

## **ITEM 6.4 – MSG MONITORING REPORT SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

- 1.1 Since the MSG performance monitoring report for period 4 has been produced, there have been further developments in relation to four projects. The developments and organisations are as follows:

### Monakka Monowar Welfare Foundation - update

- 1.2 Recommendation 3 within the main report requests Commissioners allow Monakka Monowar until 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016 to submit a detailed business plan and detailed request for project variation and in the event that this information was not forthcoming, the recommendation was that Commissioners consider funding be withdrawn and the project be closed.

Incomplete information was received from the group and after further information was requested, on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 the organisation emailed to advise they wish to terminate project activities.

- 3.2 Green Candle Dance Company – variation update

Green Candle Dance Company have now submitted their revised significant variation request

A number of changes have been requested and these include changes to the target outcomes. At the last Commissioners' decision making meeting it was recommended that officers undertake further work with the Green Candle Dance Company to establish revisions to the targets that provide sufficient measurable outputs and outcomes.

Further negotiation with the group has been undertaken and a minimum performance target has been set for outcomes that required to be varied. A number of new outputs and targets have also been proposed. These are detailed at Appendix 1 and 2 of this update report.

Officers are satisfied that the newly revised targets and outcomes deliver value for money when benchmarked against comparable projects and given the nature of the specialist provision.

### **Recommendation 8**

Commissioners are recommended to approve the significant variation request for the Green Candle Dance Company attached at Appendix 1.

### 3.3 Somali Parents and Childrens Play – Somali Women engagement Forum – briefing

Commissioners requested an Officer briefing on the Somali Parents and Play project given the performance ratings of the project.

The briefing is attached at Appendix 3 of this update report.

### 3.4 Shadwell Community Project – The People Gap – variation update

By way of update to the variation request from the Shadwell Community Project (SCP), as at 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 the SCP has submitted satisfactory finance monitoring returns for Periods 1 to 3 and outstanding monitoring information for Period 4 to LBTH.

SCP will be meeting with Tower Hamlets CVS on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017 to finalise an organisational action plan.

SCP has also agreed a timeframe to respond to the Council.

SCP have requested a minor amendment to the significant variation request that was made for The People GAP project at the Commissioners' Decision Making meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

The Shadwell Community Project would like to reinstate two of the referral-based outputs that were approved for deletion at the meeting – Number of residents referred to other organisations (18 outputs over three years); Referral to and from school (12 outputs over three years) – and delete another referral based output; Beneficiaries referred from and to Health organisations (14 outputs over three years). In considering recommendation 6 of the main report, Commissioners are also requested to approve these amendments.

The referral based outputs represent a small proportion of project activity as the standard number of beneficiaries for a given project year is 550. The minor variation has been agreed.

## Appendix 1 – Green Candle Significant Variation Request

### **Green Candle Dance Company – Dance for Health at Oxford House Grant award £83,125 for the lifetime of the contract, £27,708 per year**

After being rated GREEN in the first period, the project was classed as AMBER for the January to March and April to June, July to September and October to December 2016 periods. Due to a number of reasons, the organisation has not been able to recruit the agreed target number of beneficiaries to its activity sessions, which has had a negative impact on overall project performance. A 'significant variation' request has been received.

The organisation has cited a number of reasons as to why the variation has been sought which in the main centre around the health issues and ill health recovery times of clients which are impacting on delivery.

The reasons for the variation request include:

The organisation serves participants who in the main are people suffering from dementia at the Dance for Health at Oxford House programme. The number of projected regular attendees is expected to be lower than originally expected due to their health condition.

The number of regular attendees originally stated reflected the total number of attendees on the register/full cohort at the time of the application rather than the total number of regular attendees.

Not all participants are able to attend every week for several reasons (mainly health related) therefore the average number of regular attendees is lower than the total cohort.

The number of regular attendees in the original application also included participants from both within Tower Hamlets and those from outside of the Borough. It was not apparent that the total number of attendees should only include those from within the borough, until after the first quarterly report had been submitted.

The following have been highlighted as the reasons there will be fewer regular participant

- fluctuation in attendance due to greater levels of susceptibility to ill health in the older population
- subsequent need to attend appointments/check-ups/investigative tests
- longer recovery time in older people after ill health
- difficulty and concern attending in poor weather

- difficulty attending due to carer being unavailable
- travelling/visiting family during term time as costs are lower
- The table attached sets out requested variations to three of the targeted outcomes

## Appendix 3

### **Grant information**

<b>Recipient:</b>	<b>Somali Women Engagement Forum</b>
<b>MSG funding stream:</b>	Theme 5 - Community Engagement, Cohesion and Resilience
<b>Project:</b>	Collective Conscience Project
<b>Start Date:</b>	1 September 2015
<b>Term</b>	19 Months
<b>End date</b>	31 March 2017
<b>Total Grant Award:</b>	£16,000
<b>Grant Officer:</b>	Hilary Hughes

### **Purpose of the Grant**

This project aims to develop Somali women as leaders who can speak for the interests of their community and promotes community cohesion to help build strong and resilient community. Activities include weekly sessions, coffee/discussion events with women from other communities volunteering and supporting the women with community engagement.

### **Progress made:**

The organisation is implementing weekly sessions. Unannounced visits confirmed that attendance is as expected. Paperwork provided at monitoring meetings indicates that the organisation is providing the service. During the June to September quarter 18 women attended sessions. However, it is considered that the quality of service provided could be improved.

Staff have been working with the Grants Officer to ensure delivery is in line with the agreement and gaps in service are addressed. A timetable of increased activity is in place to address the previously reduced output reported.

### **Officer comments:**

We are now in the final quarter of this project that provides activities for Women from the Somali community. There are limited alternative services for Somali women residents. Funding changes for this project would have an equality impact on the MSG funding allocation. Consequently we have worked with this organisation to improve project delivery. The organisation has also been referred to and is engaged with the THCVS for support. The organisation is aware that we are performing a delivery audit. If the project fails to demonstrate all expected activities have been delivered by the end of the March this will result in reduction of the grant payment. The intention is to withhold the final payment until the April monitoring report provides satisfactory evidence. We are continuing to work closely with the organisation.