one volunteer. Learning to Advise Training days delivered 5 sessions. 4 volunteers completed level 3 NVQ in Advice and Guidance. A Quarterly Welfare Rights Advisors forum was held on 4th July; there was also a Judicial Review pre action protocol CPAG workshop, as well as feedback on LBTH future funding of health advice services. The project delivered 4 free training sessions for volunteers/workers in the borough.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	49,833.00	49,833.00	49,833.00	49,833.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Legal Advice Centre	Social Welfare Advice - NW Ward Cluster (LAP 1 and 2)	The project will provide a free, confidential welfare and legal advice services to local residents based in LAP 1&2 on a range of areas including welfare benefits, housing, debt, employment, education and consumer law. The services will be delivered across various venues in the Bethnal Green, Spitalfields and Whitechapel areas.	The project is progressing well and delivered on all target outputs and outcomes. The partnership has assisted 716 clients against a target of 550 clients, and dealt with 1307 queries (quarterly target of 1125) - overall achieving the quarter's target. The Partnership continues to deliver on the expected target of 60% positive outcomes. Across all the partners, clients were assisted to raise an additional income - in excess of £309,000 - in the areas of Welfare Benefits and employment settlement cases (new, claims, successful reconsideration and appeals, employment cases, compensation, consumer claims/small claims). There were 41 successful appeal/reconsideration outcomes, 65 housing outcomes (repossession stopped, successful disrepair, repayment plans), and 264 debt related outcomes - involving repayment plans, debt management plans, and token payments.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	108,333.00	108,333.00	108,333.00	108,333.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Limehouse Project Limited	LAP 3 & 4 Advice Service	We work alongside local communities in Shadwell, St Dunstan's, Stepney Green and St Katharine's and Wapping to offer high quality information and advice services on welfare rights, debt and money and housing issues.	The project recorded 851 enquiries in this quarter, which has far exceeded its target. 471 beneficiaries were supported. Enquiries have been varied and the issues dealt with have consisted of: welfare benefits, money and debt, housing, employment, immigration, consumer issues. The project has continued to see an increase in issues stemming from Universal Credit claims. The vast majority of its clients have both IT and language barriers and as a result struggle to understand and navigate the UC system. Even where they are able to get a claim live they struggle to understand the system or even log in to the UC portal.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	59,583.00	59,583.00	59,583.00	59,583.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Limehouse Project Limited	Advice Consortium LAP 7	We work alongside local communities in Limehouse, Lansbury, Poplar and East India to offer high quality information and advice services on welfare rights, debt, money and housing issues.	There has been a high demand for services which is reflected in the fact that there have been 793 enquiries in this quarter which has exceeded targets. Enquiries have been varied and issues dealt with have consisted of: Welfare Benefits, money and debt, housing, employment, immigration, consumer.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	65,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Stifford Centre Limited	South-west cluster Advice Partnership	The provision of locality generalist advice (Welfare, Debt and housing) services, for residents of the SW Ward Cluster (Laps 3 & 4 -- Stepney, Whitechapel, Wapping & St Katherine's and Shadwell), delivered in partnership with Wapping Bangladeshi Association(WBA), Bangladeshi Youth Movement (BYM) and Fair Finance.	The Project Manager reports that the project has supported 614 enquirers with 309 'new matter starts'. 39% of the cases related to Welfare Benefits and 31% to housing.  The Project Manager further reports that the sessions were busier this quarter due to lots of Tax credit annual renewals. The project was supported by a number of volunteers to help it cope with the extra demand.  The project has helped to secure clients £74,423, representing new claims, appeals and backdated awards.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	54,167.00	54,167.00	41,667.00	41,667.00	-12,500.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.

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Tower Hamlets Law Centre	Specialist Welfare Advice Partnership	The Specialist Welfare Advice Partnership (comprising Tower Hamlets Law Centre, Island Advice Centre and Legal Advice Centre) aims to deliver a quality assured service providing legal advice, casework and representation in Welfare Benefits, Housing, Education and Employment.	<p>The Law Centre has joined the nationwide EU Settled Status Complex Cases Project, and will be offering help to EU nationals who want to continue to live, work and study in the UK without any immigration time restrictions after the UK leaves the European Union.</p> <p>The Law Centre has also been selected to host a trainee solicitor under the Legal Education Foundation's prestigious Justice First Fellowship scheme. The scheme supports the next generation of students committed to public interest and social justice issues who want to pursue a career in social welfare law.</p> <p>The project has expressed its pride in having achieved Investing in Volunteers accreditation.</p>	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	156,641.00	156,641.00	156,641.00	156,641.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Toynbee Hall	Tower Hamlets Debt and Money Advice Service	Our team can help you in complete confidence with a wide range of debt problems including: pay-day loans, credit or store cards, council tax arrears, catalogue or hire purchase debt, overdrafts, court fines, rent or mortgage arrears, bankruptcy and utility debt. For details please visit our website:  <a href="http://www.toynbeehall.org.uk/debt-advice">http://www.toynbeehall.org.uk/debt-advice</a>	The project is progressing well. It has hit its targets and has stated that it is pleased with the outcomes recorded. It has also expressed itself to be pleased with the number of clients that it has been able to provide with specialist debt casework. In this quarter 84 beneficiaries have been supported, with 71 residents supported with specialist debt advice	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	43,333.00	43,333.00	43,333.00	43,333.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
<b>Theme 2: Jobs, Skills and Prosperity - Strand 2 Social Welfare Advice Services -</b>						<b>964,808</b>	<b>964,808</b>	<b>952,308</b>	<b>952,308</b>	<b>-12,500</b>				

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<b>Theme 3 Prevention Health &amp; Wellbeing - Lifelong Learning and Sport</b>														
Bethnal Green Weightlifting Club	Bethnal Green Weightlifting Club	Strength training classes for all. We offer Open Session training in Weightlifting and Powerlifting and special classes for the over 55s.	17 users accessed services for the first time. 104 Open Session Training exercises were delivered, with 1549 of service users participating in the Open Session Training.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	14,928.00	14,928.00	14,928.00	14,928.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Black Women's Health and Family Support	BWHAFS Lifelong Learning programme: Textile & Designs Project, ESOL Classes, and ICT Drop-in Project	BWHAFS Lifelong Learning programme is a term-time project open to women seeking basic English language and digital skills for improved communication, access to services and wellbeing. Learners will be signposted to our fitness classes, swimming sessions, health talks and welfare advice sessions.	In this period the project delivered 66 sessions . 26 existing learners were re-enrolled on the programme with 5 new learners joining the programme. Three learners from the ESOL Entry 1 & 2 classes were referred to the Wednesday ESOL Entry 1 & 2 programme to undertake the Trinity College examination in Speaking and Listening Entry 1 & 2. All three learners were successful and they have obtained accredited certificates. One Learner from the ICT project was also successful with the Life in UK Test.  An awards ceremony was also held in honour of the ESOL students on 11 June 2019. 3 learners from Women's Empowerment received the Trinity College ESOL, speaking and Listening Entry 1 & 2 Awards.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	13,650.00	13,650.00	13,650.00	13,650.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Limehouse Project Limited	Limehouse Project's 'First Steps for Women Learning English and ICT'	Limehouse Project runs 38-week pre-entry ESOL and ITC courses in the autumn of each year from 2015 for women aged 20+ who can benefit from spoken, reading and written English skills for practical every day communication.	This quarter the project continued its engagement with its existing ESOL learners due to complete their course by w/c 15th July. From the 16 learners that originally enrolled 7 dedicated learners have been sustained, who have an attendance rate of over 80% and who have progressed well in building their confidence within and outside of the classroom setting to speak English. A large number of the women that enrolled onto the course were found have migrated to the UK within the last year or so. At least 5 of these women will be progressing from July 2019 to take up Entry 1-2 ESOL as part of the project's Welcome to UK partnership with ELATT, aimed at migrant women new to the UK with a low level of English skills.  Over this quarter the project has introduced IT and digital skills to the second cohort and they have benefited from the use of new laptop tablets that have a touch screen function, allowing easy accessibility for those who struggle to use either a mouse or the tracker on the key board. There has been an increase in clients' confidence compared to a review of their initial baseline soft skills MILES (Measurement of Independent Life and Employability Skills) assessment. 70% of learners have reported: feeling more confident in communicating using English, improved digital skills, and generally feeling happier with their health and well-being.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	11,440.00	11,440.00	11,440.00	11,440.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Limehouse Project Limited	Fit4Life Women In Sport Programme	The LHP Fit4Life Women in Sports programme aims to reduce barriers to, and increase participation in, fitness and group sports activities for young women aged 18-25 and women aged 45+ through the delivery of scheduled keep-fit sessions, team sports activities, walking excursions, and swimming opportunities.	During this quarter, one participant was referred to do voluntary work at other community centres, including Limehouse Project.  One of the project's main trainers is a qualified nutritionist. Her presence has been particularly beneficial to the Fit4life programme as she has been able to give high quality advice on areas where clients sometimes find themselves in need of further support to meet their goals. This has involved promoting good food choices, healthy eating and suggesting recipe ideas for real life situations that fit in with family requirements and cultural needs. Almost all clients that have taken part in these discussion sessions have fed back that they have taken away a greater understanding of food and nutrition and that they plan to incorporate the suggestions into their lives.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	22,620.00	22,620.00	22,620.00	22,620.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
London Tigers	London Tigers Healthy Living Project	London Tigers Healthy Living Project runs sessions in badminton, cricket, football and aerobics for men, women and children to support those people into developing healthier lifestyles.	In this period the project has supported 50 beneficiaries, delivered 78 physical activity sessions and worked with 1436 attendees.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	45,500.00	45,500.00	45,500.00	45,500.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.

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Magic Me	Intergenerational Arts Programme	Magic Me will run a programme of intergenerational arts projects bringing together older people 55+ and young people 9-16. Working with specialist creative artists, in weekly sessions, younger and older participants will learn new skills, share existing experience, exchange ideas and create performances, exhibitions etc for public audiences.	This quarter the project ran: weekly sessions connecting Y4 pupils from Osmani Primary School with residents at Rochester Court; and a sheltered housing scheme managed by Gateway Housing Association. This is part of the organisation's 3 year Arts & Ages programme, nurturing sustainable relationships between schools and older people. Pupils and residents worked with Pooja Sitpura, a theatre maker, Chuck Lowry, a filmmaker and guest artist Polly Beestone, a puppeteer. This quarter the project has supported 36 beneficiaries, delivered 15 sessions and provided 24 hours of support.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	16,770.00	16,770.00	16,770.00	16,770.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Royal London Society for Blind People	Health and Wellbeing Group	Health and Wellbeing Groups to provide VI young people aged 11-25 with the opportunity to participate in physical activity sessions that develop their resilience, confidence and independence. The sessions allow children to learn about healthy lifestyles and the fundamentals of movement and signpost them to other opportunities in their community.	This quarter the project has helped a young person access the Whitechapel Sports Centre gym. As this centre has a woman only section it has helped her with her confidence of going into a gym independently, her fitness has improved, she is learning new skills within the gym environment and overall she is happier and more confident within herself. One young person has been referred to Park Run to attend a weekly run club in the borough. Four young people have transitioned into the project's Social and Independence Groups, attending bi weekly supper club activities where young people get together to discuss topics relevant to them. Two young people have transitioned into the employment programme, where they will work closely with a support adviser to improve interview skills and C.V. writing.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	17,680.00	17,680.00	17,680.00	17,680.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Vallance Community Sports Association Limited	SEN Health Development Programme	The aim of our project is to the improve health and wellbeing of people with disabilities through healthy lives activities, weekly physical activity and annual sporting events. We aim to work with our partners including LBTH Sport Development Team, the Core Project based at the Attlee Centre and 10 Disabled Groups.	This quarter the project has supported 30 beneficiaries and delivered 20 hours of activities with 264 attendances. The beneficiaries - people with disabilities - attended the project activities regularly, have improved their health and well-being and have been able to increase and channel their aspirations as disabled people in competitive sports. The Disability Sports Day Festival took place on Wednesday 12th June 2019. Over 150 participants took part in multi sports activities.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	32,500.00	32,500.00	32,500.00	32,500.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.



