

Cabinet



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Council Chamber - Town Hall, Whitechapel

Supplementary Agenda

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5.1 Chair's Advice of Key Issues or Questions

Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) to report on any issues raised by the OSC in relation to unrestricted business to be considered.



Questions	Response
6.2 NCIL	
<p>1. How much time and money is now being wasted which was spent putting all these projects together? This includes officers time, consultancy and communication initiatives.</p>	<p>Out of the cancelled projects, around –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 38 projects have not progressed beyond the allocation stage, meaning no work has been undertaken. • 12 projects have had minor initial work undertaken • 4 projects have had more substantial work undertaken to deliver early phases to completion i.e. Noise Mapping, Community Gardens, Watney Market and Youth Outreach). It is the further phases, where work had not commenced, that have been cancelled. • 2 projects are progressing with other funding sources (i.e. Flat Recycling and Roman Road West) <p>The remaining lines in the cancelled project table relate to pots of funding held back either pending feasibility work or for small projects which had yet to come forward. There has therefore been no work undertaken on these pots to date.</p> <p>The exact time spent by officers developing the projects isn't known.</p>
<p>2. How many of these projects that have been cancelled were residents initiative and how will this now been communicated back to all those that will be disappointed with the decision.</p>	<p>Of the cancelled projects around 34 were specific projects directly nominated by local residents and the remaining allocations were to address a specific priority theme in the relevant LIF area. In some cases, such as the community gardens programme, specific project nominations were included as part of a wider programme, and in that particular case whilst the programme has been cancelled, most of the specific project nominations have already been delivered.</p>

	<p>If the recommendations in the report are accepted, where there was a specific nominated project that will not be delivered and where contact details of the person who made the original nomination are held, those individuals will be updated via email. An update will also be provided on the relevant page of the council's website. This will be how those who submitted nominations anonymously or without providing contact details, will be updated.</p>
<p>3. Has there been a mapping exercise on wards and areas that have had projects cancelled to see if there has been any unfair advantages for chosen projects that are still going ahead?</p>	<p>No. NCIL funding must be spent in the area where it was collected. Any NCIL funding being returned from cancelled LIF projects will be allocated through the new NCIL approach in the area in which it was collected. Therefore, there is no geographic disadvantage.</p>
<p>4. Are there any legal implications for the money that will be saved from NCIL pot to fund other capital projects such as grants programme?</p>	<p>The approach to NCIL as set out in the cabinet report includes legal comments. Those comments note that all shortlisted grants will be reviewed to ensure compliance with the NCIL criteria.</p>
<p>5. The decision to cancel the recycling for flats project has been part of our wider strategy to improve our recycling rate- how will this administration combat our recycling issues in flats and make it easier for residents living in flats.</p>	<p>It should be noted that the Flat Recycling project has not been cancelled, it is simply the use of NCIL that is cancelled. The current capital programme sets out that the project is being fully funded by strategic CIL.</p>
<p>6. Does the waste emergency called by the Mayor have a funding pot that will cover flats in recycling initiatives as found by research this council did with resource for London.</p>	<p>N/A - please see response to Q5 above.</p>