

Grants Determination (Cabinet) Sub-Committee



Wednesday, 26 April 2023 at 5.45 p.m. or the rise of Cabinet
whichever is sooner.

Council Chamber - Town Hall, Whitechapel

Agenda

Chair: Mayor Lutfur Rahman

Members

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

Substitutes

Councillor Suluk Ahmed	(Cabinet Member for Equalities and Social Inclusion)
Councillor Gulam Kibria Choudhury	(Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care)
Councillor Abu Chowdhury	(Cabinet Member for Jobs, Skills and Growth)
Councillor Iqbal Hossain	(Cabinet Member for Culture and Recreation)
Councillor Kabir Hussain	(Cabinet Member for Environment and the Climate Emergency)
Councillor Maium Talukdar	(Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Youth and Lifelong Learning (Statutory Deputy Mayor))

[The quorum for the Sub - Committee is 3 Members]

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Public Engagement

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Members of the public may make written submissions in any form (for example; Petitions, letters, written questions) to the Democratic Services Officer (details on the previous page) by 5 pm the day before the meeting.

Grants Determination (Cabinet) Sub-Committee

Wednesday, 26 April 2023

5.45 p.m.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS (Pages 7 - 8)**

Members are reminded to consider the categories of interest in the Code of Conduct for Members to determine whether they have an interest in any agenda item and any action they should take. For further details, please see the attached note from the Monitoring Officer.

Members are reminded to declare the nature of the interest and the agenda item it relates to. Please note that ultimately it's the Members' responsibility to declare any interests form and to update their register of interest form as required by the Code.

If in doubt as to the nature of your interest, you are advised to seek advice prior to the meeting by contacting the Monitoring Officer or Democratic Services

3. **UNRESTRICTED MINUTES (Pages 9 - 12)**

To confirm as a correct record of the proceedings the unrestricted minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 25th January 2023.

4. **CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS**

Consideration of any written comments received from members of the public in relation to any of the reports on the agenda.

[Any submissions should be sent to the clerk listed on the agenda front page by 5pm the day before the meeting]

5. **EXERCISE OF MAYORAL DISCRETIONS**

To note for information individual decisions relating to the award of grants that have been taken by the Mayor the last meeting.

6. **REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

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Next Meeting of the Committee:

Wednesday 5th July 2023 at 5:30pm in Council Chamber - Town Hall, Whitechapel



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Agenda Item 2.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AT MEETINGS– NOTE FROM THE MONITORING OFFICER

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(i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI)

You have a DPI in any item of business on the agenda where it relates to the categories listed in **Appendix A** to this guidance. Please note that a DPI includes: (i) Your own relevant interests; (ii) Those of your spouse or civil partner; (iii) A person with whom the Member is living as husband/wife/civil partners. Other individuals, e.g. Children, siblings and flatmates do not need to be considered. Failure to disclose or register a DPI (within 28 days) is a criminal offence.

Members with a DPI, (unless granted a dispensation) must not seek to improperly influence the decision, must declare the nature of the interest and leave the meeting room (including the public gallery) during the consideration and decision on the item – unless exercising their right to address the Committee.

DPI Dispensations and Sensitive Interests. In certain circumstances, Members may make a request to the Monitoring Officer for a dispensation or for an interest to be treated as sensitive.

(ii) Non - DPI Interests that the Council has decided should be registered – (Non - DPIs)

You will have 'Non DPI Interest' in any item on the agenda, where it relates to (i) the offer of gifts or hospitality, (with an estimated value of at least £25) (ii) Council Appointments or nominations to bodies (iii) Membership of any body exercising a function of a public nature, a charitable purpose or aimed at influencing public opinion.

Members must declare the nature of the interest, but may stay in the meeting room and participate in the consideration of the matter and vote on it **unless:**

- A reasonable person would think that your interest is so significant that it would be likely to impair your judgement of the public interest. **If so, you must withdraw and take no part in the consideration or discussion of the matter.**

(iii) Declarations of Interests not included in the Register of Members' Interest.

Occasions may arise where a matter under consideration would, or would be likely to, **affect the wellbeing of you, your family, or close associate(s) more than it would anyone else living in the local area** but which is not required to be included in the Register of Members' Interests. In such matters, Members must consider the information set out in paragraph (ii) above regarding Non DPI - interests and apply the test, set out in this paragraph.

Guidance on Predetermination and Bias

Member's attention is drawn to the guidance on predetermination and bias, particularly the need to consider the merits of the case with an open mind, as set out in the Planning and Licensing Codes of Conduct, (Part C, Section 34 and 35 of the Constitution). For further advice on the possibility of bias or predetermination, you are advised to seek advice prior to the meeting.

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In such circumstances the member may not vote on any reports and motions with respect to the matter.

Further Advice contact: Janet Fasan, Divisional Director, Legal and Monitoring Officer, Tel: 0207 364 4800.

APPENDIX A: Definition of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

(Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, Reg 2 and Schedule)

Subject	Prescribed description
Employment, office, trade, profession or vacation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
Sponsorship	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the relevant authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by the Member in carrying out duties as a member, or towards the election expenses of the Member. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
Contracts	Any contract which is made between the relevant person (or a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest) and the relevant authority— (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged.
Land	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the relevant authority.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the relevant authority for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	Any tenancy where (to the Member's knowledge)— (a) the landlord is the relevant authority; and (b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.
Securities	Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where— (a) that body (to the Member's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and (b) either— (i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

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

Officers Present:

Jonathan Fox	(Principal Contracts Lawyer, Legal Services Governance)
Mark Waterman	(Senior VCS Development Officer)
Thomas French	(Democratic Services Officer (Committees))

Officers Present Virtually:

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests

3. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES

RESOLVED:

The minutes of the meeting of the Sub – Committee held on 9 November 2022 be approved as a correct record of the proceedings.

4. CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

There were no public submissions considered.

5. EXERCISE OF MAYORAL DISCRETIONS

There were none.

6. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

6.1 VCS FUNDING AWARDED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Mark Waterman presented the report. The report provided an update on funding awarded to Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) organisations under delegated authority since the last meeting of the Sub-Committee.

RESOLVED:

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 III.

6.2 INFRASTRUCTURE & CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT

Mark Waterman presented the report. The report sought agreement for the revised programme between October 2022 to September 2023 and proposes a continuation of an existing variation for the Programme during the revised extension period.

RESOLVED:

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 1.

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

Afraa Ali presented the report. The report notified the Sub-Committee of the termination of the Phase 2 Grant Delivery Contract following LIF review recommendation from the Mayor, and to formally close this grant.

Members of Sub-Committee asked the following questions and comments:

- Members of the Sub-Committee requested that a follow up report comes to a future Sub-Committee meeting to set out the recommendations.

RESOLVED:

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

None.

The meeting ended at 19:23

Chair,
Grants Determination (Cabinet) Sub-Committee

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Grants Determination (Cabinet) Sub-Committee report	 <p>TOWER HAMLETS</p>
Report of: Ann Sutcliffe, Corporate Director of Place	Classification: Unrestricted
Offer of Historic Buildings Grant to the Diocese of London for the repair of the How Memorial Gateway	

Lead Member	Councillor Kabir Ahmed, Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding
Originating Officer(s)	Michael Ritchie – Place Shaping Manager
Wards affected	Bromley North
Key Decision?	No
Forward Plan Notice Published	N/A
Reason for Key Decision	N/A
Community Plan Theme	A Great Place to Live

Executive Summary

An application for a Historic Buildings Grant for the repair of the How Memorial Gateway has been received from the Diocese of London. It is proposed to offer a Historic Buildings Grant of £47,500 for the repair to match fund a grant of £10,000 from the Heritage of London Trust. The How Memorial Gateway is on Historic England’s Heritage at Risk register – these grants will enable the repair and future sustainability of the gateway, as well as its removal from the register.

Recommendations:

The Grants Determination Sub-Committee is recommended to:

1. Consider and approve the recommendation to issue a formal offer of grant of £47,500 to the Diocese of London for the restoration of the How Memorial Gateway, Bromley by Bow.
2. Authorise the Corporate Director Place to enter into a grant agreement and any other such agreements required to affect the grant and the use of the grant as detailed in paragraph 1.

1 REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 The grant will match fund a grant of £10,000 from the Heritage of London Trust. The repair works will repair the grade II listed structure, improve its future sustainability and will allow for the structure to be removed from Historic England's Heritage at Risk register.
- 1.2 The gateway forms the entrance to St. Leonard's Priory open space, which after being neglected for many years, is now being cared for thanks to garden volunteers from Bow Church. It is therefore the right time now to repair the gateway as well.
- 1.3 This recent activity has created an opportunity for more local residents and visitors to enjoy the space and engage with the history of the site. During the restoration works, the Heritage of London Trust will also provide community engagement in local schools through their 'Proud Places' scheme (See [Youth Engagement | Proud Places | London](#)).
- 1.4 The outcomes of the works funded through the Historic Buildings Grant meet the grant's guidance as they are external works which will provide maximum visual benefit to the general community.

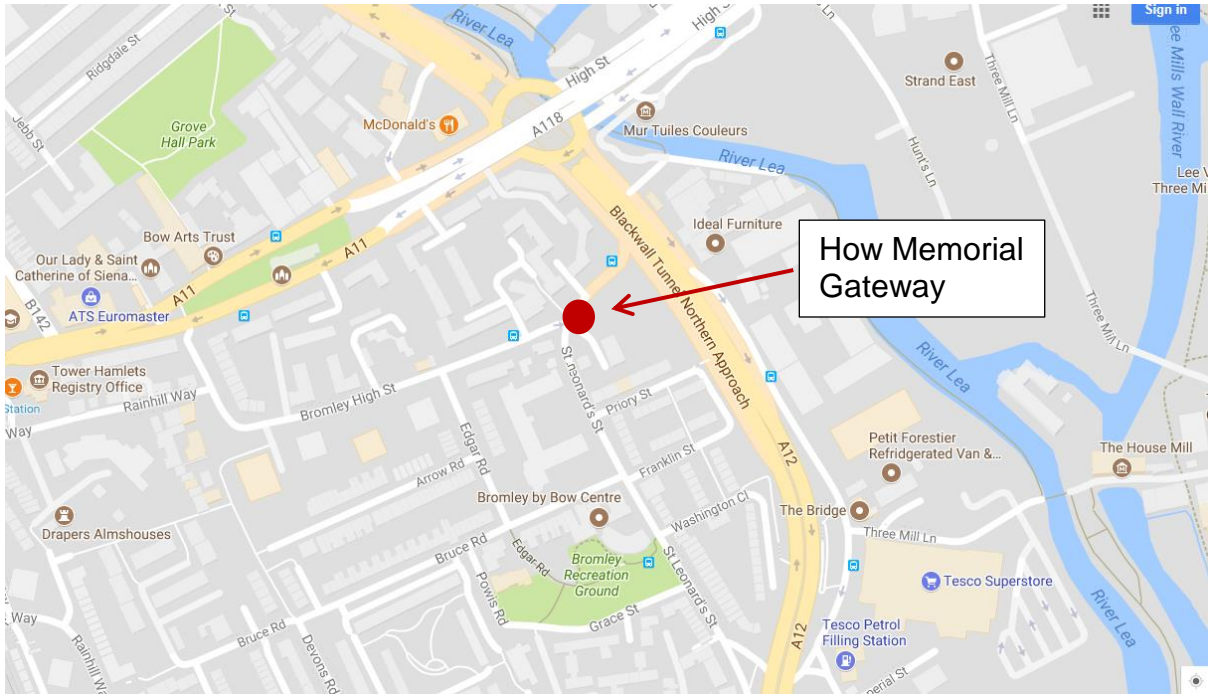
2 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 Other grant options have been investigated, but organisations like Historic England are reviewing their grant programmes in light of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill, of which the focus is less on capital works projects and more on tier 1 and 2 local authorities (Tower Hamlets is tier 3).
- 2.2 If no work is carried out and the gateway is left to decline in condition further, which will likely lead to a higher future repair cost.

3 DETAILS OF THE REPORT

How Memorial Gateway

- 3.1 The How Memorial Gateway is located at the east end of Bromley High Street and serves as the entrance to St Leonards Priory open space, a former churchyard, backing onto the A12.