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<b>Theme 3 Prevention Health &amp; Wellbeing - Lunch Club</b>														
Age UK East London	Apjian Court Activity Centre & Lunch Club	Apjian Court Health Activity Centre and Lunch Club is a vibrant community Hub for older people based in Bow, open to all Tower hamlets residents. A wide range of activities are offered five days a week. The centre is led and shaped by service users. Newcomers Welcome! 02071833032 or info@ageukeastlondon.org.uk	This quarter saw a high number of new clients accessing the service. This was due to a push in publicity, promotion and recruitment. In addition the activities both social and physical were well attended which enables individuals to remain healthy, less lonely and isolated and connected to the community. In this period we have supported 226 beneficiaries, delivered 149 sessions and provided 750 hours of support.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	34,255.00	34,255.00	34,255.00	34,255.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Chinese Association of Tower Hamlets	Chinese and Vietnamese Elderly Luncheon Club	CATH's Luncheon Club is aimed primarily, but not exclusively, at Chinese and Vietnamese Elders who wish to improve their physical and mental wellbeing. Through our programme of fun and informative activities, and exercise classes, we wish to give attendees the awareness and knowledge to work on raising their own health.	This quarter the project hosted a Maya's Festival Event for its over- 50's members, which included a culturally appropriate hot home cooked meal, along with a fully loaded goodie bag including a rice dumpling and fruit for each and every attendee to take home. The event generated a sense of belonging and community spirit, which naturally minimised isolation and promoted inclusion amongst the project's users. The annual Dim Sum lunch, sponsored by Yi Ban Restaurant, took place on Wednesday 1 May 2019. In this quarter the project has supported 70 beneficiaries, delivered 61 sessions and provided 366 hours of support.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	11,050.00	11,050.00	11,050.00	11,050.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Community of Refugees from Vietnam - East London	Vietnamese/Chinese Elderly Luncheon Club	The Elderly Luncheon Club opens twice a week on Monday and Thursdays from 9am - 3pm, providing a Vietnamese healthy hot meal and different activities including monthly health talks, tai chi, table tennis and indoor games, to enhance the lives of Vietnamese/Chinese people reducing social isolation, loneliness and promoting independence.	Cumulatively, the project is on track with all its output targets and is on track to achieve all of its outcomes. It continues to provide housing advice by holding advice sessions once a week using a dedicated housing officer, and also providing Tai Chi exercise and a table tennis week.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	18,590.00	18,590.00	18,590.00	18,590.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Dorset Community Association	Older People Lunch Club	The projects to provide older people per week aged fifty and over the opportunity to attend a locally lunch club provision. To enhance the lives of older people who may be at risk of social isolation or gradually losing their independence, through the provision of a range of activities.	The lunch club at Dorset Community is doing very well. It has more or less met all of its targets and to date has managed to get 128 new residents to participate in the project. 160 residents have been referred to other organisations. The Lunch Club has also carried out a number of activities that had attendance levels above target. These related to healthy eating, fitness, ESOL and digital literacy.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	14,105.00	14,105.00	14,105.00	14,105.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Ensign Youth Club	Unity	The project is intended to provide social interactive service for local elderly people 50+ from Bangladeshi and Somali by providing weekly structure coffee morning and healthy affordable meal with health and recreation activities based on their need and abilities.	In this quarter the project has delivered 19 sessions. The sessions were attended by 30 users. It has been reported - through verbal consultation and on-going coordinator monitoring - that almost 100% of users reported an increase in improved health and well-being, improved knowledge on healthy eating and nutrition, a reduction in social isolation and a greater sense of community cohesion, with users having been able to meet other, similar-minded local people. The project's Sports Halls has been used by users on a regular basis for sports activities such as badminton, table tennis and pool	01/01/2016 - 31/08/31	9,880.00	9,880.00	9,880.00	9,880.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Limehouse Project Limited	Limehouse Luncheon Club for Elders	The LLCE brings people aged 55+ together to enjoy a healthy meal, socialise and partake in group activities such as gentle exercises and games. With general advisers on hand to assist with any worries being faced, it aims to help relieve loneliness, increase self-confidence and enhance each elder's quality of life.	During this reporting quarter, the project has had approximately 45 regular service users, which includes 6 new clients accessing the Luncheon Club service per week.  90% of clients who attend the Luncheon club report that they feel more confident after attending the sessions, and a further 93% reported that they have improved their understanding of the benefits of healthy eating and regular social interaction after attending sessions.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	15,210.00	15,210.00	15,210.00	15,210.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.

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Somali Senior Citizens Club	Somali Senior Citizens Club	Our project aims to promote health and well being of vulnerable local community (Tower Hamlets). This project is to support and enhance the lives of elderly individuals who suffer from social isolation, economic deprivation and lack of independence by providing luncheon club and supplementary activities, social and cultural integration. The project will be delivering at our Granby Hall Centre address.	5661 users accessed the service over the past three quarters. The organisation delivered 10 Health promotion sessions attended by 572 users. The weekly keep fit session targets have been exceeded. The project managed to recruit more service users than expected this quarter.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	35,230.00	35,230.00	35,230.00	35,230.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
St Hilda's East Community Centre	St Hilda's Lunch Club Plus	St. Hilda's Lunch Club Plus service provides health and wellbeing opportunities to older people from Weavers Ward and wards elsewhere in Tower Hamlets. Open to all, our service offers activities enabling users to stay active, including group exercises, Computer classes, nutritious lunches, opportunities to meet others in a friendly setting, and much more.	In this period the project has supported 86 beneficiaries, delivered 124 activity sessions and provided 744 hours of support.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	18,200.00	18,200.00	18,200.00	18,200.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Toynbee Hall	Wellbeing Centre	The Wellbeing Centre is a welcoming community space for any person over 50 to meet, learn, socialise, get fit and stay healthy. It offers a wide variety of health, fitness, learning and social activities, support planning, translation skills and a light lunch Tuesday -- Thursday.	In this quarter the project has supported 127 beneficiaries, delivered 404 activity sessions and provided 6786 hours of support.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	15,210.00	15,210.00	15,210.00	15,210.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Wadajir Somali Community Centre	Wadajir Poplar Elderly Lunch Club Two	Wadajir's Poplar Lunch Club for older women meets four days a week from Monday to Thursday 10 am-2pm to share freshly cooked halal meals. Women are also welcome to join in traditional Somali dance sessions, craft workshops for improved physical and mental health as well as regular health talks.	The elderly lunch club has been running successfully and continues to provide elderly women with fresh, healthy meals as well as giving them a space in which to socialise and make friends with new people. The project reduces loneliness and informs clients of ways to stay healthy and happy. The organisation has been successful in reaching out to elderly women living in isolation. In the period in question the project has supported 55 beneficiaries, delivered 97 activity sessions and provided 388 hours of support.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	20,280.00	20,280.00	20,280.00	20,280.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Wapping Bangladesh Association	Wapping Senior Citizen's Lunch Club	The lunch club will enable WBA to increase socialisation to reduce loneliness, social isolation and promote a healthier lifestyle through improved healthy lives activities that will encourage and engage older people. The Lunch Club will give them the chance to socialise while enjoying a hot, healthy balanced and nutritious meal.	In this quarter the project has supported 160 beneficiaries, delivered 240 activity sessions and provided 360 hours of support.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	16,900.00	16,900.00	16,900.00	16,900.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
<b>Theme 3 Prevention Health &amp; Wellbeing - PHW</b>														
Ability Bow	Keep Moving	Keep Moving supports people with long-term health conditions or disabilities to take part in exercise and improve their self-management of health. This borough-wide project offers one:one gym sessions, small exercise groups and empowers participants to make healthy choices including improved activity, nutrition and taking a fuller part in the community.	The project has reported this quarter as a positive one. 17 members completed their programme, having made very good progress since joining. 17 members reported that they are more active since joining the programme, with 13 members reporting that they are now eating more healthily, making better food choices and have a greater understanding of the significance of portion sizes. Several members have succeeded in losing weight and reducing BMI. 17 members also reported that they increased their over well being, that their mood has improved, and that they now feel they can do more for themselves as they have more of a can do attitude. Another positive outcome in this quarter is that 17 members felt less isolated due to attending sessions and being able to meet and interact with other members in the gym.	01/01/2016 - 31/08/2018	35,750.00	35,750.00	35,750.00	35,750.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.

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Age UK East London	Friend at Home	Funded by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, Age UK East London Befriending Service brings together socially isolated older people with volunteers living or working in Tower Hamlets to share experiences and enhances each other's lives by providing social and emotional support through linking generations within the local community	This quarter saw a high number of users accessing the service and the number of cross cultural matches was 3 times more than the actual output. The project has had a large number of requests for individuals who would like to volunteer, allowing it to match people far more quickly. In this period 79 beneficiaries have been supported, 1896 sessions have been delivered and 948 hours of support have been provided.	01/10/2015 - 31/08/2018	37,917.00	37,917.00	37,917.00	37,917.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Bangladesh Youth Movement.	'Live Healthy - Enjoy Life' ( Bangladeshi women Health & Development Project	'Live Healthy – Enjoy Life' will operate from BYM's Women's Centre providing a programme of proactive and responsive health development activities ensuring women stay healthy and attend to their own health needs. Added value will be achieved by engaging volunteers to build capacity and foster self-help.	The BYM Women health prevention project is progressing well and continues to deliver activities according to its contract and to meet its targets and achieve its outcomes accordingly. To date, the project has supported 384 women.	01/01/2016 - 31/08/2018	22,100.00	22,100.00	22,100.00	22,100.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Breathing Space	Breathing Space	Breathing Space teaches Mindfulness Based Approaches (MBAs) to help people look after their mental health. We use MBA's for preventing relapse into depression, addiction and to manage stress and anxiety. Our teachers are trained and supervised by an NHS consultant psychiatrist and have extensive experience of mindfulness practice and teaching.	This quarter the project has supported 14 beneficiaries, who attended its MBSR and MBCT courses. The project delivered 24 sessions and provided 60 hours of support. There was a significant improvement in the WHO health index rating of all participants and all that completed the feedback form rated the course as either helpful or very helpful.	01/10/2015 - 31/08/2018	16,250.00	16,250.00	16,250.00	16,250.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Bromley Bow Centre	Fit for All	Fit for All a peer-lead physical activity programme enhancing the lives of older Tower Hamlets residents aged 50+ to be well and live life to the full, focusing on the North East Cluster, Fit for All engages those experiencing social isolation who want to increase independence while having fun.	For this quarter the project focused on recruitment of participants on to its final Fit for All training programme, which starts on August 5th, and also on supporting students from earlier training onto volunteering opportunities, physical activities and further training opportunities. At the time of writing the project has recruited 14 students for its final cohort and will be aiming to have 18 to 20 students in place for the start of training on August 5th. As part of its continuous communication with past students the project established a weekly circuit class that is being led by students who completed the last training programme (cohort 6). This group started off as a casual weekly session and a decision has now been made to open up the session to all.	01/01/2016 - 31/08/2018	27,820.00	27,820.00	27,820.00	27,820.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
DeafPLUS - Breakthrough Deaf and Hearing Integration	Deaf+Positive Wellbeing Project	This project will tackle health inequalities and social isolation amongst deaf and hard of hearing people by providing lipreading classes, accessible mental health workshops and accessible walking tours. This project will also provide free Deaf Awareness Training to GPs and health professionals to crucially improve access for deaf people.	Throughout this quarter the project has successfully delivered deaf awareness and lipreading workshops for professionals working with Deaf and hard of hearing people living in the borough. It has also delivered activities during half term, including bowling for families.	01/01/2016 - 31/08/2018	35,750.00	35,750.00	35,750.00	35,750.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Family Action	Somali Mental Health Promotion	This project will deliver an schools-based project, designed to build the capacity of local primary and secondary schools to identify and support young carers. A dedicated schools worker will deliver resources, training and advice to schools to help them gain Young Carers Charter status.	Not Applicable. This project ended in March 2019.	01/01/2016 - 31/08/2018	8,050.00	8,050.00	8,050.00	8,050.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	n/a		Not Applicable. This project ended on March 2019.

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Green Candle Dance Company	Dance for Health at Oxford House	Dance for Health at Oxford House is for older people aged 55+, and delivers two, thirty week workshops a year from 10.30 - 12.30. The Tuesday sessions are aimed at more active older people, whilst the Friday sessions are specifically aimed at participants with mild - moderate dementia and their carers.	<p>The Spinoff included one final spring academic term session, the Easter holidays and the majority of the summer academic term, with the final three sessions of the term and a performance and exhibition falling into the Quarter 2 2019-20 period.</p> <p>Participants took part in 10 regular sessions and 9 additional activities, including a short project over 4 days in which Spinoff participated in an example dance session and four performances. Towards the end of the quarter, all throughout June, Spinoff worked with professional photographer Rachel Cherry and took part in a dance and digital site-specific photography project, by and of the dancers that coincided with the renovation of Oxford House. 92% of participants said they were Very Happy and 8% Happy with the Spinoff project. Feedback was gathered and comments included: "It helps keep me well, flexible, healthy, and fitter. It's good for my mental and emotional health and well-being. I enjoy the company and seeing the friends I have made. I love performing and working together towards performance."</p> <p>Friday Remember to Dance: 11 sessions took place during Quarter 1 April - June 2019, ten regular Friday sessions, two more than projected, plus the group took part in Moving into Maturity in a dance and dementia workshop.</p> <p>This quarter saw the second half of the intergenerational project take place with 28 children from Columbia William</p>	01/10/2015 - 31/08/2018	30,875.00	30,875.00	30,875.00	30,875.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Island House Community Centre	Health & Wellbeing Project 2015-18	The Island House Health & Wellbeing project delivers a full and varied holistic programme of activities to promote health awareness, encourage healthy lifestyles, reduce isolation and improve mental health & wellbeing for adults in the SE ward cluster of Tower Hamlets. We're helping you build a better quality of life.	In this period the project supported 169 beneficiaries, delivered 94 sessions and provided 164 hours of support.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	31,460.00	31,460.00	31,460.00	31,460.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Mind In Tower Hamlets	Wellbeing Service - Coping with Life Recovery Training Programme	<p>Coping with Life Recovery Training programme - A 6 week course of workshops based on a person's individual Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP). Designed to support participants to gain knowledge, skills and coping strategies to make positive life changes. This workshops will help participants discover their own simple, safe Wellness Tools and develop a list of things to do every day to stay as well as possible</p> <p>The coping with life skills workshops and WRAP are for anyone, any time. They will support you in being the way you want to be and doing the things you want to do. This will include the option of accessing the peer-facilitator training.</p>	The Project has become a strong part of the recovery service of Mind. Referrals are being received from GPs, Health Visitors and Inspire consortium. Clients are reporting a positive response to the Coping With Life CBT Course and a reduction in their symptoms. Mindfulness group attendance is steady and helping clients cope with anxiety and depression. Peer Support recruitment has given some participants confidence to co-facilitate. Two service users are helping to co-facilitate on a regular basis. The Project has a good reputation with other local networks and continues to enhance the well-being of adults with mental health issues in Tower Hamlets.	01/01/2016 - 31/08/2018	33,150.00	33,150.00	33,150.00	33,150.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.

