

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

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

HELD AT TIME NOT SPECIFIED ON WEDNESDAY, 25 JANUARY 2023

COUNCIL CHAMBER - TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG

Members Present:

Councillor (Member)	Kabir	Ahmed	(Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding)
Councillor (Member)	Ohid	Ahmed	(Cabinet Member for Safer Communities)
Councillor (Member)	Saied	Ahmed	(Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living)
Mayor (Member)	Lutfur	Rahman	(Executive Mayor)

Officers Present:

Jonathan Fox	(Principal Contracts Lawyer, Legal Services Governance)
Thomas French	(Democratic Services Officer (Committee))

Officers Present Virtually:

Afazul Hoque	(Head of Corporate Strategy & Policy)
Afraa Ali	(Regeneration Manager (Housing))

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

3. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES

The minutes of the 9 November 2022 meeting were agreed and approved as a correct record.

4. CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

There were none.

5. EXERCISE OF MAYORAL DISCRETIONS

There were none.

6. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

6.1 VCS FUNDING AWARDED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

DECISION:

1. Note the update on funding awarded to Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) organisations under delegated authority since their last meeting.
2. Note that from the next round of Small Grants £10,000 has been earmarked to fund events to mark the coronation of King Charles

REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

1. There are a number of funding programmes to support VCS organisations in the borough where decisions are made under delegated authority by officers following evaluation of applications by Council officers or the East End Community Foundation on the Council's behalf. These decisions are presented to the Sub-Committee for noting in line with the Sub-committee's terms of reference.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

2. The Council could decide not to provide funding to VCS organisations through its various programmes. However, to do this would be contrary to the agreed policy to support VCS activities in the borough set out in the VCS Strategy 2020-2024.

6.2 INFRASTRUCTURE & CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT

DECISION:

1. Approve the revised extension period for the Infrastructure & Capacity Building Programme of October 2022 to September 2023.
2. Approve the proposed provision and the continuation of a grant variation for the Infrastructure & Capacity Building project for the new extension period for this project, from October 2022 to September 2023, as outlined in paragraph 2.3 and Appendix

REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS:

1. There is a need to ensure that the timetable for the extension for the Infrastructure & Capacity Building Programme is consistent with the other main Council funding programmes for the voluntary and community sector (VCS) – the Local Community Fund (LCF) and the Innovation Fund – i.e. all of these programmes are extended to September 2023.

2. There is a need to agree to the activities that are proposed to be delivered by the Infrastructure & Capacity Building project for its proposed new extension period of October 2022 to September 2023. This should include continued Council support for the activities of Volunteer Centre Tower Hamlet's Volunteering Hub to support volunteering within VCS organisations in the borough.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

3. The Infrastructure & Capacity Building Programme adheres to its originally approved timetable for its extension – October 2022 to March 2024.
4. The Infrastructure and Capacity Building project does not provide continued funding for the Volunteering Hub between October 2022 to September 2023 to support volunteering within local VCS organisations. This would result in the removal of Council funding for a centralised volunteering recruitment system for VCS organisations in the borough.

6.3 COMMUNITY GARDENS - PHASE 2 UPDATE/ TERMINATION OF GRANT DELIVERY CONTRACT

DECISION:

1. Note that the Grant Approach was originally approved by Grants Determination (Cabinet) Sub-Committee of which the contract was an integral part and to note that the Regeneration Team is currently seeking permission from the Corporate Director Place to terminate the Contract in accordance with advice from Legal Services
2. Note that the Regeneration Team are notifying the committee about the formal closure of this grant.

7. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS CONSIDERED TO BE URGENT

There were none.

The meeting ended at 19:23

Grants Determination (Cabinet) Sub-Committee