3.2 The gateway is dated circa 1893/4 and is the entrance gateway to the former churchyard of St. Mary with St. Leonard, Bromley-by-Bow, which was also known as Bromley Church. The gateway is in the form of a gabled Kentish ragstone gothic arch, with limestone dressings, and double buttresses at each side. It is dedicated to memory of the former reverend and vicar, George How who died in 1893. The religious origins of the site date back to 12th century, when there was a large Benedictine nunnery on the site dedicated to Saint Leonarda and founded by the then Bishop of London. In the 1480s, William Chaucer based one of his fictional characters on the Prioress in his book the Canterbury Tales. After the dissolution of the monasteries by King Henry VIII, some of the priory buildings were demolished, but the chancel of the Church of St Leonard's Convent remained. Huguenot refugees in the 17th and 18th centuries built their tombs in the churchyard, some of which may remain. The chancel was rebuilt in 1843 as the Parish Church of St Mary with St Leonard. The church was struck by a bomb during the Second World War and was destroyed. In 1969 the Blackwall Tunnel Northern Approach Road was built over the church and much of the old grounds. All that is left now are some tombstones, part of the boundary wall and the memorial gateway. An interpretation panel has recently been installed on the site.



3.3 The gateway is grade II listed and currently sits on Historic England's Heritage at Risk register. Listed buildings and structures, as well as conservation areas, are considered for inclusion on the register on the basis of condition of the

historic fabric, as well as vulnerability in terms of potential loss of special architectural or historic interest.

- 3.4 The gateway is in a fair condition with no obvious structural issues; however, it suffers from sulphation staining which has caused blistering and erosion of the stonework. The gateway has previously been repointed in cementitious mortar and some cementitious render on quoins and coping stones, causing further erosion to stonework. There are also some missing stone details such as coping stones. The open space in which the gateway is located has, until recently, been neglected, leaving the heritage of the site vulnerable.
- 3.5 It is proposed to clean the gateway to remove any organic and atmospheric staining. The stonework will be defrassed, removing loose, friable and blistered stone on the surfaces. This will ensure that water cannot be trapped below the surface layer which is currently accelerating erosion of the stonework. Areas of eroded stonework will be repaired with a suitable colour lime mortar, with mortar repairs where required. Cracks and fissures will be filled and grouted with lime putty. Missing stone sections will be replaced on a like for like basis, matching profiles on existing originals. Repairs will be carried out with stone indents, matching the existing stone in colour and texture. A limewash shelter coat will further stabilise and protect some of the vulnerable stonework, unifying the whole appearance of the stonework.
- 3.6 In addition to the gateway, the boundary wall of around the open space is in a very poor condition and is a health & safety concern, suffering from plant growth, cracking, and malicious damage. Significant rebuilding is required and replacement of missing or damaged stone elements.
- 3.7 Odgers Conservation Consultants have produced condition surveys and schedules of works produced for both the gateway and the boundary wall.

St Leonards Priory open space

- 3.8 St. Leonards Priory open space is owned by Bow Church on behalf of the Church of England's London Diocese. LBTH manages the site and is responsible for its upkeep. The open space is a former graveyard and there are still several burials and gravestones on the site.
- 3.9 For years, St. Leonards Priory open space has been neglected, with overgrown vegetation and anti-social behaviour, making it an unfriendly place to visit and spend time.
- 3.10 In 2020, garden volunteers from Bow Church, with the help of the Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park, have been working to tidy up the space and

make it more accessible to the local community. In 2022, Bow Church were awarded a grant of £12,500 from the council's Community Gardens Fund, with which they have started to recruit more volunteers from the local community, with the help of a paid volunteer co-ordinator. The funding has also been used to provide picnic benches to establish a seating area for workshops on food-growing and horticulture for the local community and community activities, as well as for people to sit and enjoy the garden. The funding has also paid for raised beds to grow edibles and floristry plants. As a result of these activities, more people have been encouraged to visit the open space.

Offer of a Historic Buildings Grant

- 3.11 Buildings on the Heritage at Risk register or within conservation areas at risk are a priority for the Historic Buildings Grant. The works proposed will enable the gateway to be removed from the Heritage at Risk register. Grants are targeted to achieve maximum visual benefit to the general community. The gateway forms the entrance to a public open space, which is now more welcoming thanks to recent volunteer activity, encouraging more visits by local people.
- 3.12 The external works proposed to the gateway meet the grant guidance criteria. The Diocese received three comparable quotes as part of the tender process in January 2023 and a tender report was produced. A contractor has been chosen. The cost to repair the gateway has been quoted as £57,500 (including VAT).
- 3.13 £10,000 has been offered as a grant for the gateway by the Heritage of London Trust (HOLT), leaving a shortfall of £47,500.
- 3.14 Works to the boundary wall has been quoted as £25,000. Whilst it is proposed that works to the gateway and the boundary wall are carried out simultaneously by the same contractor, the cost of the works will be met by a separate budget. This Historic Buildings Grant application is specifically for the repair works to the gateway and not the boundary wall.
- 3.15 The total cost of the works at St. Leonard's is £82,500. The council's guidance for historic buildings grants states that the minimum eligible for grant funding is £1,000 and should only cover up to 60% of the overall cost of the works (including VAT). This grant offer would comply with this guidance as £47,500 is 58% of the total cost of the works, £82,500.
- 3.16 It is proposed to offer a grant of £47,500 to the Diocese of London to repair the gateway. The grant will only be paid on satisfactory completion of the work to a good conservation standard, as assessed by a conservation officer.

- 3.17 At present, the Historic Building Grant scheme has yearly budget of £26,250. With roll-over from 2022/23, the current budget for 2023/24 is £98,500. If a grant of £47,500 is offered for the How Memorial Gateway, there will be £51,000 remaining in the grant budget for 2023/24. There are currently no other applications for grant funding this year.

4 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The proposed works, funded by the Historic Buildings Grant, are not considered to have any equalities implications. Indeed, the works will improve the public realm for local people and visitors to the site and will provide opportunities for community engagement in the history of the site.

5 OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- Best Value Implications

The Historic Buildings Grant will match fund a grant from the Heritage of London Trust, reducing the contribution required.

- Consultations

LBTH Parks and the Diocese have been consulted on the proposal.

- Environmental (including air quality)

N/A

- Risk Management

The Historic Buildings Grant will only be paid on satisfactory completion of the work to be assessed by a conservation officer.

- Crime Reduction

Better care of the garden and structures and increased use of the St. Leonard's Priory open space is likely to reduce anti-social behaviour here.

- Safeguarding

N/A

- Data Protection / Privacy Impact Assessment

N/A

6 COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 6.1 The report is seeking approval to issue a formal offer of grant of £47,500 to the Diocese of London for the restoration of the How Memorial Gateway, Bromley by Bow. The grant would be funded from Historic Buildings grant funding

- 6.2 The Historic Buildings grant budget is £26,250 per annum and any amounts unspent are moved to the Historic Buildings reserve. The balance on this reserve will be £72,250 once the unspent budget in 2022/23 is transferred to the reserve. In total there is £98,500 (£72,250 reserve balance plus £26,250 budget for 2023/24) available to spend and no other commitments against this sum.
- 6.3 There is therefore sufficient funding available to meet the cost of this grant and there are no other commitments against the annual budget provision or reserve.
- 6.4 The grant conditions state that the minimum eligible for grant funding is £1,000 and can only cover up to 60% of the total cost of the works (including VAT). The approval of this grant would meet these conditions.

7 COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES

- 7.1 The Council has a legal duty to obtain Best Value when funding grants of any variety. The use of a competitive process to determine the identity of the construction contractor assists the Council to demonstrate Best Value. In this case the employer of the Contractor is the Diocese and not the Council. However, had the construction contract been a Council contract then Council's would have obtained 3 quotes in the same way that the Diocese has done. Therefore, selection of the contractor via this process may provide strong evidence of compliance by the Council of the Council's Best Value duty.
- 7.2 The Council will also enter into a grant agreement on suitable terms to allow the Council to monitor the progress of the works and ensure that payment is made only in respect of properly performed construction work. This also will assist the Council to demonstrate Best Value.
- 7.3 The Council has the legal power to make this grant if it so wishes.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- None.

Appendices


- None.

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

- None.

Officer contact details for documents:

N/A.

<p>Cabinet- Grants Determination Sub-Committee</p> <p>8th March 2023</p>	 <p>TOWER HAMLETS</p>
<p>Report of: James Thomas – Children and Culture</p>	<p>Classification: [Unrestricted]</p>
<p>Early Years Capital Funding 2021-23 Grant Payments</p>	

Lead Member	Councillor Maium Talukdar – Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning
Originating Officer(s)	Jess Milne - Head of Early Education and Childcare Service Pat Wells - Strategic Quality & Sufficiency Manager, Early Education and Childcare Service Gareth Platt - Business Support, Sufficiency & Cohesion Manager (Report Author)
Wards affected	All wards
Key Decision?	Yes
Reason for Key Decision	(b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards.
Forward Plan Notice Published	N/A
Exempt information	N/A
Strategic Plan Priority / Outcome	1) Tackling the cost-of-living crisis 3) Accelerate Education 4) Boost culture, business, jobs and leisure

Executive Summary

The aim of the capital funding is to ensure the council meets its’ statutory duty, set by the Department of Education, to ensure there are sufficient number of funded and non-funded early education and childcare places in the private, voluntary, independent (PVI) and school based early years sector for families wishing to take this up.

Capital funding of £298K was approved by Cabinet on the 1st of June 2021. Therefore, we seek approval to allow the Early Education and Childcare Service to continue to allocate and pay capital grants to projects in line with the agreed priorities of the Early Years Capital Funding programme 2021-23.

Recommendations:

Grants Determination (Cabinet) Sub-Committee is recommended to:

1. Authorise the payment of £57,167 capital funding to Stebon Primary School for the project that has been completed.
2. Authorise the Corporate Director Children and Culture to authorise the award and payment of further capital grants in line with the priorities of the agreed Early Years Capital Funding 2021-23 programme.

1 REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 In 2020/21 Stebon Primary School was awarded £57,167 capital funding to create 64 Early Learning for 2-Year-olds places to support the Council's drive to maximise the take-up of early education by some of the most disadvantaged and vulnerable families with 2-year-olds in the country.
- 1.2 This award was part of a previous capital funding programme operated by the Early Education and Childcare Service (at the time called the Integrated Early Years' Service), with a signed funding agreement in place detailing the scope of the works to be completed, associated costs and details of committed funding.
- 1.3 Despite assurances to the contrary, this funding was not carried forward into 2021/22 and as a result, additional funding was secured in June 2021 to cover the costs of this project, as well as to allow the funding of further projects to create additional early education and childcare provision to support the Council's statutory duties.
- 1.4 The non-committed capital funding (£240,233) is intended to support the development and to contribute to the funding of capital projects. This is to create new provision, encouraging the take up of funded and non-funded early education and childcare places as well as meeting an increasing demand to support families with very young children.
- 1.5 Approval is being sought to allow the Director of Education to approve the funding of individual projects within the Early Years Capital Funding 2021-23 programme, in line with the programme's agreed priorities and within the allocated total funding budget.

2 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 Not having the allocated capital funding available for use would mean that the Early Education and Childcare Service would not be able to fund the completed project at Stebon Primary School, which will have a detrimental impact on the school's finances and to the reputation of the council.

- 2.2 Additionally, not having the allocated capital funding available to fund further projects would negatively impact the Council's ability to support the expansion and improvement of childcare and early education settings in line with the Council's statutory duty to ensure the sufficiency of free early education and childcare.