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Praxis Community Projects Ltd	Praxis Health Check	A holistic health & wellbeing service for Tower Hamlets residents including initial assessment, advice & casework to resolve practical & legal issues, health & wellbeing group work, workshops & activities, & onward referral to health screening, counselling & therapy services, and other wellbeing activities in the borough.	For this quarter, the project continued to provide support and activities to reduce service users' stress and anxiety and help improve their wellbeing. Three information-based workshops are run. Two workshops are facilitated by a volunteer qualified Nutritionist: Eatwell Workshop and Healthy Eating and Cooking. The feedback on these sessions was extremely positive: participants learnt about preparing a balanced meal and about such things as the impact of hidden sugar, and stated that they were using their new skills and knowledge at home. The project also runs a Digital Wellbeing workshop in partnership with OLMEC. Participants benefited greatly from this session in terms of mapping online information to help with their wellbeing, and asked for a further session in September.	01/01/2016 - 31/08/2018	26,000.00	26,000.00	26,000.00	26,000.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
The Rooted Forum (TRF)	Bridging The Gap	Bridging The Gap (BTG) intergenerational project brings together the elderly and younger residents of the Borough from diverse cultures and faiths to overcome prevalent distrust, stereotypes and prejudices often held between people of varied ages. BTG enables digital inclusion, independence, wellbeing, shared learning of life lessons and transferable skills.	In this period the project has supported 20 beneficiaries. 6 beneficiaries have completed the ICT programme. The project has also delivered 8 physical/mobility sessions, with 112 attendances.	01/01/2016 - 31/08/2018	19,500.00	19,500.00	19,500.00	19,500.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Tower Hamlets Friends and Neighbours	Older People's Befriending Project	This project will focus on older people, many whom have depression or dementia, and aim to reduce loneliness and social isolation and improve their health and well-being through targeted interventions. We will work throughout the borough providing one to one befriending and advocacy support to people in their own homes.	In this period the project has supported 142 beneficiaries, delivered 204 sessions and provided 231 hours of support.	01/10/2015 - 31/08/2018	37,917.00	37,917.00	37,917.00	37,917.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Toynbee Hall	Wellbeing in Tower Hamlets	Wellbeing in Tower Hamlets (WITH) delivers workshops to vulnerable clients including older people, people with mental health issues and people with learning disabilities around wellbeing, staying safe, mental health awareness and stigma, and memory. WITH comes to your site and facilitates discussions and conversations to increase wellbeing.	In this period the project has supported 95 beneficiaries, delivered 18 sessions and provided 360 hours of support.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	10,790.00	10,790.00	8,300.00	8,300.00	-2,490.00	RED	AMBER	AMBER		The project has underachieved in 2 key output areas: Number of peer support volunteers recruited and Number of successful peers support matches made. The project was put on an improvement plan since January 2019 and though it has made some improvements over the months, it hasn't made sufficient progress in the last 6 months. The targets were overambitious to start with and the project is struggling to meet the quarterly targets.
<b>Theme 3 Prevention Health and Wellbeing - Total</b>						<b>757,327</b>	<b>757,327</b>	<b>754,837</b>	<b>754,837</b>	<b>-2,490</b>				

Organisation Name	Project Title	Project Description	Key Achievements	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Forecast	Payments Processed	Paid Amount	Variance	Sep-Dec 18 RAG Status	Jan-Mar 19 RAG Status	Apr-Jun 19 RAG Status	Jul-Sep 19 RAG Status	Comments
<b>Theme 4 Third Sector Organisational Development</b>														
Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Service	Support to Council funded organisations	This project will help LBTH funded voluntary organisations to develop and maintain effective systems, improve their financial and project management and achieve quality assurance accreditations. We will provide in depth development support, training courses and information to help organisations to ensure that they are well-run, effective, stable and sustainable.	Project, which is a partnership between THVCS and Volunteer Centre Tower Hamlets, provides training, advice and support to organisations funded by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets in order to develop their systems and improve their financial and project management. Project has been successful overall in delivering its output targets during its lifetime, assisting LBTH grant-funded organisations to be ready to deliver their Council-funded projects. It has provided in-depth support to organisations on a number of areas such as premises, plus management and reporting for LBTH Main Stream Grant. Support has also been provided on: fundraising, governance, staff recruitment, volunteering, charity registration, sustainability, pensions, service user involvement, health and safety and social media. Project has delivered support through training, resources, information provision and one-to-one development work.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	60,233.00	60,233.00	60,233.00	60,233.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Service	Supporting VCS organisations based in Tower Hamlets	This project will help Tower Hamlets voluntary organisations to develop and maintain effective systems, plan effectively, raise funds, manage projects and staff, and achieve quality assurance accreditations. We will provide development support, training courses and information to help local organisations ensure that they are well-run, effective, stable and sustainable.	Project, which is a partnership between THVCS and Volunteer Centre Tower Hamlets, provides training, advice and support to organisations funded by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets in order to develop their systems and improve their financial and project management. Project has been successful overall in delivering its output targets during its lifetime, assisting LBTH grant-funded organisations to be ready to deliver their Council-funded projects. It has provided in-depth support to organisations on a number of areas such as premises, plus management and reporting for LBTH Main Stream Grant. Support has also been provided on: fundraising, governance, staff recruitment, volunteering, charity registration, sustainability, pensions, service user involvement, health and safety and social media. Project has delivered support through training, resources, information provision and one-to-one development work.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	123,933.00	123,933.00	123,933.00	123,933.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Service	Strategic partner project	THCVS's strategic partner project provides and supports representation, networking and partnership among voluntary organisations and between the statutory, business and voluntary sectors. We run forum meetings, courses and an annual conference for the sector and gather information about provision in the borough in online directories of projects and premises.	Project, which is a partnership between THVCS and Volunteer Centre Tower Hamlets, provides training, advice and support to organisations funded by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets in order to develop their systems and improve their financial and project management. Project has been successful overall in delivering its output targets during its lifetime, assisting LBTH grant-funded organisations to be ready to deliver their Council-funded projects. It has provided in-depth support to organisations on a number of areas such as premises, plus management and reporting for LBTH Main Stream Grant. Support has also been provided on: fundraising, governance, staff recruitment, volunteering, charity registration, sustainability, pensions, service user involvement, health and safety and social media. Project has delivered support through training, resources, information provision and one-to-one development work.	01/09/2015 - 31/08/2018	97,500.00	97,500.00	97,500.00	97,500.00	0.00	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		The project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
<b>Theme 4 Third Sector Organisational Development - Total</b>						<b>281,666</b>	<b>281,666</b>	<b>281,666</b>	<b>281,666</b>	<b>0</b>				

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Grants Determination Sub Committee Decision</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">11<sup>th</sup> September 2019</p>	
<p><b>Report of:</b> Ann Sutcliffe, Corporate Director, Place</p>	<p><b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted</p>
<p><b>Schools Energy Retrofit Programme – Phase 2</b></p>	

<b>Lead Member</b>	<b>Councillor Rachel Blake, Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Planning, Air Quality and Tackling Poverty</b>
<b>Originating Officer(s)</b>	Abdul J Khan, Service Manager – Energy Sustainability & Private Sector Housing David Esdaile, Environmental Sustainability Officer
<b>Wards affected</b>	All Wards
<b>Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>Forward Plan Notice Published</b>	N/A
<b>Reason for Key Decision</b>	N/A
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>A great place to live</b>

### **Executive Summary**

This programme will support schools across the Borough with 100 % funding from S106 funds from the Carbon Offset Fund to reduce energy consumption and resulting carbon dioxide emissions. The programme will see funding provided to install energy efficient measures into schools that will reduce their energy consumption, carbon emissions and costs. There will be an open application process for schools to apply for funding for retrofit projects.

The budget for the project is £250,000. This is the second phase of this programme after the successful delivery of the first phase. As with the first phase the maximum amount available to each school is £30,000 to ensure at least 8 schools are supported. Also schools who received a grant in the first phase will not be eligible for a grant in the second phase.

## **Recommendations:**

The Grants Determination Sub Committee is recommended to:

1. Approve the grant funding of £250,000 to deliver the Schools Energy Retrofit Programme.
2. Delegate Officer Authority to the Service Manager for Energy, Sustainability & Private Sector Housing to approve grants up to £30,000.

### **1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS**

- 1.1 The project will provide funding to schools in Tower Hamlets to complete energy reduction retrofit projects that will not only reduce energy consumption but also the associated carbon emissions and result in cost reduction and an increased comfort and working environment within the schools. There will be an open application process for schools to apply for funding for retrofit projects. Most schools have little or no budget available to fund such projects and need funding support to carry out these works as they would not otherwise happen
- 1.2 Tower Hamlets produces the third highest level of total carbon dioxide emissions of the 33 Local Authorities in Greater London. There are significant drivers to reduce carbon emissions, including the Borough's target of delivering a net zero carbon Borough by 2030. This project will engage with schools that are among the higher emitters in the Borough and work to cut their carbon emissions.
- 1.3 S106 money from the Carbon Offset Fund needs to spend funds on projects that will reduce carbon emissions in the Borough. This is part of a programme of projects to reduce carbon emissions across the Borough.

### **2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 2.1 The only other funding stream available to schools is a Salix Finance loan. Even though these loans are interest free schools are still reluctant to get a loan as they fear that possible future budget cuts will mean the loan repayments become an added cost and not being funded from energy cost savings. Also Salix loans have to be repaid in 8 years which for some projects, especially those involving gas consumption is not possible due to having a longer return on investment. This is because the low energy charges schools have to pay on the Council's energy contract mean the return on investment is longer but this does not take away from the good energy and carbon savings that projects will achieve.



### **3. DETAILS OF THE REPORT**

- 3.1 The project will provide funding to schools in Tower Hamlets to complete energy reduction retrofit projects that will not only reduce energy consumption but also the associated carbon emissions and result in cost reductions and an increased comfort within schools. There will be an open application process for schools to apply for funding for energy reduction retrofit projects. Most schools have little or no budget available to fund such projects and need funding support to carry out these works as they would not otherwise happen.
- 3.2 The budget being applied for this programme is £250,000. Based on the first phase of this programme this budget will be able to support 8-10 schools.
- 3.3 The limit for an application is £30,000. This is to ensure that at least 8 schools receive funding and some projects will be smaller meaning 8-10 schools should receive funding.
- 3.4 The funding is available to all schools in the Borough, including Voluntary-aided schools, free schools, academies as well as the schools owned by the Council. By making the funding available to all schools it ensures all carbon reduction opportunities will be considered and allow the funding to achieve the highest carbon reduction possible.
- 3.5 To ensure fairness to smaller schools that may not have the resources of bigger schools to submit an application quickly, there will be a window for schools to submit an expression of interest in funding for a project. This expression of interest will allow schools to submit an outline of what they would like to do without having to put together lots of technical information. Once this window has closed the expression of interests will be assessed and those projects that will achieve the highest percentage carbon saving based on the emissions of the technology being replaced, their value for money for the carbon saving and the return on investment of the project will be given preference and the Sustainable Development Team will work with schools that need support to submit a full application. This ensures the programme achieves the maximum carbon reduction possible whilst also making it fair for all schools that want to submit an application.
- 3.6 The following energy efficiency & renewable technologies that are eligible for a grant are:
- Lighting upgrades
  - Air conditioning improvements
  - Building Management Systems
  - Controls
  - Heating projects
  - Insulation
  - Renewable technologies

- 3.7 It will be ensured by the Sustainable Development Team that no funding will be released to any school for any of the proposed projects until sufficient evidence has been provided that the project will achieve an acceptable carbon reduction. This will involve schools completing a Carbon Offsetting Proforma to identify how the project will result in a reduction of carbon emissions. This will ensure that the fund will not be used for maintenance projects that have no energy or carbon reduction benefit as support for these types of projects is available from Children’s Services Capital Programme.
- 3.8 The projects are to be delivered by a supplier that the school will procure. This will ensure that each school will be able to procure the supplier that meets the criteria of their project as each project will involve the installation of different energy efficient technologies. Schools will be encouraged to use suppliers based in Tower Hamlets where possible as in line with the Council’s procurement policy. However if schools would like to use the Council’s capital programme contract to complete their project then they are able to do so. As Voluntary-aided schools, free schools and academies are not under any jurisdiction from the Council they will have to procure their own projects.
- 3.9 Below is a summary of the savings achieved by the schools in the first phase of this project. We would expect similar results for this phase.

