

GRANTS SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 20 September 2016 at 7.00 p.m.

Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

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5 .1 Exercise of Commissioners' Discretion

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Amended legal comments in this report.

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| Commissioner Decision Report 27 September 2016 |  |
| Report of: Zena Cooke, Corporate Director Resources | Classification: Unrestricted |
| Exercise of Commissioners Discretion | |

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| Lead Member | Rachel Saunders |
| Originating Officer(s) | Steve Hill |
| Wards affected | All wards |
| Key Decision? | No |
| Community Plan Theme | One Tower Hamlets |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report sets out details of decisions made under the exercise of Commissioners Discretion. Such decisions are required to be the subject of a noting report at a subsequent Commissioners Decision Meeting in Public.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Commissioners are recommended to:

1. Confirm their decisions under Commissioners Discretion as set out in appendix 1.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 Agreed procedures require that reports be submitted to Commissioners Decision Meetings in Public to confirm/note grant funding decisions taken under Commissioners Discretion.
- 1.2 The reporting of decisions taken under Commissioners Discretion assists in ensuring that Members and Public are made aware of, and therefore able to scrutinise Commissioners decisions.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 Agreed procedure requires decisions taken under Commissioners Discretion to be presented to a Commissioners Decision Meeting in Public.
- 2.2 To deviate from this procedure would require a sound reason. It is not considered that there is any such reason, have due regard of the need to ensure that Members are kept informed of all decisions made by Commissioners under their discretionary powers.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

- 3.1 The decisions made under Commissioners discretion are set out in the attached appendix 1. These decisions relate to School Clothing Grants and home repairs grants, and were considered outside of the Decision Making Meetings in Public.
- 3.2 These decisions were taken outside of scheduled meetings in public in order that grants were considered and awarded in a timely manner.

4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 4.1 The decisions set out in the attached appendix have already been made under the Commissioners discretionary powers.
- 4.2 In taking their decisions the Commissioners are provided with a report setting out the relevant information to inform their decision and which includes specifically the financial implications of the proposed decision together with financial and legal comments provided by the Chief Finance Officer and the Monitoring Officer respectively.

5. LEGAL COMMENTS

- 5.1. Whilst the Commissioners are empowered to exercise their discretion in private, agreed procedures require that such decisions should be reported to Commissioners Decision Meetings in public for ratification. This self-imposed procedure has been implemented in the interests of transparency.
- 5.2. There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report.

6. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1. This report is concerned with the notification of Commissioners decisions under their discretions; and as such has no direct One Tower Hamlets implications. The extent to which there are One Tower Hamlets considerations arising from the original recommendations, these would have been addressed as part of those considerations.

7. BEST VALUE (BV) IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Best Value implications associated with each of the Commissioners discretions as set out in Appendix would have been identified and evaluated as an integral part of the process which led to the decisions.

8. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

- 8.1 There is no sustainable action for a greener environment implications arising from this report.

9. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The risk management implications associated with each of the Commissioners discretions as set out in Appendix 1 would have been identified and evaluated as an integral part of the process which led to the decisions.

10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 Crime and disorder reduction implications, if any, associated with the decisions as set out in Appendix 1 would have been an integral part of the process which led to the decisions.

11. SAFEGUARDING IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 Safeguarding implications including risks or benefits, if any, associated with each of the decisions as set out in Appendix 1 would have been identified and evaluated as an integral part of the process which led to the decisions

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- NONE

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – details of the decisions made under the Commissioners discretionary powers

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

- None

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EXERCISE OF COMMISSIONERS DISCRETION

The following decisions were made by Commissioners outside of a meeting in public. In accordance with agreed procedure this information is being formally presented to the Commissioners Decision In Public Meeting of 27 September 2016.

| Date Considered | Name of Grant & Description | Organisation / Recipient | Decision | Grant Requested | Amount Awarded | Directorate | Officer Contact |
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| 5 August 2016 | School Clothing Grant | Children | Approve the provision by the Council of clothing grants in 2016/17 within the budget specified in the report. Subject to the policy set out in the report being maintained, Commissioners are content to delegate the allocation of grants under this read to the Corporate Director. An annual report should be published recording the number of grants awarded under this policy. | £201,000 | £201,000 | Children's Services | Terry Parkin |

| Date Considered | Name of Grant & Description | Organisation / Recipient | Decision | Grant Requested | Amount Awarded | Directorate | Officer Contact |
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| 28 June 2016 | Home Repairs Grants | 2 x individual grants as set out below: 1 – Mrs C, replacement of defective combination boiler and associated works 2 – Mrs P, repairs to the defective shower area including repairs or replacement of any broken floor timbers ceiling board | Agreed Agreed | £2,665.00 inclusive fees £1,982.40 inclusive fees | £2,665.00 £1,982.40 | D & R D & R | Martin Ling X 0469 |