3 DETAILS OF THE REPORT

- 3.1 The Early Years Capital Funding 2021-23 programme was approved by Cabinet on the 1st of June 2021, the programme made available £298K to contribute to capital development projects in line with the Early Education and Childcare Service's strategic priorities of maximising take-up of the free early education entitlements and meeting the childcare needs of working families.
- 3.2 An award of £57,167 was made to Stebon Primary School in 2020/21 for a project to create an additional 64 Early Learning for 2-Year-Olds places within some unutilised space within the school's building.
- 3.3 A grant agreement was signed on behalf of Tower Hamlets by the previous Acting Head of the Early Years' Service and counter-signed by the school's Chair of Governors and Headteacher in September 2021.
- 3.4 The school completed the agreed works in March 2022 and the new EL2 provision is now operational. Approval is being sought to pay the funding to the school upon the provision of evidence of expenditure.
- 3.5 In addition, approval is being sought to allow the remaining capital funding (£240,833) to be used to contribute to additional projects that support the Early Education and Childcare Service's strategic priorities of maximising take-up of the free early education entitlements and meeting the childcare needs of working families. These projects would be approved by the Director of Education with progress and delivery monitored by the Early Education and Childcare Service.

4 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Early Years Capital Funding 2021-23 programme will help to meet the needs of families with very young children in the borough and provide a wider choice of early education and childcare options for them.
- 4.2 The programme therefore contributes to "**Priority 1: People are aspirational, independent and have equal access to opportunities.**" of the Council's Strategic Plan 2021-24. "**Priority 3: Accelerate Education and Priority 4: Boost culture, business, jobs and leisure**" of the Council's Strategic Plan 2022-2026.

5 OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This section of the report is used to highlight further specific statutory implications that are either not covered in the main body of the report or are required to be highlighted to ensure decision makers give them proper consideration. Examples of other implications may be:

- Best Value Implications,
- Consultations,
- Environmental (including air quality),
- Risk Management,
- Crime Reduction,
- Safeguarding.
- Data Protection / Privacy Impact Assessment.

5.2 The Early Years Capital Funding 2021-23 programme contributes and supports the Council to meet its duties including ensuring the sufficiency of early education and childcare provision as set out in the Childcare Acts 2006 and 2016.

6 COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

6.1 There is currently £298k earmarked in the Capital programme to support the increase in provision of free 2 year old places. The Revenue costs of the additional places would be met from the Early years block of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) . Funding for Early Years free entitlement is based on take up and therefore if we secure more places we are able to offer these to additional families and revenue funding would increase from the DfE.

7 COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES

7.1 The Council has a legal duty to ensure that there are sufficient appropriate educational spaces in the borough. This report represents one of the ways in which the Council is ensuring compliance with this duty. The Council also has the legal; power to undertake any activity in order to effect any of its legal functions and therefore has the power to undertake the activity referred to in this report.

7.2 The Council has the legal duty to ensure that its expenditure achieves Best Value in terms of economy efficiency and effectiveness. Therefore, prior to reimbursing the cost of any works the Council should ensure that where the school has commissioned the works such works represent best value. This should be built into any repayment mechanism and should also inform the verification process with Stebon in particular prior to making the reimbursement referred to in this report. It may be well to have the Council approve the cost of any works prior to the school committing to the works

7.3 The second recommendation is designed to create a standing delegation to be exercised from time to time and at the Corporate Directors discretion. If approved the terms of reference require the exercise of the delegation to be reported back to the committee on a regular basis. Therefore, the rules of the exercise of the delegation should be agreed in advance so the exercise of the

delegation may be reviewed from time to time to ensure that the exercise of the delegation falls within the grant parameters agreed at the sub-committee

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

PID detailing the Early Years Capital Funding programme – approved June 2021:

https://towerhamlets2-my.sharepoint.com/personal/gareth_platt_towerhamlets_gov_uk/Documents/5%20EY%20Capital%20Funding%202021-23/Capital%20Programme%20Management%20Group/06%20PID_THCCP%20EY%20Capital%20Funding%20202122.pdf

[Strategic Plan 2022-26 \(towerhamlets.gov.uk\)](https://towerhamlets.gov.uk)

Appendices

- NONE

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

- NONE

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Grants Determination Sub-Committee 26 April 2023	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Sharon Godman, Director Strategy, Improvement & Transformation	Classification: Unrestricted
Local Community Fund (LCF) Performance Report - October 2021 – September 2022	

Lead Member	Cllr Saied Ahmed, Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living
Originating Officer(s)	Afazul Hoque, Head of Corporate Strategy & Communities Mark Waterman, Senior VCS Development Officer
Wards affected	All
Key Decision?	No
Forward Plan Notice Published	N/A
Reason for Key Decision	N/a
Community Plan Theme	All

Executive Summary

This performance report provides the Committee with an update on the council-funded Local Community Fund (LCF) programme for the voluntary and community sector for the period October 2021 to September 2022, including an overview of activities and performance for the five themes of the programme, and the Infrastructure & Capacity Building project. The Project Summary (Appendix 3) gives an update by each project. The Annual Report (Appendix 4) gives a programme overview with highlights of its impact.

Recommendations:

The Grants Determination Sub Committee is recommended to:

1. Note the performance of the Local Community Fund (LCF) programme for October 2021 – September 2022, as set out in 3.3 to 3.8 and Appendices 3 and 4.
2. Note the performance of the Infrastructure & Capacity Building project as set out in 3.10.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 The Grants Determination Sub Committee (GDSC) Terms of Reference sets out the need to provide performance reporting to the Committee.
- 1.2 Regular performance updates ensure that the LCF themes and individual projects are on track to achieve the targeted outcomes. Any issues that arise can be addressed and appropriate remedial actions agreed. Where necessary, this could include the reduction, withdrawal or reallocation of funds to ensure that the overall Programme is making the most effective use of resources and maximising the potential achievement of agreed aims and objectives

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 Information relating to various aspects of project and monitoring activity is contained within the report to provide Grants Determination Sub-Committee (GDSC) with an overall understanding of how projects and organisations have performed against the key elements of their Funding Agreements.
- 2.2 GDSC could request further information.

3. DETAILS OF THE REPORT

3.1 Background

In July 2019 the Council agreed a programme of funding for voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations from 1st October 2019. This programme is called the Local Community Fund (LCF) with 50 projects awarded funding totalling £9.31m up to 31 March 2023 to deliver activity across five themes:

- Inclusion Health and Wellbeing
- Digital Inclusion and Awareness
- Information Advice and Guidance
- Employment and Skills
- Community Safety.

At GDSC meeting on 9th March 2022 it was agreed that the above LCF projects would be extended until September 2023 to ensure that council-funded VCS services are in operation whilst the council develops new funding options for the VCS to commence in October 2023. The cost of this extension amounts to £1,329,616. The delivery of the LCF Programme has been supported by the Infrastructure & Capacity Building Programme. At GDSC meeting on 3rd July 2019 it was agreed that funding of £780,000 from this programme would be allocated between October 2019 to September 2022 to Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Service (THCVS) to deliver infrastructure support for local VCS organisations and support the VCS in strategic partnership working. It was agreed at GDSC meeting on 25th January

2023 that funding for THCVS to deliver this programme would be extended from October 2022 to September 2023, on the basis of a £260,000 grant.

3.2 Appendix 4 Annual Report presents a programme report, highlighting the work done by programme Theme, including case studies. The Report also includes equalities and geographical breakdowns of programme beneficiaries, using the aggregated information from the individual project reports.

3.3 Overview of October 2021 – September 2022

- (a)** In the October 2021-September 2022 funding year LCF providers had to respond to the cost of living crisis, which led to increased demands on their services, particularly for those focused on tackling poverty and social exclusion. VCS organisations found it more difficult to retain staff due to challenges or inability to offer wage increases in line with inflation. There was also the challenge of responding to increased demand for physically-based services.
- (b)** LCF providers demonstrated significant resilience in responding to the above demands. Projects continued to be successfully delivered although one project had to suspend its services permanently following an organisation's review of its services: please see 3.3 (d).
- (c)** LCF projects are assigned a Red, Amber or Green rating (RAG rating) when reporting to the GDSC on project performance - please see Appendix 1 for more details. Of the 49 remaining LCF projects all were classed as Green in relation to the October 2021-September 2022 funding year, as was Infrastructure & Capacity Building Project, enabling all project payments to be made for that year. Two LCF projects are currently classified as Red, from the January-March 2023 quarter, due to premises issues – please see report of LCF programme in the October-December 2022 quarter.
- (d)** As previously reported to GDSC, one project's services were permanently suspended during the October 2021-September 2022 funding year - St Hilda's East Community Centre's Surjamuki Disabled Youth Project in January 2022, following a review of the organisation's services. St Hilda's ensured that project beneficiaries, with their co-operation and that of their parents, were satisfactorily transitioned to other appropriate services to receive required support. The Council has not made any LCF project payments to St Hilda's for the above project for any activity post-December 2021.

3.4 Theme 1 Inclusion, Health and Wellbeing (27 projects)

(a) Scheme A Children, Young People and Families (Eight projects)

Projects in this scheme are focused on developing the confidence and life opportunities of young people. Significant areas of progress in past year included:

- Canaan Project's Isle of Dogs project, which offers a range of activities to young girls aged 11-19 in the Isle of Dogs, set up a new after school club at Canary Wharf youth hub.
- 86% of the 192 beneficiaries of Half Moon Young People's Theatre's Professional Theatre and Inclusive Participatory Drama for Young People project reported at the end of year that they were feeling definitely confident about being in youth theatre.
- Newark Youth London's Girls in Action project supported 25 girls and young women to deliver social action projects for others, enabling them to increase their leadership skills and establish their own initiatives.

(b) Scheme B – Older People (Seven projects)

Projects are concerned with improving the health and wellbeing of older residents. Notable areas of success have included:

- 94% of the isolated, housebound older people supported by Age UK East London's Friend at Home project reported an increase or stabilisation of their well-being via the Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Wellbeing Scale.
- the Lunch and Social Club provided by Community of Refugees from Vietnam – East London supported 60 people aged 50+ from the Vietnamese and Chinese community in Tower Hamlets through lunches, delivery service, and a range of social activities.
- 105 beneficiaries of St Hilda's East Community Centre's Older People's 'Feeling Good!' Wellbeing Project reported to be feeling less socially isolated and lonely.

(c) Scheme C – Access, Information and Self-Management (Two projects)

Projects enable older and physically disabled residents to be better informed and equipped to manage health and social care conditions. Progress has included:

- Globe Community Project's Take Back Your Life project provided a mindfulness-based pain management programme to 69 people that addressed chronic pain/illness and related social isolation and inactivity.
- Real DPO's Taking Control of Your Life project supported 47% of its 69 disabled beneficiaries to maximise their income through accessing benefits, grants and support to access services, for which there would usually be a charge.

(d) Scheme D – Healthy Living and Healthy Choices (Six projects)

Projects are concerned with making residents better informed, to enable them to make healthier choices, and increasing engagement in physical activity. Successes have included:

- London Tigers' Exercise for Health (BAME Women, Children and Young People) engaged 193 children and 182 women in a series of sports, physical activities and health-related workshops.

- Stifford Centre-led consortium's Healthy Lifestyle Partnership Programme delivered a free health club to 444 people, with 92% of members reporting that participation in club activities had led to improvements in their health.
- The Bangladesh Youth Movement's Live Healthy Enjoy Life project increased awareness of health issues for 130 women from Bangladeshi and other Black, Asian and Multi-Ethnic communities.

(e) Scheme E – Improved Inclusion, Health and Well-being Outcomes for Disabled People and People Experiencing Mental Health Issues (Four projects)

Projects are focused on improving health outcomes for disabled people and ensuring that people experiencing mental health issues are better supported. Areas of success have included:

- deafPlus' Improving Health and Wellbeing for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People in Tower Hamlets project supported improvements in health and well-being of 40 deaf and hard of hearing adults through a range of events and well-being sessions.
- Woman's Trust's Therapeutic Support Groups for Women Affected by Domestic Abuse project's support for its beneficiaries resulted in 86% of them reporting that their stress and anxiety levels had either improved or not worsened, whilst 72% reported improved self-esteem.
- Working Well Trust's Upskill project supported 125 beneficiaries with lived experience of mental health to access well-being and training opportunities.