	<b>Funding</b>	<b>CO2 Reduction (tCO2)</b>	<b>kWh Saving</b>	<b>Annual School Cost Saving</b>
School 1	£ 30,000.00	21.53	61,000	£ 6,000.00
School 2	£ 30,000.00	21.71	56,542	£ 7,690.00
School 3	£ 30,000.00	12.2	34,707	£ 3,788.70
School 4	£ 30,000.00	13.5	38,463	£ 4,198.64
School 5	£ 30,000.00	30.89	78,585	£ 8,644.00
School 6	£ 15,364.00	20	34,891	£ 3,716.94
School 7	£ 28,239.98	26.96	50,868	£ 6,104.48
School 8	£ 26,396.02	14.68	38,231	£ 3,103.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 220,000.00</b>	<b>161.47</b>	<b>393,287</b>	<b>£ 43,245.76</b>

**Table 1:** Summary of projects in Phase 1 of Schools Energy Retrofit Programme

- 3.10 The selection of projects will be based on the schools applying through a Carbon Offsetting proforma and following the below process.
1. Schools to complete and submit an expression of interest and supporting evidence in a 3 week window.
  2. Applications are assessed by the Sustainable Development Team in consultation with Children’s Services. Projects that will achieve the highest carbon reduction based on the old technology being replaced, their value for money for the carbon saving and the return on investment of the project will be supported to complete a full application to go before the Selection Panel.
  3. The Selection Panel will assess and decide on applications.
  4. A visit to the school will be carried out to ensure project is as described

and will achieve the carbon savings that have been submitted in the application.

5. Delivery time scales will be agreed with schools and when the funding will be released to them.
6. School to submit evidence that the project has been completed and costs paid as per the approved application.
7. Projects will be monitored 12 months after completion to ensure projected savings are being achieved. For most schools this will be straightforward as many schools are on the Council energy contract and we have access to their consumption data. For the schools that are not they will be required to provide utility bills to allow monitoring to be completed.
8. If there is funding still available after the initial application window then schools will be invited again to submit applications.

3.11 No particular type of project or energy efficient technology will be prioritised as the aim of this programme is to reduce carbon emissions by any means that is appropriate. However larger infrastructure projects or projects that are maintenance projects rather than about proactive energy reduction will not be considered. Any projects of this nature should engage with Children Services and their Capital Delivery Programme.

3.12 The decisions on awarding funding to schools will follow the process set out in the Carbon Offsetting Solutions Study that was adopted by Cabinet in January 2016. This will be made at minuted selection panel meeting which will assess and decide on each application on the criteria set above and below. The Panel will be made up of the Sustainable Development Service Manager, representative(s) from Children's Services, Sustainable Development Team Leader and the Environmental Sustainability Officer. This panel will decide which projects to allocate funding to. The 3 key criteria for the allocation of funds will be:

1. CARBON: carbon savings and their associated cost efficiency;
2. ADDITIONALITY: it is essential that carbon savings are truly additional and would not happen without funding.
3. COMMUNITY BENEFITS: other benefits for the community beyond carbon (e.g. fuel poverty, job creation, improved community facilities, etc.) will be seen as a plus by the Council.

3.13 All projects that are delivered through the award of funding from this programme will be the responsibility of the School. Should any maintenance or costs be incurred at a later date on the technologies installed then that cost will be the responsibility of the school.

3.14 The proposals are in accordance with the Carbon Offsetting Solutions Study approved at Cabinet in January 2016 which was developed to ensure clarity on how funds secured through S106 carbon offsetting finances will be allocated, and to provide transparency in the identification of projects to be delivered.

#### **4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 An Equality Analysis Quality Assurance checklist has been completed for the programme to address equality implications arising from the proposal.
- 4.2 As a result of performing the checklist the programme does not appear to have any adverse effects on people who share Protected Characteristics and no further actions are recommended.

#### **5. OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 This section of the report is used to highlight further specific statutory implications that are either not covered in the main body of the report or are required to be highlighted to ensure decision makers give them proper consideration. Examples of other implications may be:
- Best Value Implications,
  - Consultations,
  - Environmental (including air quality),
  - Risk Management,
  - Crime Reduction,
  - Safeguarding.
- 5.2 This proposal will provide S106 funding from the Carbon Offset Fund to achieve carbon emission reductions that it has been set up to achieve. The open application nature of the programme and the assessment of applications will ensure that projects that achieve the highest carbon reductions for the best value of money will be approved meaning that the maximum carbon reductions possible will be achieved whilst achieving best value from the Carbon Offset Fund.
- 5.3 It will be ensured that no funding will be released to any school for any of the proposed projects until sufficient evidence has been provided that the project will achieve an acceptable carbon reduction. This will involve schools providing evidence to identify how the project will result in a reduction of carbon emissions. This will ensure that the fund will not be used for maintenance projects that have no energy or carbon reduction outcomes.
- 5.4 The funding for the projects will be released to the schools and not the contractor who complete the works. This is to ensure that projects are completed to the satisfaction of the school before any money is paid.
- 5.5 All projects that are delivered through the award of funding from this programme will be the responsibility of the School. Should any maintenance costs be incurred at a later date then that cost will be the responsibility of the school.
- 5.6 Tower Hamlets produces the third highest level of total carbon emissions of the 33 Local Authorities in Greater London. The proposals will contribute to

delivering CO2 emission reductions in the Borough as well as reducing fuel costs for schools and improving the working environment in these schools.

- 5.7 The programme will help to contribute to the community plan objective of ‘a great place to live’. This programme will make Tower Hamlets ‘greener’ by reducing CO2 emissions and it will also improve buildings that are not only used as schools but also used by the community.

## **6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

- 6.1 Funding of £250k is required to be set aside for issuing grants to deliver the schools energy retrofit programme. This represents the second phase of this programme and should benefit 8-10 individual projects.
- 6.2 Funding will be from s106 income that has been received by the Council and will therefore represent a net nil impact on the Council’s baseline budget. This s106 funding forms part of the carbon offset fund which is ringfenced for projects reducing carbon emissions within the Borough.
- 6.3 In January 2016 Cabinet approved the setup of a carbon reduction fund and these grants form part of a package of schemes from this fund totalling £1.7m. These specific projects were approved at Cabinet in July 2019.
- 6.4 Applications for individual grants are restricted to a maximum of £30k per scheme.

## **7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES**

- 7.1 The Council has the legal power to deliver the grant scheme detailed in this report.
- 7.2 The Council has the legal obligation to ensure that the grant scheme achieves Best Value. The scheme is subject to an application procedure where applications will be assessed against pre-published evaluation criteria with grants being awarded to the highest scoring applications.
- 7.3 The grant will be subject to a legally binding agreement which will detail how the money is to be spent and the outcomes will be monitored against the agreement. Also, as public bodies the recipients of the grant may only expend the grant if they themselves have carried out an appropriate level of competition and determined the contractor through that process. These factors and the detail of paragraph 7.2 will help ensure compliance with the Council’s Best Value Duty
- 7.4 There are no immediate Equality Act legal implications arising from this report.

## **Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents**

### **Linked Report**

- NONE

### **Appendices**

- Equality Analysis Quality Assurance checklist

### **Background Documents – Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012**

- NONE

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<p><b>Cabinet Decision – Grants Determination Sub-Committee</b></p> <p>11 September 2019</p>	
<p><b>Report of:</b> Denise Radley, Corporate Director, Health, Adults and Community</p>	<p><b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted</p>
<p><b>Goodman’s Fields Health Centre</b></p> <p><b>To approve the additional grant funding of £2,055, 526 from £4,824,474 (incl. VAT) to £6,880,000.00 (incl. VAT).</b></p>	

<b>Originating Officer(s)</b>	Matthew Quin, Healthy Environment’s Programme Lead, Public Health
<b>Wards affected</b>	Shadwell, Stepney Green and Whitechapel Wards
<b>Key Decision?</b>	Yes
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	A healthy and supportive community

**Executive Summary:**

This report relates to the release of an additional £2,055,526 of funding to NHS Tower Hamlets Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

The original project cost estimate of £4,824,474 was developed internally by Tower Hamlets CCG in December 2017. As soon as approval for the project was granted in April 2018, the CCG appointed AECOM (an international design and construction consultancy) as cost and design consultants. AECOM conducted the RIBA stage 2 design and when this was completed they produced a cost review report. This stage 2 cost plan set out a project cost estimate of £6,880,000.

Population growth in Shadwell, Stepney Green and Whitechapel Wards will increase demand for primary care services. Primary care has been tasked with helping to reduce the funding gap across the NHS by providing more personalised, accessible community based services that will reduce avoidable pressures on hospital resources. An investment in primary care premises is necessary in order to respond to this requirement and to allow an increase in consultations with primary healthcare professionals.

Within the context of increasing financial challenges it is becoming ever more difficult for health services to fund new facilities and alternative funding sources are being pursued to cross-subsidise. The NHS in Tower Hamlets has a successful record in delivering health infrastructure initiatives aided by S106 contributions in partnership with the Council and a capital investment to improve primary care facilities and increase access to primary care is therefore appropriate through this route.

## **Recommendations:**

The Grants Determination Sub-Committee is recommended to:

1. To approve the additional grant funding of £2,055,526 from £4,824,474 (incl. VAT) to £6,880,000.00 (incl. VAT).

### **1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS**

- 1.1 Tower Hamlets is one of the most deprived boroughs in the country and the population is expected to reach nearly 315,000 by 2020<sup>1</sup>. Both NHS Tower Hamlets Commissioning Strategic Plan 2012 – 2015 and the Tower Hamlets 2016 - 2020 Health and Wellbeing Strategy highlight the development of health premises and the refurbishment of facilities as key to supporting both the integration and localisation of services linked with local area partnerships.
- 1.2 Rapid population growth, stimulated by new residential development, is driving increased demand for healthcare provision in the affected localities. The proposed new health facilities and expansion will help build the extra clinical capacity that will be required to meet the increased demand for primary care.
- 1.3 The project will allow a greater level of service to be offered to patients. The Goodman's field proposal will deliver a new, fully equipped modern health facility with 23 clinical rooms in the South West Locality, with capacity for up to 25,000 registered patients (an increase of 8k new patients), which will also provide up to 50,400 new patient appointments, that will help meet population growth in these wards.
- 1.4 Finances will be spent in accordance with the s106 obligation and will deliver projects identified and agreed with the contributors in compliance with the s106 agreement.

### **2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 2.1 Taking no action would result in a high risk of the development of a health centre with significant shortcomings: a suboptimal entrance, inadequate staff parking to enable discharge of staff functions, inability to make the changes to the shell required, insufficient fittings and insufficient contingency to manage the project smoothly. The outcome would therefore be to lose the opportunity to make the best use of the potential of the site to serve the practice population.
- 2.2 The Whitechapel region where the Goodman Fields proposal is located is particularly in need of additional health infrastructure, and extending healthcare provision in this ward will particularly affect several groups who are often disadvantaged with regards to access to healthcare. According to the

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<sup>1</sup> GLA Population Project, 2014 round , Short Term Trend



2011 census, 59% of the people living in this ward are BME, the proportion of socially rented households is almost double the London average and 13% of the population are classed as long term unemployed. Health inequalities research over the past decade has strongly indicated that low income and ethnic minority households are significantly more likely to experience poorer health outcomes. The Goodman's Fields Health Centre will therefore be increasing health service availability in a location of appropriate need.

### **3. DETAILS OF REPORT – Goodman's Field**

3.1. The Goodman's Field Health Centre brings together two practices - East One Health and Whitechapel Health Centre onto a single site. The development is a vital element of plans to improve the quality of primary care in the area. The design of the new health centre within the new mixed-use development on Lemn St has now progressed to a RIBA stage 2 design and, subject to internal approvals, Tower Hamlets Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and NHS Property Services (NHSPS) propose to continue with design into RIBA stage 3 and 4. NHSPS is taking forward the lease negotiation with the Berkeley Group, and the Berkeley Group architects are engaging with the NHS architects. The general arrangement floor plan has been agreed and has been well received by the local GP practices, community and other stakeholders.

3.2 Compared to the original project cost estimate conducted by the CCG and the RIBA stage 2 cost plan there is an increase of £2,055,526 based on the Stage 2 Cost Plan produced on the 14 March 2019. The reasons are due primarily to unforeseen costs, modifications of plans (based on further work up design plans), revised unit cost estimates, revised inflationary assumptions and revised contingency assumptions.

