

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

RECORD OF THE DECISIONS OF THE GRANTS DETERMINATION (CABINET) SUB-COMMITTEE

HELD AT 5.35 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2017

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 1ST FLOOR, MULBERRY PLACE, LONDON E14 2BG

Members Present:

Mayor John Biggs (Chair)	(Executive Mayor)
Councillor Denise Jones	(Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Services)
Councillor Sirajul Islam	(Statutory Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing)

Other Councillors Present:

Councillor Andrew Wood	(Chair of Grants Scrutiny Sub Committee)
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Officers Present:

Ludovica Orlando	– Strategy, Policy and Performance Officer
Janet Fasan	– (Divisional Director, Legal)
Zena Cooke	– (Corporate Director, Resources)
Alison Denning	– (Festivals and Events Officer, Communities Localities and Culture)
Carrie Kilpatrick	– Deputy Director for Mental Health and Joint Commissioning
Danielle Solomon	– (Public Health Registrar)
Jen Pepper	– (Affordable Housing Programme Manager, Place)
Antonella Burgio	– (Democratic Services)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Asma Begum.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests were made.

3. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th October 2017 were approved as a correct record of proceedings.

4. CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

There were no public submissions relating to the agenda items to be considered at the meeting.

5. EXERCISE OF DISCRETIONS / INDIVIDUAL MAYORAL DECISION

The Mayor advised that he had taken no urgent decisions on grants as Individual Mayoral Decisions since the last meeting.

6. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

6.1 Event Fund Report for Applications Received Quarters 1 – 3 2017-18

The Grants Determination Sub-Committee heard from the Festivals and Events Officer and:

- Noted the monitoring information presented relating to applications for funding for small community events in the quarters 1-3.
- Noted that there had been some anomalies in reporting the Wards in which the events had taken place; these would be reviewed and corrected for the next report.
- Noted that Grants Scrutiny Sub-Committee (except Ward data anomalies) accepted the monitoring information provided.
- Noted the request from Grants Scrutiny Sub-Committee that its Members be notified of future larger events so that they may undertake uptake monitoring.
- Noted that since the events were open to all it was difficult to provide accurate figures on how well the events were attended by those living in the locality of the event.

DECISION

1. That the contents of the report be noted.
2. That the request from Grants Scrutiny Sub-Committee that its Members be notified of future larger events so that they may undertake uptake monitoring be noted.

6.2 Mental Health User Led Grants Programme 2018-20

The Grants Determination Sub-Committee heard from the Deputy Director for Mental Health and Joint Commissioning and:

- Noted that the proposal concerned an ongoing two year programme which was due for renewal for the forthcoming two year period.
- Noted that report included a request to delegate authority to the Corporate Director to make and administer these grants according to criteria set out in the report.
- Noted that Grants Scrutiny Sub-Committee supported the proposal.

DECISION

1. Agree the commencement of the Mental Health User Led grants programme for 2018- 2020 at the current level of £90,838.
2. That the criteria under which the grants will be awarded as set out in the report be approved.

3. That the Corporate Director for Health, Adults and Communities be delegated authority for grant awards according to the agreed criteria.

6.3 IDF: Approval of the Allocation of S106 and CIL Funding for the Following NHS Projects: Wellington Way Health Centre (New Build Extension); Aberfeldy Village Health Centre; and Suttons Wharf Health Centre

The Grants Determination Sub-Committee heard from the Tower Hamlets Public Health Registrar and:

- Noted that release of the grant was in the gift of the Grants Determination Sub-Committee as it had been delegated authority to grant all awards deemed to be grants; although how S106 money should be allocated was a matter for the Planning (Development) Committees.
- Noted that Grants Scrutiny Sub-Committee -
 - Supported the provision in principle but had some concerns around the siting and access to the GP provision that would be provided through this funding.
 - Had concerns that S106 monies were not being deployed in the Wards to which they pertained.
- Noted that identified needs are provided to the Council by NHS using population modelling methods.

DECISION

1. That the grant funding of £7,454,475.06 to NHS Tower Hamlets CCG be approved to deliver increased capacity, access and service provision in primary care and maintain continuity of local GP services for the following projects: Wellington Way Health Centre (New Build Extension); Aberfeldy Village Health Centre and Suttons Wharf Health Centre.
2. That the comments of the Grants Scrutiny Sub-Committee be noted.

6.4 Tower Hamlets Affordable Housing Grant - Continuous Market Engagement

The Grants Determination Sub-Committee heard from the Affordable Housing Programme Manager and:

- Noted that the report concerned progress on the Local Housing Affordable Grant Programme established under Commissioners in 2015.
- Noted the content of appendix to the report which was tabled at the meeting.
- Noted the comments of Grants Scrutiny Sub-Committee that it did not object to the proposal in principle but had some concerns around value for money and the management of the properties.

- Noted that the report lacked detail on the location of the proposed properties and arrangements for their management and requested that this information be provided.
- Supported the proposal in principle but were concerned with a number of operational matters/issues around delivering the second round of the programme.

DECISION

That having considered the report and Officers' recommendations, the following be approved:

1. That subject to the necessary budget approval by the Mayor in Cabinet in January 2018, 'Right To Buy grant funding' be awarded to the following registered housing providers and for the following amounts: East End Homes: £375,000 and Swan Housing Association: £2,439,760 (as outlined in point 4.3 of the report).
2. That in addition, 10% uplift to the agreed amounts be approved to take account of potential increases in build or acquisition costs.
3. That the variations to the bid submitted by the Registered Provider Arhag that were subsequently approved by the Mayor on the 11th August 2017 be noted.
4. That the change in the scheme completion date for 34-40 Bow Road E3 being delivered by Arhag be noted.
5. That in respect to an existing grant approval to East End Homes, approve the change in purchase completion date and the grant purpose be extended to include the purchase of residential properties on the open market.
6. That the Corporate Director of Place be authorised to agree extensions of time on schemes approved for grant funding, which shall not in any event exceed December 2020.
7. That the Corporate Director, Place, be authorised to agree the terms of, and enter into, any contractual or ancillary documentation to give effect to the above recommendations, with recommendation 1 (above) to be effected only upon budgetary approval by the Mayor in Cabinet in January 2018.
8. That detail on the location of the proposed properties and arrangements for their management as requested be provided to the Sub-committee.

6.5 Grants Register

The Grants Determination Sub-Committee:

- Was informed that the Grant Register had been established at the request of Commissioners to provide a database of all organisations in receipt of grant funding from the Council.
- Noted the submission from the Chair of Grants Scrutiny Sub-Committee he will be involved in and consulted on the content of the new Grants GIFT system that is due to be introduced in 2018.

DECISION

1. That the content of the Grants Register be noted.
2. That it be noted that the Register has been expanded to include additional information relating to the receiving organisations and the grants awarded.
3. That it be noted that no further information was requested to be added to the Grants Register at this time.

7. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS CONSIDERED TO BE URGENT

Nil items.

The meeting ended at 6.27 p.m.

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