3.5 Theme 2 Digital Inclusion and Awareness

(a) Scheme A: ICT Skills and Digital Careers (Three projects)

Theme's projects provide digital ICT skills and knowledge to residents:

- Limehouse Project's DigITIES project enabled 192 older people to learn to use three ICT platforms.
- Newham New Deal Partnership's @online club Network Tower Hamlets project supported 17 older residents to do more activities on-line.
- Wapping Bangladesh Association's Digital First project enabled eight older adults to develop a better understanding and appreciation of learning how to use computers and the internet.

(b) Scheme B: Online Safety (Two projects)

Projects focus on children and young people's online safety. Progress has included:

- SocietyLinks Tower Hamlets E-Safety Champions project trained local women to be champions for e-safety in the community to enable 45 local residents to be more knowledgeable about the potential dangers of on-line activities, including abuse of social media and on-line fraud.

- Sporting Foundation's Building Digital Resilience project enabled 215 parents and young people to be more aware of the relationship between social media and on-line grooming and other risks.

3.6 Theme 3 Advice and Information (Two projects)

- (a) There has been an increased demand on the services of East End Citizens Advice Bureaux-led Advice Tower Hamlets Consortium with the cost of living crisis, including demands for fuel and food vouchers. It assisted 21,402 clients with social welfare advice and supported 4,543 beneficiaries to increase or maximise their income. Project secured £22,062,653 for clients through either increase in income or backdated payment and £4,081,597 in reduction or write off of personal debt for beneficiaries.
- (b) Island Advice Centre's Tower Hamlets Advice Training and Capacity Building Project delivered 39 Advice Workshops on benefits issues to 508 people working in the borough's advice sector.

3.7 Theme 4 Employment and Skills

- (a) Areas of this theme's projects' success in delivering employment and training support in last year are outlined below.
- (b) **Scheme 4A: Developing and embedding good practice in the workplace for people with disabilities, learning difficulties and physical and mental health barriers to work (One project)**

Real DPO's Then and Now project engaged 50 organisations on a range of activities, including one-to-one advice service and 2-hour shared learning and development workshops.

- (c) **Scheme 4B: Reducing barriers to employment for disadvantaged groups (Four projects)**
- Limehouse Project's Developing Potential project supported 16 women from Black, Asian & Multi-Ethnic communities to complete and gain accredited qualifications.
 - SocietyLinks' Tower Hamlet's Job Club enabled 15 beneficiaries to access employment and provided employment support to 127 people who were not in employment, education or training (NEET) and from workless households.
 - Stifford Centre Limited's BAME Women's Employment Support Programme delivered accredited training, including in child care and digital learning to 16 women to enable them to progress towards employment.
- (d) **Scheme 4C: Support focused on increasing access to art and cultural industries (Four projects)**
- Auto Italia South East's Learning Live! project supported 233 young people from socially excluded groups through portfolio review and mentoring workshops to explore creative careers and university courses.

- 13 trainees on Four Corners Ltd's ZOOM Film School successfully completed their training in a camera, production and editing programme accredited by the Open College Network.
- The Bromley by Bow Centre's Creative Communities project supported 12 beneficiaries to obtain sustainable paid employment of over 26 weeks in the arts sector and 58 beneficiaries to progress onto art-related training.

3.8 Theme 5 Community Safety

- (a) Project achievements for this theme in promoting community safety in the funding year are outlined below.
- (b) **Scheme A- Reduction in the exploitation of children, young people and other vulnerable groups (Three projects)**
- Osmani Trust's Schools and Community Resilience Programme secured improvements in attitude and outlook on life with 93 pupils, with 36 pupils benefitting from mentoring support.
 - 28 young people fully completed Streets of Growth's Resilient Young Leaders Programme, which now has a Young People's leadership network of 79 young people.
- (c) **Scheme B - Improving the perception of young people in the community (Two projects)**
- Four Corners Ltd's Into Focus Photography project supported 43 children, aged between 14-25, and 11 people over 50, to take part in 55 experimental photography workshops.
 - Leaders in Community's Mind the Gap project hosted a quiz event at the Teviot Centre involving young people, who ran the event, and elders, with the young people using their digital skills to support the older people.
- (d) **Scheme C - Services for people affected by domestic violence or other unsafe circumstances (One project)**
- Hestia Housing and Support's Families Safe and Secure in Tower Hamlets project promoted awareness amongst children and families of domestic violence and sexual assault, supporting 31 families within a Tower Hamlets domestic abuse refuge - 31 mothers and 47 children.

3.9 Premises update

- (a) There are several LCF funded organisations that are based in Council-owned buildings. It is a condition of funding that LCF organisations occupying Council owned premises have an appropriate property agreement in place. No payments to LCF projects for October 2021-September 2022 are currently outstanding due to premises issues.

3.10 Infrastructure & Capacity Building

- (a) Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Services (THCVS) is the lead organisation in a partnership with Volunteer Centre Tower Hamlets (VCTH) to

deliver the Infrastructure and Capacity Building project, focusing on increasing the range and number of VCS organisations in the borough that are well-run, resilient and sustainable and strengthening the VCS as a key public sector strategic delivery partner in Tower Hamlets. Achievements in the funding year included:

- supported 119 VCS organisations on 307 interactions, with positive feedback received from 99 organisations (83%)
- secured £1.1 million in external funding to support partnership work between local VCS organisations
- delivered training to 53 volunteer managers (target of 36), with 96% of trainees completing feedback survey reporting positive outcomes
- 82 VCS organisations advertised their volunteering roles through the project's Volunteering Hub (target of 75) with 175 roles advertised
- 664 new volunteer registrations with the Hub (annual target of 500 registrations)
- training and matching borough residents from Black, Asian & Multi-Ethnic communities to serve as trustees, matching 17 of them to serve on the boards of 10 local VCS organisations in this role.

3.11 A summary of the progress of individual LCF programme projects and the Infrastructure & Capacity Building project is outlined in **Appendix 3 LCF Project Summary October 2021 – September 2022**.

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The programme has made good progress in October 2021-September 2022 in supporting protected characteristic groups and residents from different areas of the borough. This progress is outlined in **Appendix 2 LCF Programme Annual Report October 2021-September 2022 - Profile Of Beneficiaries**

5. OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This section of the report is used to highlight further specific statutory implications that are either not covered in the main body of the report or are required to be highlighted to ensure decision makers give them proper consideration. Examples of other implications may be:

- Best Value Implications,
- Consultations,
- Environmental (including air quality),
- Risk Management,
- Crime Reduction,
- Safeguarding.

5.2 There are no other specific statutory implications relevant to consideration of this report.

6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications of this report. Appendix 3 details the projects and programmes allocated within the overall grant budget of £11.67M.

7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES

- 7.1 The terms of reference of the Grants Determination (Cabinet) Sub-Committee require regular reporting where grants have been given based upon a general delegation. This report complies with that requirement.
- 7.2 The Council is required to ensure it achieves statutory Best Value in the delivery of its functions. Grants form part of that statutory framework and the monitoring of the use of the grant and achieved outcomes assists in compliance with the Best Value duty.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- NONE

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Local Community Fund Programme Management Arrangements
- Appendix 2 LCF Programme Annual Report October 2021-September 2022 - Profile Of Beneficiaries
- Appendix 3 – LCF Project Summary October 2021 – September 2022
- Appendix 4 Annual Report

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

- NONE

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Appendix 1 - Local Community Fund Programme Management Arrangements

Each Local Community Fund project has a named VCS Development officer who works with the projects to support the organisation and ensure the overall aims of the programme are met.

Theme and thematic areas also have named officers and they work with other teams / directorates in the Council and the wider sector to ensure the LCF programme links in with Council and wider borough aims and objectives.

RAG Rating – projects are assigned a Red, Amber or Green rating when reporting to the Grants Determination Sub Committee on project performance, summary below and Appendix 2.1 for more details.

RED

- organisation has not signed funding agreement
- significant planned delivery not taken place
- serious project management issues
- high risk that the project will not achieve planned outcomes

AMBER

- significant underperformance against targets
- some planned delivery not taken place
- some project management issues
- still able to achieve project outcomes over the lifetime of the project with support

GREEN

- on track to achieve project objectives
- delivery taken place
- any performance issues are resolved
- satisfactory project management

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Appendix 2

Local Community Fund Programme October 2021-September 2022 Profile Of Beneficiaries

1. Protected Characteristics

- 71.9% of the beneficiaries (18,542 people) were from Black, Asian & Multi-ethnic communities. Bangladeshi was the ethnic group with the highest percentage of beneficiaries, with 39.8% (10,245 people), followed by White British, with 21.9% (5,632 people).¹
- 59.1% of beneficiaries were women (15,780 people) and 40.6% were men (10,828 people)
- The projects supported 12,604 individuals who reported they had a disability. This included:
 - ❖ 4,858 beneficiaries reporting having a long-standing illness or health condition
 - ❖ 2,866 beneficiaries reporting having a mental health condition
 - ❖ 2,391 beneficiaries reporting having a physical impairment
 - ❖ 782 beneficiaries reporting having a learning disability
 - ❖ 630 beneficiaries reporting having a sensory impairment
- 11.9% of beneficiaries were 65+ (3,076 people)
- The percentage of beneficiaries from LGBT groups was 1.1%.

2. Council Ward of Residence

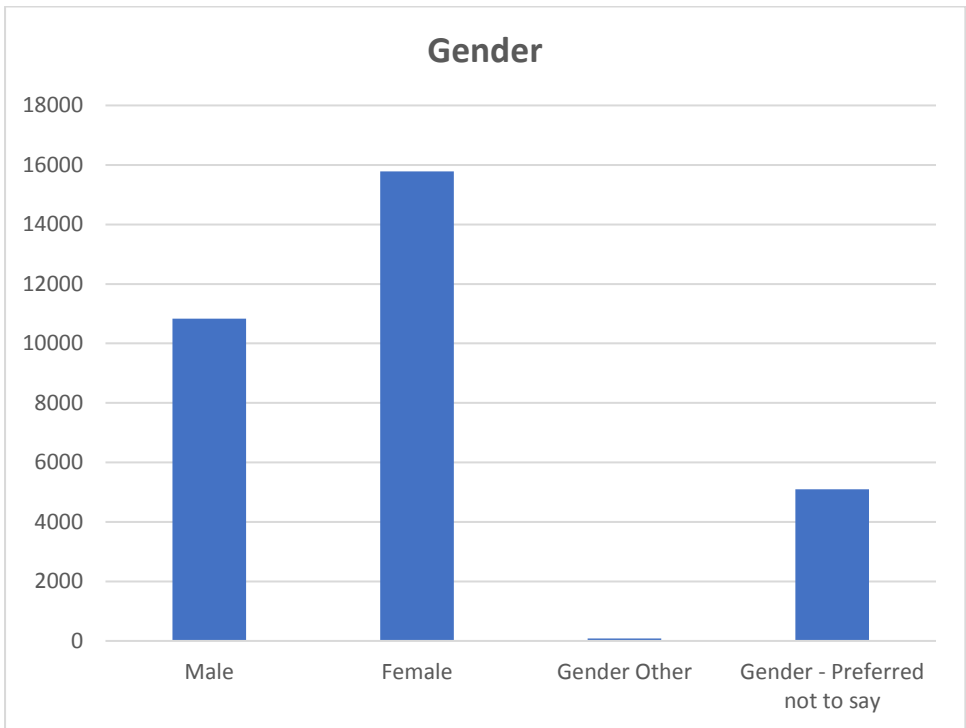
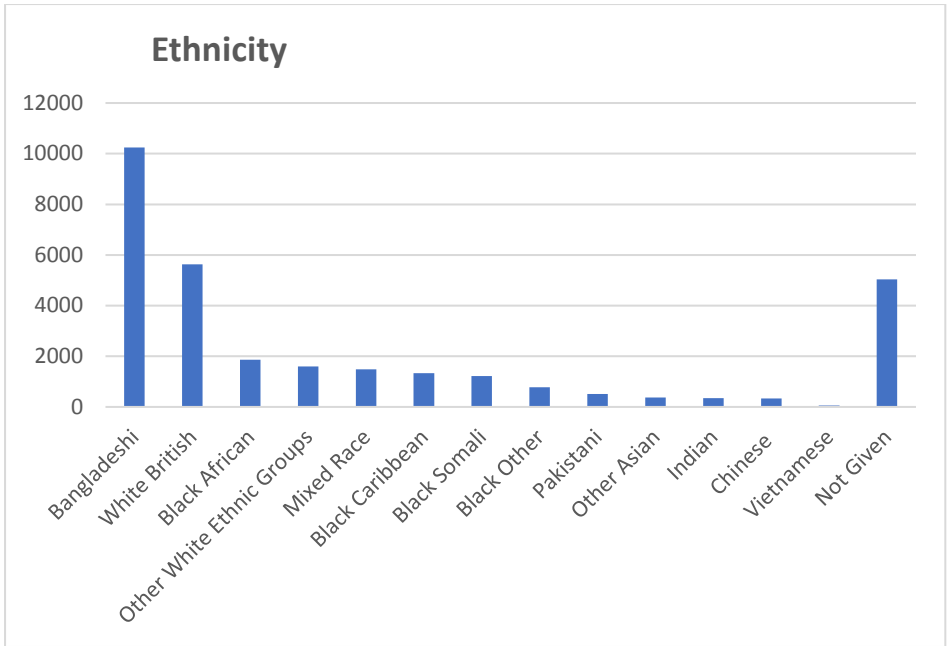
(a) The ward of beneficiaries with the highest percentage of programme beneficiaries were:

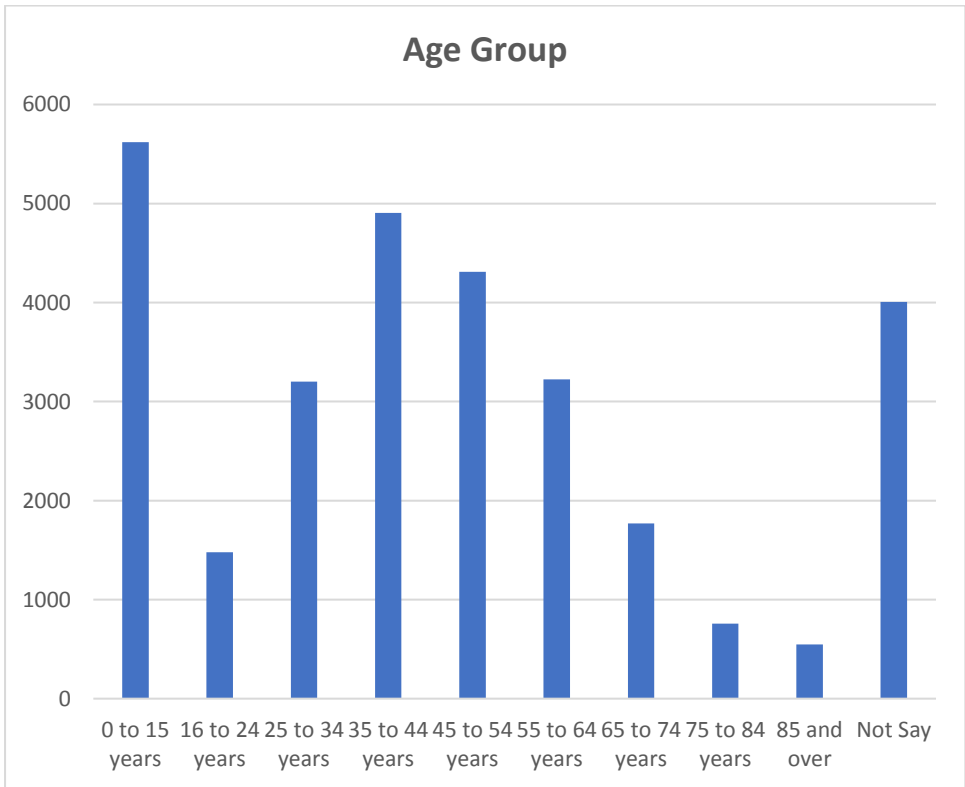
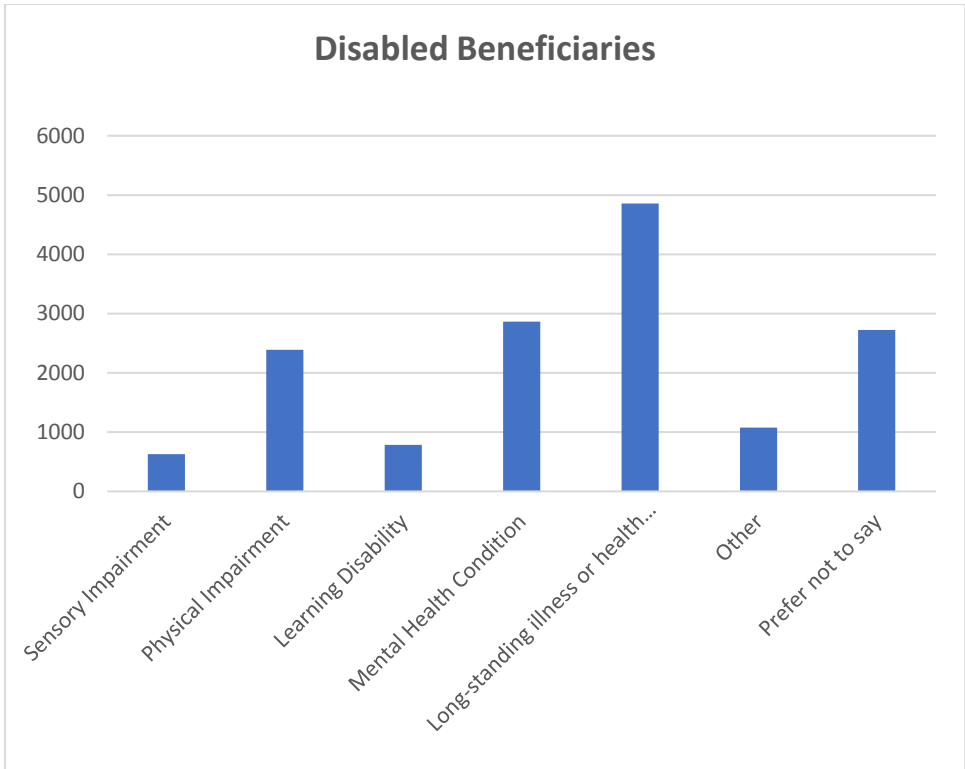
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| • Bethnal Green | 8.8% |
| • Poplar | 8.3% |
| • Mile End | 7% |
| • Whitechapel | 7% |
| • Bow East | 6.7% |

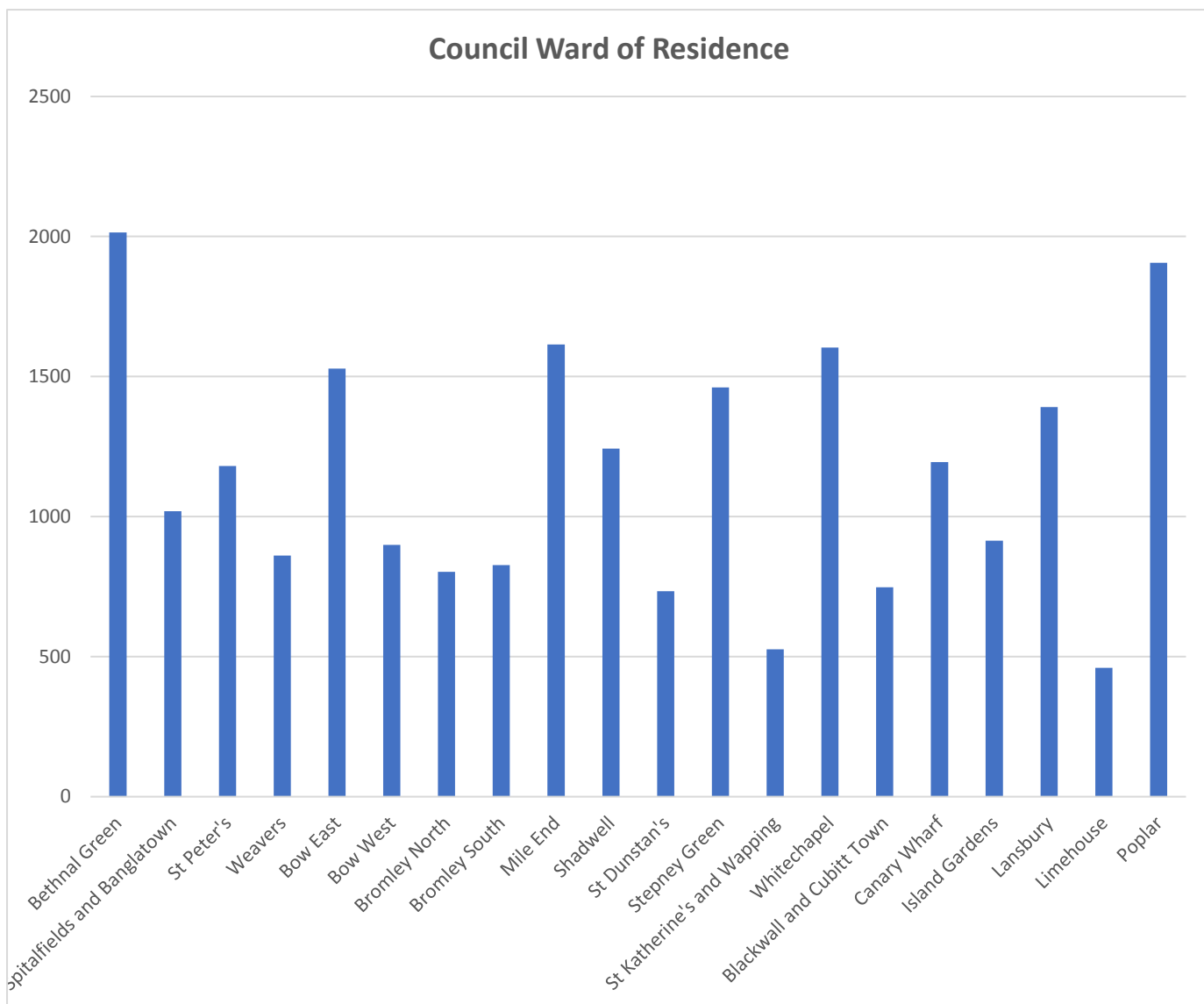
(b) The wards with the lowest percentage of programme beneficiaries were:

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| • Limehouse | 2% |
| • St Katherine's & Wapping | 2.3% |
| • St Dunstan's | 3.2% |
| • Blackwall & Cubitt Town | 3.3% |
| • Bromley North | 3.5% |

¹ All calculation of percentages in paragraph 3.2 (e) to (f) excludes beneficiaries who preferred not to provide a response to a question on their protected characteristic.







Theme / Scheme	1- Inclusion, Health & Wellbeing 1A - Children, Young People & Families				
Priorities:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase access to Youth Services 2. Provision of Early Help support to families 3. Support for young carer 				
Outcomes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children and young people, in particularly girls and young women: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. have more confidence in themselves; b. are more resilient, and c. are able to, and do, access a range of spaces, activities and social opportunities across Tower Hamlets. 2. Girls and young women feel included, are able to participate in any service, and are more likely to train to become youth leaders and/or develop their own initiatives. 3. Children and young people who may feel excluded from participating in mainstream services and activities (e.g from minority groups, who are disabled, who are LGBTQI, or who are carers for others) can participate in a range of activities and experiences. 4. Children, young people and their families are listened to and their input is considered and included in decision making. 5. Young carers are supported and included; their needs and concerns are understood and are taken into account at local and strategic levels. 6. Children under 5 grow up in positive family environments and are supported to thrive. 				
Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 21– Sep 22	RAG Rating / Comments
Canaan Project/ Canaan Project - Isle of Dogs	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£ 115,240	Canaan Project provides activities for young women aged 11-19 on the Isle of Dogs. Working with George Green’s school and Café Forever it offers activities including cooking, craft, sports, and inspirational workshops at weekly lunch and after school clubs as well as opportunities to participate in regular trips.	Feedback demonstrated the young women participants felt more included, could participate in services, and were more likely to train to become youth leaders or develop their own initiatives with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90% demonstrating increased confidence. • 90% showing improved ability to build and maintain positive relationships. • 60% have increased aspirations for their futures. 	GREEN The project made good progress against its KPIs. It established a strong presence on the Isle of Dogs, working with over 240 young women across two schools. A new after school club at Canary Wharf youth hub started in the funding year. The project was able to run its first residential since 2020 and held a summer party attended by 30 young women in July 2022.