<b>Description</b>	<b>Financial Impact (Increase Excl. VAT)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modification to plans for entrance to improve overall design - moving the entrance proposed in original design works better in terms of the overall structure of the existing building but requires structural change (including installation of curtain walling)</li> </ul>	£135,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the original estimate - provision for staff parking was not costed. However, this is essential to support practice activities such as home visits. Two parking spaces have been negotiated with Berkeley Homes for a cost of £35,000 per parking space (first two) with the unit requiring a minimum of two parking spaces to allow for home visits</li> </ul>	£70,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the original estimate, the assumptions around the Berkeley Homes Shell &amp; Core specification did not take into account the need for preparatory floor work. .</li> </ul>	£125,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the original estimate, the construction cost/sqm was underestimated (and based on a highly competitive cost from the winning contractor for Suttons Wharf in Roman Road) The revised higher AECOM costs arise from greater detail on specification of works as a result of design progress and assessment of market conditions.</li> </ul>	£500,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AECOM have allowed for a 10% design variance risk in line with other developments in Tower Hamlets</li> </ul>	£330,000

• The increased construction costs have a knock on impact to the construction contingency (16% of construction)	£80,000
• The original estimate made an assumption that all material would be purchased at the start of the construction. However, the AECOM estimate takes into account inflation to the midpoint of the contract. This is considered more accurate as they are based on the current design stage.	£80,000
• NHSPS management fee is a percentage of construction cost so this increases proportionately with the increase in projected cost.	£30,000
• BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environment Assessment Methodology) assesses environmental, social and economic sustainability. The LBTH planning condition requires 'excellent' status. However, the original estimate was based on reaching 'very good' status'.	£150,000
• Revised estimates by AECOM of furniture, fittings, equipment, IT and sundry costs	£212,938
<i>Total of items</i>	£1,712,938
<i>Inc VAT</i>	£2,055,526

3.3 The above changes have been discussed in depth with the Clinical Commissioning Group officers and reviewed. In summary, the increased estimated costs are driven by two factors. Firstly, the design changes arising from a better understanding of the requirement following the completion of RIBA stage 2. Secondly, in retrospect there were significant limitations of the original estimate conducted prior to PID approval (omissions, assumptions that no longer hold following the experience of the design phase in 2018). The plans have also been reviewed by the Development Viability Team of the Council who considered that the additional £2m is broadly justified. Finance have reviewed the costs and confirmed that there is sufficient section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding available to pay for the increased costs.

#### **4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

4.1 This report outlines a change note to the Goodman's Field project. Funding of £4,824,474 was originally agreed at Grants Determination Sub-Committee in March 2018.

4.2 The change note requests for additional funding of £2,055,526 to be granted to NHS Tower Hamlets CCG to enable development of the Health Centre at Goodman's Field, following the RIBA stage 2 design. This will result in total funding of £6,880,000 being allocated to this project in the form of section 106 and construction infrastructure level (CIL) funding.

4.3 Funding will only be released once satisfactory completion of works is confirmed. The project budget contains a contingency sum, which will only be utilised if officers are fully satisfied with the evidence to support the claim. Any unused contingency will be available for reallocation to other projects.

#### **5. LEGAL COMMENTS**

5.1 The Council has the legal power to make the grant referred to in this report.

5.2 However, the ability to fund the grant is dependent upon the use of money received by the Council in accordance with S.106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Under s.106 Developers have entered into various planning obligations with the Council one of which will be the payment of money for certain purposes. The Council must satisfy itself that the actions under this report comply with the various purposes for which the money was given by the Developer in order to spend the money through this grant. However, this will be / is being dealt with under a separate approval process in accordance with the Council procedures and must be determined before the final grant agreement is concluded.

5.3 In any event it appears as though this scheme has become necessary in order to mitigate the effects of increased population brought about by regeneration development in the surrounding area.

5.4 The Council must ensure that the money is expended represents Best Value in order to comply with its own legal Best Value Duty. The grant will be subject to a legally binding grant agreement which will be used to monitor the use of the funds and to ensure the money is spent on the purposes for which it is intended. This will significantly assist the Council to demonstrate this legal Best Value.

5.5 Also the Grant recipient will be spending the money following completion of its own tendering exercises as it is required to abide by the same Procurement Law as the Council. This will assist the Council to show that the money is being spent on the best available goods, works and services at the price then available in the market place. This also demonstrates adherence to the Best Value principle.

5.6 The decision to make this grant does not create any immediate direct legal issues arising from the Equality Act 2010.

## **6. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS**

6.1. The proposed buildings and improvements will increase capacity and access to provide more clinical appointments to all service users in the local population. These enhancements will benefit service users, in particular those who are more reliant upon health services including families with children, older people and those with complex health issues (including the disabled).

6.2. The project will not adversely affect people with protected characteristics.

6.3. An EIA was conducted on the proposal and can be found in the background documents.

## **7. BEST VALUE (BV) IMPLICATIONS**

7.1. The delivery of this project ensures the Council meets its s106 obligations and spends funds in accordance with the agreement.

7.2. The project directly supports the HWB strategy to improve and develop local services; it also supports the Tower Hamlets' Commissioning Strategic Plan 2012 – 2015.

7.3. Additionally, through investing in primary care services, preventative steps are being taken to reduce demand upon hospital services which can often be more costly, thus supporting best value.

## **8. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT**

8.1. There are no implications.

## **9. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

9.1. There is a risk that if the project is not approved, the benefits identified for the project relating to increased and improved access to local services, improved patient experience, increased GP registrations in the area will not be realised.

9.2. In addition if this is not approved then as it is proposing the delivery of works in accordance with S106 requirements then there is a risk of non-fulfilment of S106 requirements, particularly those which are time sensitive.

## **10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS**

10.1. There are no crime or disorder implications.

## **11. SAFEGUARDING IMPLICATIONS**

11.1. There are no safeguarding implications

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**Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents**

**Linked Report**

- NONE

**Appendices**

- NONE

**Background Documents**

- Goodman's Fields GDSC report April 2018
- EIA

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<b>Cabinet Decision – Grants Determination Sub-Committee</b>  13 March 2018	 <b>TOWER HAMLETS</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Denise Radley, Corporate Director, Health, Adults and Community	<b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted
<b>Goodman’s field: Approval of the Allocation of S106 and CIL Funding, totalling £ 4,824,474.</b>	

<b>Originating Officer(s)</b>	Matthew Phelan, Healthy Environment’s Programme Lead, Public Health
<b>Wards affected</b>	Goodman’s fields: Shadwell, Stepney Green and Whitechapel Wards
<b>Key Decision?</b>	Yes
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	A healthy and supportive community

**Executive Summary:**

This report relates to the release of up to £4,824,474 of section 106 and CIL resources to NHS Tower Hamlets Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to deliver increased capacity, access and service provision via a number of premises improvements across primary care to enhance local GP services. This funding is divided into;

1. £3,494,990.79 of CIL
2. £1,329,483.21 of s106

Population growth in Tower Hamlets will increase demand for primary care services. Primary care has been tasked with helping to reduce the funding gap across the NHS by providing more personalised, accessible community based services that will reduce avoidable pressures on hospital resources. An investment in primary care premises is necessary in order to respond to this requirement and to allow an increase in consultations with primary healthcare professionals.

Within the context of increasing financial challenges it is becoming ever more difficult for health services to fund new facilities and alternative funding sources are being pursued to cross-subsidise. The NHS in Tower Hamlets has a successful record in delivering health infrastructure initiatives aided by S106 contributions in partnership with the Council and a capital investment to improve primary care facilities and increase access to primary care is therefore appropriate through this route.

## **Recommendations:**

The Grants Determination Sub-Committee is recommended to:

1. Approve the grant funding of £4,824,474 to NHS Tower Hamlets CCG to deliver increased capacity, access and service provision in primary care and maintain continuity of local GP services.

### **1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS**

- 1.1 Tower Hamlets is one of the most deprived boroughs in the country and the population is expected to reach nearly 315,000 by 2020<sup>1</sup>. Both NHS Tower Hamlets Commissioning Strategic Plan 2012 – 2015 and the Tower Hamlets 2016 - 2020 Health and Wellbeing Strategy highlight the development of health premises and the refurbishment of facilities as key to supporting both the integration and localisation of services linked with local area partnerships. The Commissioning Strategic plan describes the course of action to improve health outcomes for the local population and has a commitment to improve the quality of life for everyone in the borough by working in partnership with key stakeholders including the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.
- 1.2 Rapid population growth, stimulated by new residential development, is driving increased demand for healthcare provision in the affected localities. The proposed new health facilities and expansion will help build the extra clinical capacity that will be required to meet the increased demand for primary care.
- 1.3 Given the difficulties in obtaining new premises and the space and financial constraints on primary care services, the capital investment will enable GP Practices to increase their appointments and clinical capacity.
- 1.4 The project will allow a greater level of service to be offered to patients. The Goodman's field proposal will deliver a new, fully equipped modern health facility with 24 clinical rooms in the South West Locality, with capacity for up to 25,000 registered patients (an increase of 8k new patients), which will also provide up to 50,400 new patient appointments.
- 1.5 Finances will be spent in accordance with the s106 obligation and will deliver projects identified and agreed with the contributors in compliance with the s106 agreement.

### **2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 2.1 Doing nothing, would not achieve the objective to increase capacity, access and service provision in primary healthcare and additionally lead to the impact of development across the Borough upon health services to be unmitigated.

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<sup>1</sup> GLA Population Project, 2014 round , Short Term Trend



- 2.2 Tower Hamlets has one of the lowest healthy life expectancies for both men and women in the country and health inequalities particularly for BME people are a significant challenge for our communities. Additional infrastructure for GP services will provide additional resource for the council's Public Health service (through commissioning) and local health partners to tackle these health inequalities and improve outcomes for local residents.
- 2.3 The Whitechapel region where the Goodman Fields proposal is located is particularly in need of additional health infrastructure, and extending healthcare provision in this ward will particularly affect several groups who are often disadvantaged with regards to access to healthcare. According to the 2011 census, 59% of the people living in this ward are BME, the proportion of socially rented households is almost double the London average and 13% of the population are classed as long term unemployed. Health inequalities research over the past decade has strongly indicated that low income and ethnic minority households are significantly more likely to experience poorer health outcomes. The Goodman's Fields Health Centre will therefore be increasing health service availability in a location of appropriate need.

### **3. DETAILS OF REPORT – Goodman's Field**

- 3.1. The Goodman's Fields Health Centre premises will be constructed to shell and core specification by the site developer, Berkeley Homes (Capital) PLC, in fulfilment of a planning obligation under the terms of a Section 106 Agreement. The premises will comprise a gross internal area of 1,630m<sup>2</sup>. The building is expected to be completed and handed over to the NHS in March 2019. The fit out works is expected to take approximately 11 months, with the health centre becoming fully operational in October 2020.
- 3.2. The fitted-out premises will provide 24 clinical rooms, a multi-purpose group room, counselling room and dedicated GP training rooms. The additional capacity provided in the new building will enable the GP practices to deliver an extended range of integrated primary and community health services to tackle health inequalities and improve health outcomes for their patients, in line with the objectives and goals set out in the Tower Hamlets Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2017-2020. The facility will also be equipped with the latest information technology to enable patients to access a wide range of primary care services online and to facilitate integrated working across health and social care.
- 3.3. The Whitechapel and City Wellbeing GP practices currently have a combined list size of 17,000 patients but neither of these existing practice premises have sufficient capacity to meet the expected demand for primary care services arising from planned population growth in the Shadwell, Stepney Green and Whitechapel Wards which are served by the two practices. The population in these wards is forecast to increase from 45,900 in 2018/19 to 54,360 in 2024/25.

3.4. The City Wellbeing Practice is now operating at full capacity and has closed its list to new patients. The Whitechapel Practice is also nearing full operational capacity, but is continuing to register new patients for the time being. Due to capacity constraints at its Whitechapel premises, the Whitechapel Practice also currently operates a branch surgery at Portsoken Health Centre in the City. The new facility at Goodman's Fields will enable the Whitechapel Practice to consolidate all of its services onto a single site.

3.5. The Goodman's Fields Health Centre will provide the modern facilities and clinical capacity needed to enable both the Whitechapel and City Wellbeing GP practices to grow their combined patient list to 25,000.

3.6. The s106 / CIL contributions funding the project are outlined below.

Description	Amount	Funding Source	Funding (Capital/ Revenue)
Construction cost including prelims	1,339,052	S106 / CIL	Capital
Construction cost including prelims	859,083	CIL	Capital
Professional fees	329,720	CIL	Capital
Equipment, IT, project and legal costs	828,805	CIL	Capital
Contingency and inflation	787,365	CIL	Capital
VAT (less estimate for VAT recovery)	680,449	CIL	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,824,474</b>		

3.8 The expected timelines are as below;

<b>Project Outputs/Milestone and Spend Profile</b>		
Milestone Title	Baseline Spend	Baseline Delivery Date
NHS Business Case	75,000	September 2018
Contractor appointed	320,000	April 2019
Commencement on site	65,000	July 2019
Practical completion	2,400,000	March 2020
NHS commissioning	1,350,000	May 2020
Facilities open to public	300,000	June 2020
Publicity and comms	150,000	June 2020
Project final account	164,474	June 2021
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,824,474</b>	

3.9 The funding will only be released to TH CCG once confirmation is received that the works have been satisfactorily completed. The oversight for the delivery of this project and general monitoring of healthcare capacity will be undertaken by the Tower Hamlets Together Capital and Estates group, which has representatives from the Council, TH CCG, Barts Health and the East

London Foundation Trust. Public Health proposes to sponsor this programme of works.

