


Individual Mayoral Decision Proforma	 TOWER HAMLETS
Decision Log No: <u> 174 </u>	
Report of: Zena Cooke, Corporate Director Resources	Classification: Unrestricted
MSG Premises Update Report	

Is this a Key Decision?	No
Decision Notice Publication Date:	29 August 2017
General Exception or Urgency Notice published?	Yes – this report has been excluded from the Call-In process – details set out in the Urgency Notice
Restrictions:	None
Reason for seeking an Individual Mayoral Decision	Funds being released are critical for the organisations' delivery of MSG programme

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Main Stream Grant (MSG) 2015/18 Programme was approved by Commissioners on 29 July 2015 and runs from 1 September 2015 through to 31 August 2018.

The Programme is made up of five (5) broad Themes covering a range of activities and services. 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.

This report provides an update on the position regarding four Mainstream Grants' (MSG) recipients that were identified as based in council buildings but did not have an appropriate property arrangement in place and hence required this in order for MSG payments to be released.

The report was considered at the Grants Determination Sub Committee Pre Agenda Meeting which was held on 18th August 2017. Due to the urgency of the decision, at the Mayor's request, it was agreed that this should progress as an Individual Mayoral Decision.

This was to ensure that the groups concerned receive their mainstream grant entitlement (subject to satisfactory performance) at the earliest possible opportunity as their premises issues have satisfactorily progressed.

The decision also ensures no further delays of this nature will occur in the future through the decision to delegate authority to the Corporate Director Resources for these matters.

Full details of the decision sought, including setting out the reasons for the recommendations and/or all the options put forward; other options considered; background information; the comments of the Chief Finance Officer; the concurrent report of the Head of Legal Services; implications for One Tower Hamlets; Risk Assessment; Background Documents; **and other relevant matters are set out in the attached report.**

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1 – Somali Senior Citizens Club

(a) That the Somali Senior Citizens Club continues to receive MSG payments as a result of signing the license extension, and subject to satisfactory performance.

(b) That pending the work to establish the hub at Granby Hall, existing charging arrangements for the use of Granby Hall and the SSCC continues.

Recommendation 2 – Community of Refugees from Vietnam

That having submitted an appropriate property agreement for the Aberfeldy Centre, MSG payments are to be released to the Community of Refugees from Vietnam subject to satisfactory performance.

Recommendation 3 – Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)

That as the Citizens Advice Bureau have a current valid lease in law as they are 'holding over' on their license whilst a new licence is negotiated with their landlords; MSG payments continue to be paid to the organisation, subject to satisfactory performance.

Recommendation 4 – City Gateway

That following the completion of the lease between the Council and the Ocean Regeneration Trust (ORT) which stipulates that ORT can share the premises with City Gateway; the final MSG payment to City Gateway is released subject to satisfactory performance.

Recommendation 5 – Our Base

That in acknowledgement of Our Base signing the Heads of Terms and in so doing demonstrating a willingness to enter into an appropriate agreement, pending the Council progressing the lease to conclusion, the MSG withheld payments for the period January 2017 – June 2017 be released subject to satisfactory performance.

Recommendation 6

That where MSG related premises conditions are met by organisations in between Grants Determination Sub Committee Meetings, delegated authority be given to the Corporate Director Resources to authorise MSG payments subject to satisfactory performance and in each instance where delegated authority of this nature is used, it should be reported to the next meeting of Grants Determination Sub Committee.

APPROVALS

1. (If applicable) Corporate Director proposing the decision or his/her deputy

I approve the attached report and proposed decision above for submission to the Mayor.

Signed  Date 11/09/17

2. Chief Finance Officer or his/her deputy

I have been consulted on the content of the attached report which includes my comments.

Signed  Date 11/9/17

3. Monitoring Officer or his/her deputy

I have been consulted on the content of the attached report which includes my comments.

(For Key Decision only – delete as applicable)

I confirm that this decision:-

- (a) has been published in advance on the Council's Forward Plan OR
- (b) is urgent and subject to the 'General Exception' or 'Special Urgency' provision at paragraph 18 or 19 respectively of the Access to Information Procedure Rules.

Signed  Date 11/9/17

4. Mayor

I agree the decision proposed in the recommendations above for the reasons set out in paragraphs 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5 in the attached report.

Signed  Date 11/9/17