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 21– Sep 22	RAG Rating / Comments
Half Moon Young People's Theatre /Professional Theatre and Inclusive Participatory Drama for Young People	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£ 152,853	Professional theatre shows and inclusive participatory drama opportunities in an accessible and welcoming venues. The activity is for children and young people from 0-18 (or 25 for disabled young people) from all backgrounds and abilities from across Tower Hamlets, providing free access to anyone who needs it.	<p>192 young people, including those from marginalised groups, participated in the project’s cultural activities, enabling them to improve their health and well-being.</p> <p>At the start of the year, 67% of young people were ‘definitely’ feeling confident about being in Youth Theatre. This rose to 86% at the end of the year.</p> <p>At the start of the year, 15% of young people felt ‘not at all’ confident talking to people they didn’t know, by the end of the year only 9% didn’t feel completely confident.</p> <p>At the start of Youth Theatre, 85% of young people felt like they would make new friends and 89% felt they had made new friends at Youth Theatre by the year end.</p>	<p>GREEN The project progressed well against its KPIs. Over the year 192 young people from all wards in Tower Hamlets participated in Youth Theatre sessions at Half Moon. 81% of them attended at least 80% of sessions a term.</p> <p>The project also delivered 60 Creative Play sessions at six different Children and Family Centres around the borough, working with 265 participants from 125 families. This work supported parents to spend more time talking to and singing with their children.</p> <p>Over the year 5,936 people attended shows at the Theatre, with an estimated 3.540 of these people being new to the theatre.</p>
Look Ahead Care and Support / Domestic Abuse Children's Worker	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£ 162,086	A specialist Domestic Abuse Children’s Worker to support children who are vulnerable due to early exposure to domestic abuse. Providing emotional support through age-appropriate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 29 children supported regarding their psychological wellbeing. • 24 new adult beneficiaries supported by the project. 	<p>GREEN Children were supported to access education and nurseries and families were helped to register with GPs.</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 21– Sep 22	RAG Rating / Comments
			engagement to address challenges faced by children living at organisation’s LBTH Domestic Abuse Service and in the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 mothers and children who report improved communication with their child. 	The project did not make progress in the funding year against its intended outcome of supporting local statutory and voluntary agencies, working with children who have been exposed to domestic abuse, to increase their awareness of the associated risks of abuse and be able to better support the children that they look after. It took steps to address this.
Newark Youth London / Girls in Action	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£ 80,725	This project provides access to regular youth services for girls and young women, so that they can develop their leadership, communication and organisational skills, increase confidence and life skills and become more resilient. The project provides six-month social action projects and other learning opportunities.	<p>Increase in girls and young women accessing youth services and activities, with 39 registering in youth activities during the year and 78% of those attending 5 or more sessions.</p> <p>Of these participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25 delivered social action projects for others, increasing their leadership skills and setting up their own initiatives. 4 increased their accredited qualifications by achieving an Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network (ASDAN) Leadership course. 13 achieved a First Aid at Work qualification. 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The project under-performed against some of its KPIs. It recruited 39 girls and young women during the 12-month period and was able to bring them together, providing a platform, space and resources to develop themselves and the communities they belong to.</p>

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Osmani Trust / Family Mentoring Project (FMP) Early Help	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£ 144,000	This project provides, through family mentoring, a range of Early Help support to children, young people and their families to help them overcome their immediate challenges and meet their needs, enabling them to thrive in healthy and safe families.	<p>31 families were supported through the Early Help project. Outcomes of interventions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 families’ reporting increased confidence and Improvement in parenting skills. • 8 young people accessing a range of spaces, activities and social opportunities across the borough. • Increase in resilience in young people and families - 8 • Improvements in family relationship/environments for children and young people – 20 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The project made good progress against its KPIs. The parenting programmes and workshops helped parents to explore their parenting skills. It resulted in parents feeling less overwhelmed and enabled access to relevant services, including mental health and well-being support, disability support, debt support and volunteering. The project also enabled young people to gain more confidence, improved their engagement with schools and supported them to develop more positive attitudes and relationships with parent and peers.</p>
St Hilda's East Community Centre / St. Hilda's Girls Driven Project	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£ 65,856	St. Hilda's Girls Driven Project is an inspirational initiative designed to support, inspire, drive girls and young women to reach their full potential and realise their authentic ambitious life goals. It enhances core skills, confidence, grit, motivation, equality and leadership by building on current and long heritage of successful girls work.	Over the funding year the project worked with 19 girls and young women from a range of backgrounds, supporting them to develop their confidence. It delivered sessions focused on positive mental health and boosting self-esteem and confidence through various activities, including sports, arts and crafts, music, self-care sessions and trips. The project delivered mental health awareness	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The project progressed well against its KPIs. It improved the inclusion of girls and young women, enabling them to access a range of youth related services in the borough. The girls took part in a trip to Canary Wharf ice skating, Epping Forest and a weekend residential, helping them to improve their self-development and resilience, broadening their experiences. Project sessions enabled</p>

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				<p>in several formats, such as art workshops.</p> <p>During the year, the girls took part in two intergenerational activities. For Women’s History Month the girls worked with other projects from across St Hildas, bringing together over 50 younger and older members to honour and celebrate the women of St Hilda’s through a photographic exhibition. They also hosted Food for Thought Talkaoke with The People Speak, interacting with the local community in discussions around current topics.</p>	<p>participants to have open discussions and share problems or concerns with their peers, whereby they received advice, solutions and support from each other. Existing members of the project begun to serve in leadership roles, supporting new cohorts of girls who were joining the project.</p>
Stifford Centre Limited / Stifford Young Girl's Project	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£ 58,256	The Project runs a Young Girl’s Club offering disadvantaged young girls a safe space in which they can socialise, participate in a range of activities that encourage their wellbeing, improve confidence and learn skills that are useful for their future development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 46 participants benefitted from physical, leisure, health and creative activities and workshops promoting learning opportunities for personal and professional development • 96% of participants reported that the quality of the project’s services were very good and felt that they had contributed towards improving their well-being. 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The project progressed well against its KPIs. It succeeded in engaging its beneficiaries in on-line training activities. This included training activities on cardio exercises and yoga from a trained instructor. Services were also delivered in person, including 1:1 support for those who needed help on job applications and general well-being support. Young people supported by the project led on a few of its sessions in which they discussed</p>

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				Project has delivered training for 18 beneficiaries (40% of all beneficiaries) that have enhanced their employability skills. This included CV building sessions and a business start-up course.	issues relating to their area, including gang crimes and anti-social behaviour. Project beneficiaries also took a lead in organising the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee event.
The Yard Theatre Ltd / Tower Hamlets Teens	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£147,653	Free, fortnightly youth leadership workshops, weekly drama workshops, summer masterclasses, and schools’ performances for Tower Hamlets teenagers. Delivered at Tower Hamlets assets, Hub67, The Yard, and local schools, the project increases access to youth services, improves participants’ health and wellbeing through cultural activities, and supports community cohesion through public events.	144 Tower Hamlets teenager took part in project activities, alongside 327 teenagers from neighbouring boroughs, helping to forge new cross-borough friendships. 74% of the above Tower Hamlets participants were young women. Amongst Yard Youth beneficiaries, young women reported improvements in well-being, skills and confidence that ranged from 70% to over 100%. 100% of regular, surveyed participants reported an improvement in their sense of health, happiness and wellbeing as a result of project activities.	GREEN The project made good progress against its KPIs. The return of in-person events gave teenagers more opportunities to have an impact on their local community. A year-round theatre programme provided them with more material to engage with and be inspired by. 100% of regular project participants felt more confident around employment. The project directly supported five people to access higher education and employment opportunities.

Scheme:	1B – Older People
Priorities:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ageing well and reducing social isolation 2. Provision of physical and health-promotion activities for older people
Outcomes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduced isolation and loneliness among older isolated adults, particularly those who are housebound, and those facing additional challenges (e.g dementia, disability, limited English); 2. Older people are able to continue making a positive contribution to their communities; 3. Older people feel more included and integrated in their communities and are able to mix with people of different ages and from different backgrounds to increase the sharing of skills, experience and knowledge both amongst older people, and between different generations; 4. People living with dementia are supported to participate as much as, and as long as possible. Carers of people living with dementia are supported.

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Age UK East London / Caxton Hall, a dynamic activity centre led by older people for the whole community.	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£294,960	Caxton Hall is a dynamic activity centre led by older people. It involves a café, opportunities to meet neighbours and connect to other people, both young and old, in the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of new older people accessing services at Caxton Hall each year – 53 • Number of older people contributing to running the Hub Café – 25 • Number of older people feel more included and integrated as a result of participating in a community cohesion project - 86 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The project delivered various activities throughout the year including craft sessions, storytelling, wellbeing and mindfulness sessions and indoor bowls. This was complemented by the Caxton On-line; the site offers a range of resources and access to a variety of information, including details of support organisations and IT tutorials.</p> <p>The project is on track to achieve the funded outcomes.</p>
Age UK East London / Friend at Home	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£252,418	Project matches housebound older people who would like a bit more company at home with volunteers who would like to share an	Isolated, housebound older people were matched with a Friend at Home and receive weekly one-hour visits:	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The project went back to delivering in-person services; volunteers that provided the befriending services</p>

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			enjoyable hour or two of conversation and company with them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 44 newly matched older people with a Friend at Home • 82 active beneficiaries • 94% of isolated, housebound older people reported an increase or stabilisation of their well-being, as measured by the Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Wellbeing Scale. 	<p>undertook prevention control training.</p> <p>The project is on track to achieve the funded outcomes.</p>
Community of Refugees from Vietnam - East London / Vietnamese and Chinese Lunch and Social Club	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£130,912	The Vietnamese and Chinese Lunch and Social Club project provides healthy lunches and social and health promotion activities for people aged over 50, from the Vietnamese and Chinese community in Tower Hamlets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of older people supported by provision of appropriate health and social care information, safe access to nutritious food, basic supplies, money and medicine - 60 • Number of people supported to reduce isolation who live on their own or are housebound - 16 • Number of social and wellbeing activities held at the centre & online – 173. 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The project delivered on-line support and in-person services - including tai chi classes, computer class activities, table tennis and ballroom dance classes - as well as delivering food, prescription and shopping services to vulnerable older clients. Some of the key achievements in this funding year included celebrating the Lunar New Year on 13/02/22 and trips to seaside and elderly care home in Cambridge.</p> <p>The project is on track to achieve the funded outcomes.</p>

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East London Out Project / Tower Hamlets LGBT Support	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£110,470	LGBT Community Support to enhance peer networks, lessen isolation and provide mental health crisis prevention support. Two facilitated social support groups, for older people, people with mental health needs or other disabilities. Individual mental health crisis prevention support provided. LGBT training available to other organisations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of LGBT people over 50 accessing new social activity per year and reporting on increased social connections and social activity and feeling less lonely – 18 • Number of disabled LGBT people, or those experiencing mental health concerns, attend either group or individual support per year, and report better life satisfaction and better quality of life 3 months after start of service – 87 • Number of training sessions delivered to organisations – 10 training sessions over the year to 6 different organisations. 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The project continued to provide support, mainly online for the majority of this funding year. Project did some outdoor activities and in August 2022 the groups returned to in person support. The project was able to provide some individual mental health support in person, as well. The project is on track to achieve the funded outcomes.</p>