#### **4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

4.1 This report recommends the Grants Determination Sub-committee to approve Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) grant funding totalling up to £4,824,474 for capital works to GP practice premises. The cost of these works will be covered within existing S106 and CIL funding.

#### **5. LEGAL COMMENTS**

- 5.1 Whilst there is no strict legal definition of grant, a grant is in the nature of a gift and is based in trust law. However, grants are often given for a purpose so it is sometimes unclear whether a grant has been made or the arrangement is a contract for services.
- 5.2 There will be many grants which are made by the Council for the purpose of discharging one of its statutory duties. However, as a grant is in the nature of a gift, it is considered there must be some element of discretion on the part of the Council as grantor as to whom a grant is made to and whether this is made. If the Council is under a legal duty to provide a payment to a specific individual or organisation, and cannot lawfully elect not to make such a payment, then that should not amount to a grant.
- 5.3 Section 106 Planning Obligations are obligations secured pursuant to section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Such Planning obligations, commonly known as s.106 agreements, are the mechanism whereby development proposals which would otherwise not be acceptable can be made acceptable in planning terms. As a contract the Council is required to spend any monies received in accordance with the terms of the s.106 agreement. However, most agreements are general in respect of projects upon which the section 106 monies are spent. Being general, the Council is not under a legal duty to pay the money to specific organisations/ projects. By definition, these payments are therefore grants.
- 5.4 Likewise, the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a £ per square metre planning charge introduced by the Planning Act 2008 as a tool to assist authorities to help deliver infrastructure to support the development of their area. In accordance with the Regulation 123 of the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010, the Council has prepared a list of infrastructure items that the Council intends, will be, or may or partially funded by CIL. However, CIL is not paid in respect of specific projects and as the Council is not under a legal duty to pay the money to specific organisations/ projects. By definition, these payments are also grants.
- 5.5 There is a need to ensure that the Council has the power to make the grants in question. In that regard, the proposed grants are supported by the

Council's general power of competence. Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 gives the Council a general power of competence to do anything that individuals generally may do, subject to specified restrictions and limitations imposed by other statutes.

- 5.6 The Council is obliged as a best value authority under section 3 of the Local Government Act 1999 to "make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness" (the Best Value Duty). This means that the Council will have to ensure that any grant is made under terms that enable monitoring to demonstrate that the money achieves the appropriate outcomes for which it was given.
- 5.7 When implementing the scheme, the Council must ensure that no part of the funds issued represents a profit element to any of the recipients. The inclusion of profit or the opportunity of making a profit from the grant or third parties indicates that the grant is really procurement activity and would otherwise be subject to the Council's Procurement Procedures and other appropriate domestic and European law. This would mean therefore, that the Council would have failed to abide by the appropriate internal procedures and external law applicable to such purchases.
- 5.8 When making grants decisions, the Council must have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful conduct under the Equality Act 2010, the need to advance equality of opportunity and the need to foster good relations between persons who share a protected characteristic and those who do not (the public sector equality duty). A proportionate level of equality analysis is required to discharge the duty and information relevant to this is contained in the One Tower Hamlets section of the report.

## **6. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS**

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#### **Appendices**

- NONE

#### **Background Documents**

- Goodman's Fields Equalities Analysis

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### **Addendum**

Following attending scrutiny of 8 March 2018, the following additional material was requested from the report.

### **3. Details of the Report**

3.2 Clarification on what community health services mean.

Community health services provide a wide range of care, from supporting patients to manage long-term conditions, to treating those who are seriously ill with complex conditions. Teams of nurses and therapists coordinate care, working with professions including GPs and social care workers. Additionally community health provides preventative and health improvement services, often with partners from local government and the third sector.

The majority of these services are commissioned by Tower Hamlets Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), but additional examples include the council’s smoking cessation services, sexual health services or Fit 4 Life weight management services, all commissioned by Tower Hamlets Public Health team.

3.7 Clarification on what elements of the build are eligible for VAT payment.

With regards to VAT liabilities for this project, the CCG has received advice from Bauer VAT Consultants Ltd, as follows: Whereas ‘normal businesses’ are entitled to recover VAT on goods/services used in the course of business, the NHS is severely restricted on precisely what services it is able to recover VAT on; the specifics of

which are included in the COS guidance. To give some context, local authorities, under the Section 33 of the VAT Act 1994, are unrestricted on VAT recovery, however the NHS are dictated by different Section 41 (Contracted Out Services) and face restrictions on what they are entitled to recover VAT on. In conjunction with the COS Guidance, the NHS must have an 'in-house-ability' to conduct the services; an example where this would not occur would be on statutory building inspections, the NHS could not conduct this service in-house therefore they would be unable to recover the VAT on the inspection. Taking account of further advice received from Quantity Surveyors, Currie & Brown Holdings Ltd, we estimate that 3.58% of the total project cost will be VAT recoverable. A sum equivalent to this percentage has been deducted from the estimated VAT total in Table 4 above.

3.9 NHS Property Services will lead the development on behalf of Tower hamlets CCG.

### **Section 106/CIL Context**

5.9 Section 106 (S106) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 allows a Local Planning Authority (LPA) to enter into a legally-binding agreement or planning obligation with a developer over a related issue. Planning Obligations/S106 agreements are legal agreements negotiated between a LPA and a developer, with the intention of making acceptable development which would otherwise be unacceptable in planning terms.

5.10 CIL is a £ per square metre charge on most new development. In April 2015, the council adopted its own CIL Charging Schedule. CIL must be spent on the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure, where a specific project or type of project is set out in the Council's Regulation 123 List.

5.11 On the 5th January 2016, the Mayor in Cabinet agreed the implementation of a new Infrastructure Delivery Framework which will help ensure the process concerning the approval and funding of infrastructure using CIL/S106 will be appropriately informed and transparent.

S106

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5.13 This S106 PID is part of the Tower Hamlets Council S106 Delivery Portfolio and is aligned with the agreed Heads of Terms (HoT) for the Deed creating Planning Obligations and undertakings for the developments in the table below



PA number	Site	Expiry date comment	Expiry date	Funding Requirement	Amount Received	Amount applied to project
PA/11/03388	25-77 Knapp road	10 years from date of practical completion of the whole development	TBC	provision of additional health facilities	£8,611.00	2,033.79
PA/08/00305	Former Bishops Challoner School, Christian St	No expiry date mentioned		Health facilities within the vicinity of the development **	300,417.00	300,417.00
PA/11/01120	Land bounded by Limehouse Cut and St Annes Row	10 years from date of payment	03/06/2025	mitigate the demand of the additional population on healthcare facilities	£591,578.46	£94,899
PA/10/01481	60 Commercial Road	no expiry date		additional healthcare facilities in the Whitechapel wards area and/or shadwell ward area	184,859.96	184,859.96
PA/13/00862	213-217 Bow Common Road	expended or committed within 10 years from date of practical completion	TBC	towards the provision of additional health facilities	56,262.37	56,262.37
PA/14/02607	Barchester Street	All or any part of the financial contributions paid for the purposes specified within FIVE years of payment or SEVEN years in the case of sums which the council is under a binding contractual obligation to pay at the expiration of the said five years which have not been expended at	08/11/2022	provision and or improvement of health care and well being facilities in the borough	171,291.00	171,291.00

		that date.				
PA/14/01428	Meridian Gate, Marsh Wall	in the event that all or part of any financial contribution has not been expended (or committed for expenditure) within 5 years from the date upon which it is paid, to repay the unexpended balance of such contribution (or any part not already committed)	13/12/2022	towards health facilities within the Council's administrative areas.	519,720.09	519,720.09
Total						£1,329,483.21

## Background documents – Equalities Impact Assessment

### Stage 1A – Overview of the proposal

This project proposes to relocate the Whitechapel and City Wellbeing GP practices from their existing under-sized premises to a new health centre within the Goodman's Fields development at Aldgate. The new Goodman's Fields Health Centre will provide the increased capacity needed to mitigate the impact of population growth in the South West Locality of Tower Hamlets.

This project will have borough-wide benefits. Collectively the current registered patient lists of both 'City Wellbeing Practice' and 'Whitechapel Practice' patient lists total in excess of £15.8k in the Whitechapel ward alone. A further 3.2k patients are registered from Shadwell and 891 from Stepney Green and a further 2081 patients registered across 17 other wards. The new facility will allow patients to access a wider range of community and specialist health services that will be provided from the site.

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## EQUALITY ANALYSIS QUALITY ASSURANCE CHECKLIST

<p><b>Name of 'proposal' and how has it been implemented</b> (proposal can be a policy, service, function, strategy, project, procedure, restructure/savings proposal)</p>	<p><b>Maximising Health Infrastructure – Goodman's Fields Health Centre</b> proposals for the relocation of the Whitechapel and City Wellbeing GP practices from their existing under-sized premises to a new health centre within the Goodman's Fields development at Aldgate.</p>
<p><b>Directorate / Service</b></p>	<p><b>Public Health</b></p>
<p><b>Lead Officer</b></p>	<p><b>Matthew Phelan</b></p>
<p><b>Signed Off By (inc date)</b></p>	<p><b>Abigail Knight</b></p>
<p><b>Summary – to be completed at the end of completing the QA (using Appendix A)</b></p>	<p><b>Example</b></p> <p> Proceed with implementation</p> <p>According to the 2011 census, 59% of the people living in this ward are BME, the proportion of socially rented households is almost double the London average and 13% of the population are classed as long term unemployed.</p> <p>Health inequalities research over the past decade has strongly indicated that low income and ethnic minority households are significantly more likely to experience poorer health outcomes. The Goodman's Fields Health Centre will therefore be increasing health service availability in a location of appropriate need.</p>

	<p>The Goodman's Fields Health Centre will be fully compliant with the requirements and philosophy of the 2010 Equality Act and the Disability Equality Duty contained within the Disability Discrimination Act. All referenced standards and planning guidance within these documents will be adhered to.</p> <p>I would therefore suggest that this project meet the criteria of the Public Equality Duty contained within the Equality Act 2010</p>
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Stage	Checklist Area / Question	Yes / No / Unsure	Comment (If the answer is no/unsure, please ask the question to the SPP Service Manager or nominated equality lead to clarify)
<b>1</b>	<b>Overview of Proposal</b>		
a	Are the outcomes of the proposals clear?	Yes	<p>This project proposes to relocate the Whitechapel and City Wellbeing GP practices from their existing under-sized premises to a new health centre within the Goodman's Fields development at Aldgate. The new Goodman's Fields Health Centre will provide the increased capacity needed to mitigate the impact of population growth in the South West Locality of Tower Hamlets.</p> <p>This project will have boroughwide benefits. Collectively the current registered patient lists of both 'City Wellbeing Practice' and 'Whitechapel Practice' Patient lists total in excess of £15.8k in the Whitechapel ward alone. A further 3.2k patients are registered from Shadwell and 891 from Stepney Green and a further 2081 patients registered across 17 other wards. The new facility will allow patients to access a wider range of community and specialist health services that will be provided from the site.</p>

b	Is it clear who will be or is likely to be affected by what is being proposed (inc service users and staff)? Is there information about the equality profile of those affected?	Yes	<p>The new Goodman's Fields Health Centre will provide the increased capacity needed to mitigate the impact of population growth in the South West Locality of Tower Hamlets</p> <p>This project will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• deliver a new, fully equipped modern health facility with 24 clinical rooms in the South West Locality</li> <li>• deliver new health infrastructure with capacity for up to 25,000 registered patients</li> <li>• provide 50,400 new patient appointment slots in the North-East Locality, based on a utilisation rate of 60%</li> <li>• upgrade ICT and medical equipment to allow patients to take more control of their care and to allow more patient monitoring to be undertaken within primary care</li> <li>• enable an expansion of the primary care workforce in the South West Locality, equivalent to 1 GP per 1,800 new patients and associated support staff</li> </ul>
<b>2</b>	<b>Monitoring / Collecting Evidence / Data and Consultation</b>		
a	Is there reliable qualitative and quantitative data to support claims made about impacts?	Yes	NHS Tower Hamlets Clinical Commissioning Group has developed a model with clinicians to enable projection of future demand for primary care services. The modelling exercise, which takes account of population growth and planned shifts in outpatient activity from hospital to primary care, has identified a requirement for the provision of seven additional clinical rooms in primary care to meet demand within the South West Locality by 2021/22.
	Is there sufficient evidence of local/regional/national research that can inform the analysis?	Yes	See above.
b	Has a reasonable attempt been made to ensure relevant knowledge and expertise (people, teams and	Yes	Significant local engagement has taken place on maximising healthcare infrastructure:

	partners) have been involved in the analysis?		<p>The Improving Health and Well Being Strategy, first developed in 2006 and refreshed in 2010 and 2012, sets out an ambitious programme to improve and develop local services and underpins the borough's vision to improve the quality of life for everyone who grows up, lives and works in Tower Hamlets.</p> <p>Furthermore, the NHS Tower Hamlets CCG Estates Strategy identifies a requirement to development new facilities in the South-East Locality to meet future demand for primary care services.</p>
c	Is there clear evidence of consultation with stakeholders and users from groups affected by the proposal?	Yes	<p>The Goodman's Field Project Board is in the process of developing a communications strategy that will aim to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide clear, consistent information to stakeholders at key stages of the project</li> <li>• issue and publish the key messages to patients and key stakeholders</li> <li>• ensure that the parties delivering the project are aware of their communications responsibilities</li> <li>• raise awareness of the project via the local media</li> <li>• ensure patients and key stakeholders of Whitechapel Health and City Wellbeing practices are fully informed in a timely manner about the arrangements for the relocation to the new premises at Goodman's Fields.</li> </ul>
<b>3</b>	<b>Assessing Impact and Analysis</b>		
a	Are there clear links between the sources of evidence (information, data etc) and the interpretation of impact amongst the nine protected characteristics?	Yes	A review of evidence was undertaken and twenty healthcare projects were identified in the current Infrastructure Delivery Plan (2016) to help meet the need for primary healthcare facilities in the borough. This includes the development of a new health facility at Goodman's Fields.
b	Is there a clear understanding of the way in which proposals applied in the same way can have unequal	Yes	See above.



	impact on different groups?		
<b>4</b>	<b>Mitigation and Improvement Action Plan</b>		
a	Is there an agreed action plan?	Yes	See the attached PID.
b	Have alternative options been explored	No	<p>As the 'The City Wellbeing Practice' operating at full capacity and 'The Whitechapel Practice' nearing full capacity, failure to deliver this development would create a potential risk of insufficient primary care capacity being available to meet demand for primary care services in the South West Locality of Tower Hamlets, resulting in reduced access, longer waiting times, and an increase in the volume of avoidable attendances at accident and emergency.</p> <p>Therefore the risk of missing the opportunity to support this PID would far outway the impact to the local resident's wellbeing.</p>
<b>5</b>	<b>Quality Assurance and Monitoring</b>		
a	Are there arrangements in place to review or audit the implementation of the proposal?	Yes	<p>The Project will be managed by NHS Tower Hamlets Clinical Commissioning Group who have established robust programme management arrangements to ensure consistent design and completion of S106 healthcare infrastructure schemes within the required programme and budget parameters.</p> <p>The Project Board will manage project delivery against programme milestones and the benefits realised against project objectives and the benefits sought. Project evaluation will be an integral part of the overall project management, contract management and commissioning processes.</p> <p>Public Health who sponsor this project are members of the programme board that oversee the NHS Health Infrastructure Programme.</p>

b	Is it clear how the progress will be monitored to track impact across the protected characteristics??	Yes	<p>The Goodman's Fields Health Centre will be fully compliant with the requirements and philosophy of the 2010 Equality Act and the Disability Equality Duty contained within the Disability Discrimination Act. All referenced standards and planning guidance within these documents will be adhered to.</p> <p>However, if services users experience is impacted, monitoring will take place through the NHS complaints procedure.</p>
<b>6 Reporting Outcomes and Action Plan</b>			
a	Does the executive summary contain sufficient information on the key findings arising from the assessment?	Yes	

<p><b>Cabinet Decision – Grants Determination Sub-Committee</b></p> <p>11 September 2019</p>	
<p><b>Report of:</b> Denise Radley, Corporate Director, Health, Adults and Community</p>	<p><b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted</p>
<p><b>Wood Wharf Health Centre</b></p> <p><b>To approve the additional grant funding of £5,780,000.00 (incl. VAT).</b></p>	

<b>Originating Officer(s)</b>	Matthew Quin, Healthy Environment’s Programme Lead, Public Health
<b>Wards affected</b>	Blackwall and Cubitt Town
<b>Key Decision?</b>	Yes
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	A healthy and supportive community

**Executive Summary:**

This reports relates to the grant funding of £5,780,000.00 to provide a modern health facility within the Wood Wharf development. The development will provide sufficient capacity to meet projected population demand and support the introduction of new models of care to deliver a broader range of integrated primary care and community health services to the local community

Wood Wharf is a new mixed use community located east of Canary Wharf in the Blackwall and Cubit Town wards and forms part of the LBTH local plan completing the Canary Wharf character place in the centre of the Isle of Dogs.

The allocated site has a target GIA of 1,076sqm and is located in close proximity to the new primary school being developed within the Community. With the new health centre serving both the existing and new population of the catchment area, with sustained residential growth on the Isle of Dogs – with the Wood Wharf site being central to the central and North East of the areas developments.

The fitted-out premises will provide up to 18 clinical rooms, a multi-purpose group room, GP training rooms, and associated supporting rooms to deliver community healthcare services.

**Recommendations:**

The Grants Determination Sub-Committee is recommended to:

1. To approve the grant funding of £5,780,000.00 to provide a modern health facility

within the Wood Wharf development. This will provide sufficient capacity to meet projected population demand and support the introduction of new models of care to deliver a broader range of integrated primary care and community health services to the local community.

## **1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS**

1.1 Tower Hamlets has one of the lowest healthy life expectancies for both men and women in the country and health inequalities particularly for BME people are a significant challenge for our communities. Additional infrastructure for GP services, in line with project population increase in the local area, will provide additional resource for the council's Public Health services (through commissioning) and local health partners to tackle these health inequalities and improve outcomes for local residents.

1.2 The Isle of Dogs region is particularly in need of additional health infrastructure, and extending healthcare provision will enable improved access for the existing population and provide future capacity for new residents in the local area. The Wood Wharf Health Centre will therefore be increasing health service availability in a location of appropriate need. GLA 2016-based Housing-led population projections highlights significant increases in the population demographic of Tower Hamlets. Figures show that for the period covering 2018 – 2028, the 0-3yr and 65+yr age groups, who are higher users of primary health care services compared to other age groups, will grow by 8% and 39% respectively.

## **2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

2.1 Do nothing, this would not achieve the objective to increase capacity, access and service provision in primary healthcare. It would lead to the impact of development across the Borough upon health services to be unmitigated.

### **DETAILS OF REPORT – Wood Wharf**

3.1 Wood Wharf is a new mixed use community located east of Canary Wharf in the Blackwall and Cubit Town wards and forms part of the LBTH local plan completing the Canary Wharf character place in the centre of the Isle of Dogs.

3.2 London Borough of Tower Hamlets placed an obligation of the developer Canary Wharf Group PLC to allocate an s106 site dedicated for health use within the Wood Wharf development to aid in the provision of primary health care for the project population increase of the ward; estimated at 23,079 increase to 2018-2033. The Wood Wharf health centre is well placed for the new developments in the local area, and will be designed to accommodate a significant proportion of this projected population increase.

3.3 The allocated site has a target GIA of 1,076sqm and is located in close proximity to the new primary school being developed within the Community. With the new health centre serving both the existing and new population of the

catchment area, with sustained residential growth on the Isle of Dogs – with the Wood Wharf site being central to the central and North East of the areas developments.

3.4 Tower Hamlets Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS Property Services (NHSPS) have been working with Canary Wharf Group PLC on the allocated site, negotiating on the unit and are now in a position to work towards an Agreement for Lease between NHSPS and Canary Wharf Group PLC to take a head lease of the facility.

### Project Objectives

3.5 The project objectives are:

- Carry out local consultation in line with NHS process and procedure of the patient list and local stakeholder to enable the procurement of a successful provider to operate the new practice.
- Provide a modern health facility within the Wood Wharf development with sufficient capacity to meet projected population demand and support the introduction of new models of care to deliver a broader range of integrated primary care and community health services to the local community.
- Ensure the Wood Wharf Health Centre development represents value for money and is affordable to the local health economy.
- To ensure the health and wellbeing needs are met within the Blackwall & Cubitt Town Ward to meet the demand for the growing population of the east of the borough.

3.6 The Wood Wharf Health Centre premises will be constructed to shell and core specification by the site developer, Canary Wharf Group PLC, in fulfilment of a planning obligation under the terms of a Section 106 Agreement. The premises will comprise a target GIA of 1,076sqm. The building is expected to be completed and handed over to the NHS in February 2021. The fit out works is expected to take approximately 12 months, with the health centre becoming fully operational in winter 2022.

3.7 The fitted-out premises will provide up to 18 clinical rooms, a multi-purpose group room, GP training rooms, and associated supporting rooms to deliver community healthcare services. The complete schedule of accommodation will be scoped by Tower Hamlets CCG through various workshops and modelling with the clinical user group identified for the practice. The additional capacity provided in the new building will enable the practice to deliver an extended range of integrated primary and community health services to tackle health inequalities and improve health outcomes for their patients, in line with the objectives and goals set out in the Tower Hamlets Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2017-2020. The facility will also be equipped with the latest information technology to enable patients to access a wide range of primary care services online and to facilitate integrated working across health and social care.

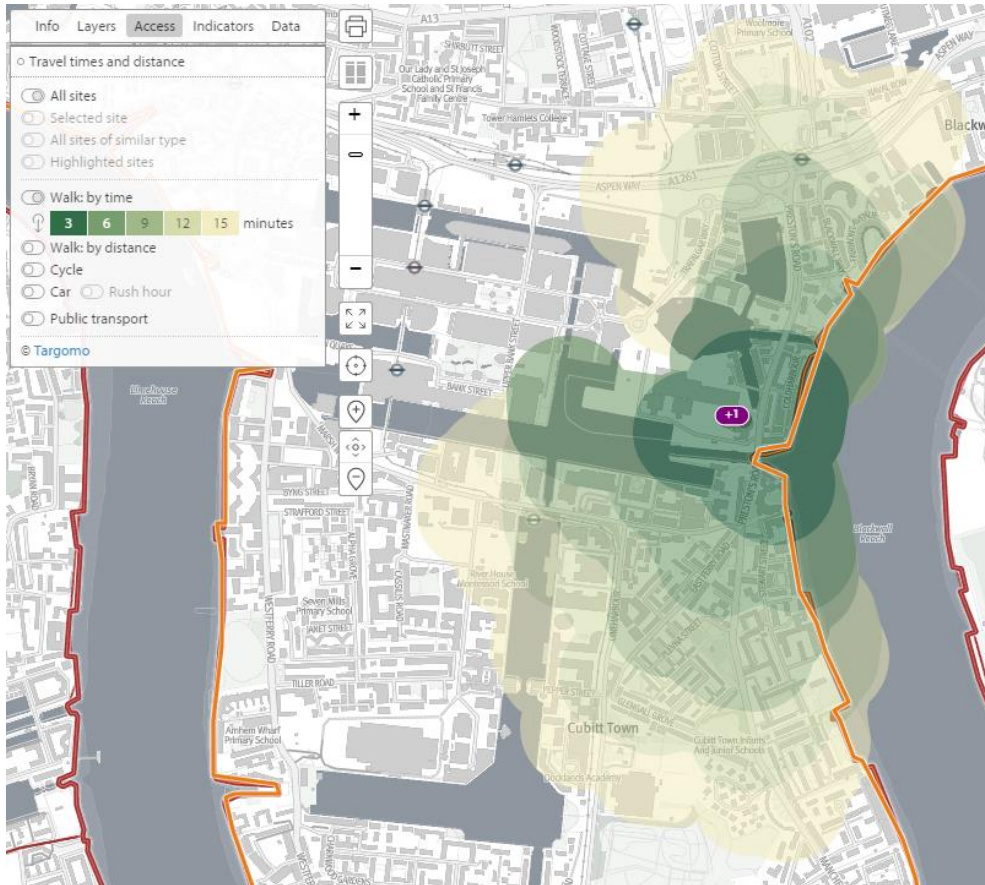
3.8 NHS Property Services have been negotiating on behalf of the NHS to hold the offered lease for the premises from Canary Wharf Group PLC. At present this

is an operational head lease of approximately 30 years (to be confirmed). A procurement exercise is about to be undertaken to identify a new practice to hold the lease.

### 3.9 The project timeline:

		<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Note</b>
<b>1</b>	NHS Project Development	2019-20	Autumn 2019 - Project development will commence following grants approval.
<b>2</b>	Contractor Appointed	2020-21	February 2021 - Handover from developer (subject to change)
<b>3</b>	Commencement on Site	2021-22	April 2021 - Start on site following mobilisation circa 3-6 months (Pending handover from developer).
<b>4</b>	Practical Completion	2021-22	April 2022 – approximate 12 month works programme (Pending handover from developer and works period).
<b>5</b>	NHS Commissioning	2022-23	6 Months commissioning and practice mobilisation (Pending available overlap with contract works).
<b>6</b>	Facilities Open to the Public	2022-23	Estimated Winter 2022.
<b>7</b>	Project Final Account	2023-24	Estimated Winter 2023/24.