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St Hilda's East Community Centre / Older People's 'Feeling Good!' Wellbeing Project	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£120,000	'Feeling Good!' wellbeing project is based in Weavers Ward and open to older people from throughout the Borough, Monday-Friday. It provides nutritious lunches, invigorating opportunities from indoor sport, IT learning, singing, art, intergenerational activities with schoolchildren, outings and quizzes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of older people attending the varied 'Feeling Good!' activities programme report feeling less isolated and lonely – 105 • Number of people reported improved physical & mental health- 102 • Number of people surveyed said they felt more confident going out and living independently in their community - 63 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The project had to adapt the service again by starting to encourage users to return to face-to-face sessions. It built strong partnerships with Sadlers Wells, Victoria & Albert Museum, British Museum, Mind, NHS Talking Therapies, Rich Mix and Magic Me.</p> <p>The project is on track to achieve the funded outcomes.</p>
Tower Hamlets Friends and Neighbours (THFN) / Older Peoples Befriending Project	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£200,000	THFN provides befriending and advocacy services to older people in the borough. Its team of befriender advocates provides regular one to one support to people in their own homes and assist with making appointments and helps in accessing services, as well as organising small group outings locally.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of isolated older adults are visited by a befriender advocate on a fortnightly basis per year – 50 • Number of older people with dementia are visited on a regular basis by a Befriender Advocate to undertake a range of activities - 15 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>Over the course of the year THFN returned to face-to-face visiting for those clients that were happy to meet on this basis. Whilst there were a number of people happy to receive a visit, there were still many that were very anxious and requested a telephone call instead.</p> <p>Since April 2022, the Project found a huge surge in the number of new</p>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50 isolated older adults are called and visited by a befriender advocate on a weekly basis. 85% of adults called, report improved outcomes, reduced isolation. 	<p>clients being referred, which had a huge impact on service levels.</p> <p>The project is on track to achieve the funded outcomes.</p>
Toynbee Hall / The Wellbeing Centre at Toynbee Hall	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£165,656	This project offers holistic relational support to older people aged 50+ in Tower Hamlets. It aims to make Toynbee Hall’s existing provision at the Wellbeing Centre more inclusive and responsive to needs and to build stronger networks of information sharing and peer-support between users and those not accessing services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of individuals attending health promotion sessions per year held at the Wellbeing Centre – 65 Number of health promotion sessions held at the Centre per year – 143 Number of social activity sessions held at the Wellbeing Centre per year - 246 sessions with 1,955 attendances 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The project progressed well and became increasingly user led over the course of the year. People were supported in the funding year through in-person health promotion and wellbeing activities. The project is on track to achieve the funded outcomes.</p>

Scheme:	1C – Access, Information and Self-Management				
Priorities:	1. Residents better informed/equipped to manage health conditions				
Outcomes:	1. Residents of all ages are better informed/equipped to manage health conditions 2. Increased awareness of and access to local services, including crisis support 3. Residents and their families are aware of the benefits of healthy eating and eat more healthily				
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Globe Community Project / Take Back Your Life	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£112,189	A mindfulness-based pain management programme, addressing chronic pain/illness, related social isolation and inactivity delivered by experienced, fully accredited Breathworks trainers.	The project supported 69 people through Take Back Your Life (TBYL) in the funding year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of people per year with chronic pain and illness have increased knowledge, tools and skills to manage their health condition and live independent lives – 45 Number of people per year with chronic pain and illness experience reduced pain experience and pain discomfort and increased ability to manage pain through development of mindfulness practise – 34 	GREEN The project provided a mix of online, in-person and one to one telephone sessions, helping people manage chronic pain and illness. The project is on track to achieve the funded outcomes.

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of people per year with chronic pain and illness report feeling less socially isolated as a result of meeting others with similar health conditions during the programme – 36. 	
Real DPO Ltd / Taking Control of Your Life	01/04/2020 30/09/2023	£249,959	The Taking Control of Your Life project delivers creative support planning alongside a user-led co-production group harnessing the views of people with lived experience of disability. This project maximises independence, supporting people to make decisions on how they want to fulfil their ambitions and also help “change the system”.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People in the borough with lived experience of disability are recruited and trained to form a co-production steering group to look at barriers to access for disabled people and solutions to those issues – 26 47% of clients were supported to maximise their income through accessing benefits, grants and support to access services for which there would usually be a charge 90% of those supported to develop a support plan reported feeling they have more choice and control over their lives. 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The project provided high-level support to clients with complex needs.</p> <p>The project is on track to achieve its lifetime targets.</p>

Scheme:	1D – Healthy living and healthy choices
Priorities:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Residents better informed to make healthier choices 2. Increased engagement in physical activity
Outcomes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased participation in a wide range of culture, play, physical activity, leisure and sport that are inclusive of age, gender, disability, race and mobility 2. More social opportunities for reducing isolation through participation in culture, play physical activity and sport. 3. Increased participation from marginalised groups 4. Creating opportunities for intergenerational relationships, shared experience through culture, play, physical activity, leisure and sport for all above

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London Tigers / Exercise for health: BAME women, children and young people	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£170,960	Exercise for health project delivers a series of sports, physical activities and health-related workshops for women, young people and children to make positive choices about their health and wellbeing. It provides pathways to stay involved, excel in sports, and develop healthier habits for life.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 193 Children were engaged in positive activities- 84% children and young people (actual of 147 children) reported an improvement in their health and wellbeing • 182 women were engaged in positive activities during year 3 • 91% of women reported feeling less lonely • 91% of women reported feeling more connected to the community • 99% women (actual of 156 women) reported improved health and wellbeing. 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The third year of this project concluded exceptionally well. The project started off the year very strongly with confidence and enthusiasm. It was the first time the project was able to deliver all the sessions in all four quarters of the year physically, yet it continued to have an online session every week, on top of the in-person sessions.</p> <p>The project is on track to meet the desired outcomes.</p>

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MUDCHUTE ASSOCIATION / Playing out at Mudchute	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£80,000	Mudchute’s unique natural facilities provide a range of freely chosen play opportunities in a safe, stimulating environment. Project enables children to have access to participation in freely chosen, innovative leisure and sporting activities to promote exercise, healthy eating, social and life skills through the process of ‘Learning through Play’	<p>In the project year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2000 residents have been engaged in regular physical activity, leading to improved health; 75% were children and young people. • 90 children who do not usually interact in social events took part • 400 disabled children and young people participated • 800 Bangladeshi children (including girls) engaged 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The project was successful in delivering play opportunities that catered for the whole family, particularly during the school holidays and festive periods. The project continued to use social media to promote its activities and stay connected with supporters online.</p> <p>The project is on track to achieve the desired outcomes.</p>
Newark Youth London / Healthy-Active-Together (HeAT)	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£112,456	The Healthy-Active-Together (HeAT) project offers a wide range of sports and physical activities across the borough with the objective of engaging inactive young people (10 to 25) and their families in regular sports and physical activities to improve health and wellbeing and reduce isolation and exclusion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of previously inactive children, young people and adults participating in sports and physical activity regularly – 242 • Number of new participants who have reported that they have benefitted from improved fitness and mental wellbeing – 133 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The project successfully delivered 234 sessions of varied activities, totalling 448 hours of delivery.</p> <p>The project is on track to achieve the desired outcomes.</p>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of new participants who have reported reduced isolation and loneliness, improved confidence to exercise/walk and developed an interest in health and wellbeing -133 	
Stifford Centre Limited / Healthy Lifestyle Partnership Programme	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£320,109	A free membership health club with over 20 different classes and groups per week, delivered by a consortium of VCS organisations. The Health Club is suitable for all ages and participants design the activity program alongside providers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of registered users of health club per annum – 444 • 92% of members reported higher levels of well-being after six weeks of membership. • 92% of members reported that they have experienced improved symptoms of health. 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>Stifford Centre (Lead partner) and delivery Partners: Stepney City Farm, Shadwell Basin Activity Centre and Dorset Community Association (DCA) work together as a consortium to deliver the Healthy Lifestyle Partnership Programme.</p> <p>In the funding year the consortium organised two big events: celebration of Queen’s Platinum Jubilee and Festival of Communities, which brought together the wider community and residents to participate in cohesion and sports events. All the sessions were delivered face-to-face that year.</p> <p>The project is on track to achieve the desired outcomes.</p>

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The Bangladesh Youth Movement (BYM) / Live Healthy Enjoy Life [the Female Health & Development Project]	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£86,168	‘Live Healthy, Enjoy Life’ operates from BYM’s Women’s Centre, providing proactive and responsive health development activities which ensure excluded women from Black, Asian & Multi-Ethnic communities develop healthy lives and manage their own physical and mental health; peer volunteer befriending and development of social networks to alleviate isolation and facilitate inclusion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of women from Black, Asian & Multi-Ethnic communities accessing health support activities – 130 • Number of women from Black, Asian & Multi-Ethnic communities/Bangladeshi women raising their awareness on a range of health issues appropriate to leading healthier lives – 130 • Numbers accessing the women’s forum – 25 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The project supported 130 women over the funding year who participated in a range of health and wellbeing activities. The beneficiaries provided positive feedback about their engagement with the project.</p> <p>The project is on track to meet the desired outcomes.</p>
The Royal Society for Blind Children / Live Active, Live Well Tower Hamlets	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£72,529	Live Active, Live Well Tower Hamlets enables 60 blind and partially sighted young people aged 8-25 to gain the confidence and motivation to participate in physical activities and inform their ability to make healthier choices over the next three years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 65% of young people have reported an increase in their physical activity levels. • 79% reported that their health had improved. By attending wellbeing sessions young people have reported the impact this has had on their lifestyle • 75% have reported improvements in their self-confidence and resilience. 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>In the funding year the project recruited 11 new people onto the programme and supported 22 existing young people.</p> <p>The Health and Well Being sessions were delivered mainly through face-to-face option and some through virtual platforms. The project worked with participants to get them involved in leading and helping develop the sessions.</p>

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					The project is on track to achieve its lifetime targets.

Scheme:	1E – Improved inclusion, health and well-being outcomes for disabled people and people experiencing mental health issues
Priorities:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improved health outcomes for disabled people 2. People experiencing mental health issues are better supported
Outcomes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More mainstream services are culturally inclusive, welcoming and accessible for disabled people and people experiencing mental health issues from different ethnic backgrounds, different faith backgrounds, and who are LGBTQI 2. Adults with complex needs (i.e who have multiple issues affecting their lives) have better health outcomes 3. Disabled people and people experiencing mental health issues; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) are more independent b) are more aware of and more likely to participate in local services c) have a better quality of life 4. People experiencing mental health issues have improved knowledge of where to access support, including peer support, social activities, and activities that build confidence and develop resilience

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deafPLUS / Improving Health and Wellbeing for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people in Tower Hamlets	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£180,856	A borough wide health and wellbeing project that addresses health inequalities, loneliness and isolation, mental health issues and barriers to employment, lack of confidence and self-esteem by bringing deaf and hard of hearing people together across communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 42 service users reported an improvement in their feelings of isolation when accessing events over the past year • 6 families accessed the various half term and school holiday activities • 40 clients reported a positive increase in their health and wellbeing • 7 clients participated in sports and physical activities. 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>30 events and five courses were delivered to deaf and hard of hearing people in Tower Hamlets.</p> <p>In addition, the project delivered a pilot project to the Royal London Hospital Public Health Team on improving access for deaf people using outpatient services.</p> <p>The project is on track to achieve its lifetime targets.</p>

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ICM Foundation CIC / CORE Projects Get Active Newspaper - Promoting Healthy and Active Lifestyles	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£52,517	People with learning disabilities aged 18+ from Tower Hamlets work in partnership with ICM Foundation. Three times each year they design and deliver 5,000 accessible newspapers, on the theme of health and wellbeing, distributed to communities that reflects the borough's diversity.	100% of participants indicated that they had made new friendships, increased in confidence, and felt included in the project and events that they had organised and run. 63 individuals participated in these events. Participants' contribution towards the creation of each newspaper edition increased, as well as their confidence. Their computer skills improved significantly, especially in regard to using the internet for research, and there was a significant improvement in their typing skills.	GREEN The group produced content for three editions of the newspaper in the funding year. Feedback was positive from other groups and individuals who accessed it. The project organised four events in the funding year, all of which were well attended. The project is on track to achieve its lifetime targets.
St Hilda's East Community Centre / St. Hilda's Surjamuki Disabled Youth Project	01/10/2019 31/12/2021	£29,077	Surjamuki Disabled youth project supported young people with learning and physical disabilities across Tower Hamlets, offering a range of educational and recreational opportunities and free wheelchair accessible minibus transport.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of disabled young people report an increase in confidence – 9 	GREEN As reported at July GDSC meeting, St Hilda's suspended the project in January 2022 – please see main report for more information.
Woman's Trust / Therapeutic Support Groups for women	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£77,118	Therapeutic Support Groups providing a safe, moderated space for female survivors of domestic abuse to share experiences and	For those that completed end of project feedback forms:	GREEN The project supported 59 Tower Hamlets women in the funding