3.10 Wood Wharf Site and Population Access illustrates the current population access by walking time to the Wood Wharf healthcare facility, prior to any additional access infrastructure constructed by Canary Wharf Group PLC as part of the overall Wood Wharf scheme. Reviewing the access to the areas of development in Blackwall & Cubitt Town, the Wood Wharf site enables a significant proportion of the new residents in the area access to the Wood Wharf facility; whilst enabling greater patient choice to other facilities (such as Island Medical) in the local area.



## **COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

- 4.1 This report outlines a request to approve the grant funding of £5,780,000 to NHS Tower Hamlets CCG to enable the fit out of a new modern health facility within the Wood Wharf development. It is anticipated the facility will be open to the public by winter 2022.
- 4.2 At this stage of the development the amount of grant funding requested is an estimate. Following approval to award the grant funding, project development will commence, which will include further work to produce a more detailed estimate of the total cost to fit out the health facility. Any changes to the requirement in funding would need to be approved by the committee.

## **LEGAL COMMENTS**

- 5.1 The Council has the legal power to make the grant referred to in this report.
- 5.2 However, the ability to fund the grant is dependent upon the use of money received by the Council in accordance with S.106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Under s.106 Developers have entered into various planning obligations with the Council one of which will be the payment of money for certain purposes. The Council must satisfy itself that the actions

under this report comply with the various purposes for which the money was given by the Developer in order to spend the money through this grant. However, this will be / is being dealt with under a separate approval process in accordance with the Council procedures and must be determined before the final grant agreement is concluded.

5.3 In any event it appears as though this scheme has become necessary in order to mitigate the effects of increased population brought about by regeneration development in the surrounding area.

5.4 In any event the Council must ensure that the money is expended represents Best Value in order to comply with its own legal Best Value Duty. The grant will be subject to a legally binding grant agreement which will be used to monitor the use of the funds and to ensure the money is spent on the purposes for which it is intended. This will significantly assist the Council to demonstrate this legal Best Value.

5.5 Also the Grant recipient will be spending the money following completion of its own tendering exercises. This will assist the Council to show that the money is being spent on the best available goods, works and services at the price then available in the market place. This also demonstrates adherence to the Best Value principle.

5.6 The decision to make this grant does not create any mediate direct legal issues arising from the Equality Act 2010.

### **ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS**

5.1. The proposed buildings and improvements will increase capacity and access to provide more clinical appointments to all service users in the local population. These enhancements will benefit service users, in particular those who are more reliant upon health services including families with children, older people and those with complex health issues (including the disabled).

5.2. The project will not adversely affect people with protected characteristics.

5.3. EIA was undertaken and can be found in the appendices.



### **BEST VALUE (BV) IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1. The delivery of this project ensures the Council meets its s106 obligations and spends funds in accordance with the agreement.
- 6.2. The project directly supports the HWB strategy to improve and develop local services; it also supports the Tower Hamlets' Commissioning Strategic Plan 2012 – 2015.
- 6.3. Additionally, through investing in primary care services, preventative steps are being taken to reduce demand upon hospital services which can often be more costly, thus supporting best value.

### **SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT**

- 7.1. There are no implications.

### **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1. There is a risk that if the project is not approved, the benefits identified for the project relating to increased and improved access to local services, improved patient experience and increased GP registrations in the area will not be realised.
- 8.2. In addition, non-approval of this proposal of this s106 requirement could result in non-fulfilment of this obligation.

### **CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1. There are no crime or disorder implications.

### **SAFEGUARDING IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1. There are no safeguarding implications

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## **Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents**

### **Linked Report**

- NONE

### **Appendices**

- Equalities Impact Assessment

## Background Documents

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# Equality Analysis (EA)

Financial Year  
**2019/20**

## Section 1 – General Information (Aims and Objectives)

Name of the proposal including aims, objectives and purpose

*(Please note – for the purpose of this doc, 'proposal' refers to a policy, function, strategy or project)*

Wood Wharf – a new primary healthcare facility for the Isle of Dogs.

See  
**Appendix A**

Current decision  
rating



- Carry out local consultation in line with NHS process and procedure of the patient list and local stakeholder to enable the procurement of a successful provider to operate the new practice,
- Provide a modern health facility within the Wood Wharf development with sufficient capacity to meet projected population demand and support the introduction of new models of care to deliver a broader range of integrated primary care and community health services to the local community
- Ensure the Wood Wharf Health Centre development represents value for money and is affordable to the local health economy
- To ensure the health and wellbeing needs are met within the Blackwall & Cubitt Town Ward to meet the demand for the growing population of the east of the borough.

### **Conclusion - To be completed at the end of the Equality Analysis process**

*(the exec summary will provide an update on the findings of the EA and what outcome there has been as a result. For example, based on the findings of the EA, the proposal was rejected as the impact on a particular group was unreasonable and did not give due regard. Or, based on the EA, the proposal was amended and alternative steps taken)*

**Name:** Matthew Quin  
(signed off by)

**Date signed off:** 27 June 2019  
(approved)

Service area:  
Health, Adults and Communities

Team name:  
Public Health

Service manager:  
Matthew Quin

Name and role of the officer completing the EA:  
Matthew Quin, Programme Lead for Healthy Environments, LBTH  
Dean Musk, Head of Estates, CCG  
Jack Dunmore, Estates Project Officer, CCG

## Section 2 – Evidence (Consideration of Data and Information)

What initial evidence do we have which may help us think about the impacts or likely impacts on service users or staff?

A comprehensive CCG Estates Strategy was developed in 2016 and is currently being refreshed.

The strategy considers the health needs of our population, gaps in service provision, gaps in clinical space, maximising GP retention / recruitment and population growth.

The strategy informs the business case for the proposed Wood Wharf Health Centre.

## Section 3 – Assessing the Impacts on the 9 Groups

Please refer to the guidance notes below and evidence how you're proposal impact upon the nine Protected Characteristics in the table on page 3?

**For the nine protected characteristics detailed in the table below please consider:-**

- **What is the equality profile of service users or beneficiaries that will or are likely to be affected?**

Use the Council's approved diversity monitoring categories and provide data by target group of users or beneficiaries to determine whether the service user profile reflects the local population or relevant target group or if there is over or under representation of these groups

- **What qualitative or quantitative data do we have?**

List all examples of quantitative and qualitative data available  
(include information where appropriate from other directorates, Census 2001 etc)

- *Data trends – how does current practice ensure equality*

- **Equalities profile of staff?**

Indicate profile by target groups and assess relevance to policy aims and objectives e.g. Workforce to Reflect the Community. Identify staff responsible for delivering the service including where they are not directly employed by the council.

- **Barriers?**

What are the potential or known barriers to participation for the different equality target groups? Eg- communication, access, locality etc.

- **Recent consultation exercises carried out?**

Detail consultation with relevant interest groups, other public bodies, voluntary organisations, community groups, trade unions, focus groups and other groups, surveys and questionnaires undertaken etc. Focus in particular on the findings of views expressed by the equality target groups. Such consultation exercises should be appropriate and proportionate and may range from assembling focus groups to a one to one meeting.

- **Additional factors which may influence disproportionate or adverse impact?**

Management Arrangements - How is the Service managed, are there any management arrangements which may have a disproportionate impact on the equality target groups

- **The Process of Service Delivery?**

In particular look at the arrangements for the service being provided including opening times, custom and practice, awareness of the service to local people, communication

Please also consider how the proposal will impact upon the 3 One Tower Hamlets objectives:-

- Reduce inequalities
- Ensure strong community cohesion
- Strengthen community leadership.

**Please Note -**

Reports/stats/data can be added as Appendix

Target Groups	Impact – Positive or Adverse	Reason(s)
	What impact will the proposal have on specific groups of service users or staff?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please add a narrative to justify your claims around impacts and,</li> <li>• Please describe the analysis and interpretation of evidence to support your conclusion as this will inform decision making</li> </ul> Please also how the proposal will promote the three One Tower Hamlets objectives? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Reducing inequalities</li> <li>-Ensuring strong community cohesion</li> <li>-Strengthening community leadership</li> </ul>
Race	Neutral	Wood Wharf will enable access to primary healthcare facilities for all residents of Tower Hamlets.
Disability	Neutral	Wood Wharf will enable access to primary healthcare facilities for all residents of Tower Hamlets – and will be developed in line with appropriate DDA compliance.
Gender	Neutral	Wood Wharf will enable access to primary healthcare facilities for all residents of Tower Hamlets, immaterial of their gender identity.
Gender Reassignment	Neutral	Wood Wharf will enable access to primary healthcare facilities for all residents of Tower Hamlets, immaterial of their gender identity.
Sexual Orientation	Neutral	Wood Wharf will enable access to primary healthcare facilities for all residents of Tower Hamlets, inconsequential of their sexual orientation.
Religion or Belief	Neutral	Wood Wharf will enable access to primary healthcare facilities for all residents of Tower Hamlets, inconsequential of their religion or personal beliefs.
Age	Neutral	Wood Wharf will enable access to primary healthcare facilities for all residents of Tower Hamlets.
Marriage and Civil Partnerships.	Neutral	Wood Wharf will enable access to primary healthcare facilities for all residents of Tower Hamlets.
Pregnancy and Maternity	Positive	Wood Wharf will enable greater access to primary healthcare facilities for all residents of Tower Hamlets requiring access to support during pregnancy. The new healthcare facility will increase the available space to deliver these services in the locality, as other accommodation is not large enough to support group functions.
Other Socio-economic Carers	Neutral	Wood Wharf will enable access to primary healthcare facilities for all residents of Tower Hamlets.

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## Section 4 – Mitigating Impacts and Alternative Options

From the analysis and interpretation of evidence in section 2 and 3 - Is there any evidence or view that suggests that different equality or other protected groups (inc' staff) could be adversely and/or disproportionately impacted by the proposal?

No

If yes, please detail below how evidence influenced and formed the proposal? For example, why parts of the proposal were added / removed?

*(Please note – a key part of the EA process is to show that we have made reasonable and informed attempts to mitigate any negative impacts. An EA is a service improvement tool and as such you may wish to consider a number of alternative options or mitigation in terms of the proposal.)*

*Where you believe the proposal discriminates but not unlawfully, you must set out below your objective justification for continuing with the proposal, without mitigating action.*

## Section 5 – Quality Assurance and Monitoring

Have monitoring systems been put in place to check the implementation of the proposal and recommendations?

Yes

How will the monitoring systems further assess the impact on the equality target groups?

Please refer to PID document for further information.

Does the policy/function comply with equalities legislation?

(Please consider the [OTH objectives](#) and [Public Sector Equality Duty](#) criteria)

Yes

If there are gaps in information or areas for further improvement, please list them below:

None

How will the results of this Equality Analysis feed into the performance planning process?

The PID is for the benefit of all residents in Tower Hamlets and will not adversely affect the population.



## Section 6 - Action Plan

As a result of these conclusions and recommendations what actions (if any) **will** be included in your business planning and wider review processes (team plan)? Please consider any gaps or areas needing further attention in the table below the example.




Recommendation	Key activity	Progress milestones including target dates for either completion or progress	Officer responsible	Progress
<b>Example</b>				
1. Better collection of feedback, consultation and data sources	1. Create and use feedback forms. Consult other providers and experts	1. Forms ready for January 2010 Start consultations Jan 2010	1.NR & PB	
2. Non-discriminatory behaviour	2. Regular awareness at staff meetings. Train staff in specialist courses	2. Raise awareness at one staff meeting a month. At least 2 specialist courses to be run per year for staff.	2. NR	

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Recommendation	Key activity	Progress milestones including target dates for either completion or progress	Officer responsible	Progress

## Appendix A

### (Sample) Equality Assessment Criteria

Decision	Action	Risk
As a result of performing the analysis, it is evident that a risk of discrimination exists (direct, indirect, unintentional or otherwise) to one or more of the nine groups of people who share <i>Protected Characteristics</i> . It is recommended that the use of the policy be suspended until further work or analysis is performed.	<b>Suspend – Further Work Required</b>	Red 
As a result of performing the analysis, it is evident that a risk of discrimination exists (direct, indirect, unintentional or otherwise) to one or more of the nine groups of people who share <i>Protected Characteristics</i> . However, a genuine determining reason may exist that could legitimise or justify the use of this policy.	<b>Further (specialist) advice should be taken</b>	Red Amber 
As a result of performing the analysis, it is evident that a risk of discrimination (as described above) exists and this risk may be removed or reduced by implementing the actions detailed within the <i>Action Planning</i> section of this document.	<b>Proceed pending agreement of mitigating action</b>	Amber 
As a result of performing the analysis, the policy, project or function does not appear to have any adverse effects on people who share <i>Protected Characteristics</i> and no further actions are recommended at this stage.	<b>Proceed with implementation</b>	Green: 