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affected by Domestic Abuse			support each other. Groups help women to recover their mental health by reducing isolation, learning from shared experiences, being empowered by supporting others and thereby gaining confidence and independence.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 76% of women had improved isolation or had not become (more) isolated. • 75% of women had either improved interpersonal relationships or their relationships had stayed similar (not worsened). 	year. Support has been through local and national groups.
Working Well Trust / Upskill	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£433,941	Improve the wellbeing of people with lived experience of mental health by supporting them to achieve their goals by accessing new opportunities and including support from their peer, enabling to reconnect with the local community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of residents with mental health support needs registering and completing short and long term goal setting with peer support – 190 • Number of residents with mental health support needs accessing one to one support towards achieving short term goals – 165 • Number of residents accessing wellbeing and training opportunities – 125 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The project was able to meet most of its KPIs in the funding year and exceeded some targets, especially in relation to referrals and one to one support. Project made significant progress in meeting its targets for over 55s. The project continued to be oversubscribed.</p> <p>The project is on track to achieve its lifetime targets.</p>

Theme / Scheme:	2 – Digital Inclusion and Awareness 2A – ICT Skills and Digital Careers
Priorities:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Access to ICT support and training for older people 2. Digital skill development for children and young people <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Increase awareness of careers in the digital sector, and b) Provide children and young people with the opportunity to develop the skills for the digital sector.
Outcomes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Residents with limited digital/ICT skills, particularly older residents, disabled residents, those with English as a second language or other barriers to digital inclusion: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Have increased confidence in using ICT, especially around security; b) Are able to use digital methods to access services, find information, and communicate with others, and do so more regularly; c) Have increased digital skills. 2. Working age residents have greater awareness of digital careers, have increased digital skills, and have increased access to work and work placements in the digital sector

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Limehouse Project / DigiTIES	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£71,197	The aim of DigiTIES workshops is to prevent digital exclusion in older adults in order to prevent social isolation and increase their ability to access online health related support. The content of the workshop includes how to use social media, managing email accounts, and accessing online health related support services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of older people have learned to use at least 3 ICT platforms – 192 • Number of older people have learned to use a search engine to find health information on NHS websites - 128 • Number of older people report greater confidence using ICT – 96. 	GREEN The project was successful in securing additional support for beneficiaries by providing them with Lenovo tablets with data and Google pixel phones with data to help the most vulnerable beneficiaries get online. It is on track to achieve its lifetime target and has overachieved in some areas.

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Newham New Deal Partnership / @online club network Tower Hamlets	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£78,080	@online club network to build the confidence of older residents (over 50s) to go online using tablet devices, learning in small friendly groups, through taster sessions and eight-week or longer programmes of practical activities based on the needs and interests of participants.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of older residents’ report increased confidence going on-line- 17 • Number of older residents report able to go online to do more things – 17 • Number of local residents’ have increased skills due to engagement in the project as volunteers – 3. 	GREEN The project resumed face to face group sessions in the funding year with local partners - Sundial, Carers Centre Tower Hamlets, Mind in Tower Hamlets and St Hilda's. An additional seven activities were delivered that year to catch up with the previous year’s reduced group sessions. The project is on track to achieve the funded outcomes.
Wapping Bangladesh Association / Digital First	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£18,861	Digital First will engage socially isolated older adults from Black, Asian & Multi-Ethnic communities aged 55+, but not exclusively, living in Wapping and Shadwell, who are not computer literate and are digitally excluded. The Project will deliver ICT and internet training that will help older adults to cope with facing key life transitions or challenges.	<p>More than 75% participants successfully acquired the basic level of digital and ICT skills.</p> <p>By the end of the year 75% of the older adults on the project reported an increase in the quality of life, with increased levels of greater social integration and engagement being reported, with increased social contacts and community involvement, by getting out and about more.</p> <p>8 out of 10 participants reported making more friends and improving their social contacts by</p>	GREEN Eight older adults developed a better understanding and appreciation of the potential benefits of learning to use computers and how to navigate around the internet. The project delivered successfully to all required KPIs. It delivered a total of 25 sessions, recruited new participants onto the programme and achieved a 98% success rate in increasing the digital knowledge of beneficiaries. The project is on track to achieve the funded outcomes.

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				<p>attending more social events throughout the year.</p> <p>More than 40% of the older adults on the project reported being able to use online services to manage daily life tasks, whilst 6 out of 10 participants reported that they could manage day to day activities using digital skills.</p>	

Scheme:	2B – Online Safety
Priorities:	1. Children and young people online safety
Outcomes:	1. Residents are aware of potential dangers online and implement suitable prevention measures 2. Children, young people and their families know how to report online bullying and abuse 3. Older people are aware of how to identify online scams and how to keep themselves safe

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SocietyLinks Tower Hamlets / E-Safety Champions	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£23,192	The E-Safety Champions project trains local women to become ‘champions’ for e-safety in the community. Weekly workshops cover all areas of online safety. Once trained, the project champions go into schools and community groups to spread their knowledge to young people and parents/carers through presentations and workshop.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of Project Champions reported feeling confident enough to make a change and tell others to do so too – 15 Residents are more knowledgeable about the potential dangers of online activities including social media, banking and transactions - 43 100% of adults and young people who partook in workshops were able to relay the information learnt back to the staff and group which confirmed that they understood how to report and identify cyber bullying. 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The project continued delivering its E-safety project, with an increased number of new participants, partnerships and initiatives taking place in the funding year.</p> <p>The project is on track to achieve the funded outcomes.</p>
Sporting Foundation / Building Digital Resilience	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£35,213	Sporting Foundation build the digital resilience of children and young people and raise the awareness of online safety with parents so that as families they are safe from risk and able to utilise and manage digital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of parents and young people report being more confident in understanding the relationship between social media and online grooming – 215 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The project continued to deliver effectively, securing engagement from young people and their parents. It is on track to achieve the funded outcomes.</p>

			resources effectively and reduces harm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of parents and young people report increased awareness of risks pertaining to on-line activity- 215 • Number of parents report being more confident of safeguarding procedures and can communicate safety messages to young people – 83. 	
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Theme / Scheme:	3 - Advice and Information				
Priorities:	This theme has a single priority, Social Welfare Advice and Information.				
Outcomes:	<p>Reduce poverty across the spectrum of social welfare advice and information activity:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased access to social welfare advice and income from benefits 2. Improved personal budgeting, financial stability and reduction in personal debt 3. Reduction in the number of people negatively impacted by welfare reforms and housing repossessions 4. Individuals are more informed about their legal rights 5. Individuals are more informed about their housing rights 6. Increased employment security 7. Increased access to immigration/asylum advice and casework 8. Increased engagement of older people with social welfare advice services <p>Capacity building and training within the sector:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improved coordination and cooperation between advice providers 2. Increased integration of service both within the VCS advice sector and with services in other sectors 3. Increased number of local volunteers achieving a recognised advice training accreditation 4. Improved liaison and co-ordination with public sector agencies 5. Improved access to information for providers 				
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East End Citizens Advice Bureaux / Advice Tower Hamlets	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£3,696,408	Advice Tower Hamlets provides free, confidential, independent, quality-assured advice services to help Tower Hamlets residents resolve the problems they face, including welfare benefits, housing, money/debt, employment, immigration, consumer, education, community care, family, personal issues. This service is led by Citizens Advice Tower Hamlets, in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21,402 clients have been assisted with social welfare advice • 4,543 clients have been supported to increase/maximise incomes • £22,062,653 clients' income has increased/or backdated 	GREEN Overall, the partnership evolved, with partners working remotely, adopting a hybrid working system of digital and face-to-face services. Most agencies in the partnership started to see face to face clients again as the need grew for this type of advice over the funding year.

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			partnership with twelve local advice agencies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £4,081,597 debt reduction/write offs resulting in reduction in amounts of personal debt. 	The project is on track to achieve the funded outcomes.
Island Advice Centre / Tower Hamlets Advice Training and Capacity Building Project	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£200,000	The project improves capacity, training, quality and access to the borough’s advice services. It develops coordination and cooperation between advice and other sectors, providing recruitment and training for volunteers, facilitation of the Tower Hamlets Community Advice Network, updated website of advice provision and information / factsheets, coordination of meetings, delivering formal training.	The project delivered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 39 Advice Workshops to 508 participants on benefits issues • 16 Learning to Advise certificates (7 to volunteers) • 5 volunteers found paid work. 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The project supported Tower Hamlets’ advice sector with provision of training, facilitating advice networks, distributing social welfare rights advice information in the borough, and facilitating volunteering placements for advice centres.</p> <p>The project is on track to achieve its lifetime targets.</p>

Theme / Scheme:	4 – Employment and Skills 4A - Developing and embedding good practice in the workplace for people with disabilities, learning difficulties and physical and mental health barriers to work
Priorities:	1. Promoting ethical employer practices to focus on improving employment and progression opportunities for people with additional needs, with an emphasis for employers on sustaining or improving business productivity.
Outcomes:	1. More disabled people and people with mental health issues access work experience placements and employment opportunities 2. Disabled employees feel more comfortable and better supported in sustainable roles in the workplace 3. Disabled people have access to meaningful, relevant training and skills development 4. Tower Hamlets employers are more inclusive and employ more disabled people and people with mental health issues and are more aware of how to support them.

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REAL DPO / THEN & NOW	01/04/2020 30/09/2023	£463,690	A holistic package of services, underpinned by co-production, to support Tower Hamlets companies develop the confidence and capacity to be excellent employers of disabled people, and increase levels of employment amongst them. The project creates communities of current and potential workers, and employers, to drive positive change.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 organisations received one-to-one support and the satisfaction rate was 100% • 85 participants agreed that the two hour shared learning and development workshops were valuable in assisting them to improve their accessibility and attain their inclusion goals. 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>Over the funding year the project extended its reach to an even greater number of local employers than before. Across all activities, including their one-to-one advice service and 2-hour shared learning and development workshops, 50 different organisations meaningfully engaged with THEN & NOW.</p> <p>The project is on track to achieve its lifetime targets.</p>

Scheme:	4B - Reducing barriers to employment for disadvantaged groups
Priorities:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reducing barriers to employment for disadvantaged groups 2. Employment and volunteering opportunities for older people 3. Employment skills for vulnerable young people and those who are NEET(not in education, employment or training) 4. Employment and skills for young people at risk of achieving poor outcomes
Outcomes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Young people have increased life skills, employability skills, communication /presentation and interview skills and confidence, and have access to mentoring, work experience and internships 2. Older people gain life skills and secure employment and/or voluntary roles 3. Potential entrepreneurs/business founders have access to independent support and advice and increased knowledge of business and financial planning 4. Increased opportunities for women who are far from the labour market or on a low salary to develop their confidence, soft skills, and work ready skills to access employment or start their own business.

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Limehouse Project / Developing Potential	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£201,181	Developing Potential is an integrated programme of personal skills development designed to enable women to make informed choices on their futures, supporting them into training, volunteering and work. This project links with existing provision and act as a progression route forwards new opportunities for women in Tower Hamlets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women self-report an improvement in personal and/or professional skill – 40 • Number of women who have completed and gained accredited certifications– 16 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The project engaged with 93 women over the funding year. It continued to adapt and review its programme of delivery to ensure remote and priority face-to-face support was provided to engage, motivate, and increase the confidence and qualification levels of women in and around the borough.</p> <p>The project is on track to achieve its lifetime targets.</p>
SocietyLinks Tower / Job Club	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£61,184	This project delivers two weekly job club sessions run by its experienced employment support worker. The sessions include access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of people who are NEETs and/or from workless households) access employment 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>In the funding year the project developed its digital communication with attendees to</p>

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			to computers and tailored employment support, including creating a CV, accessing emails, job searching, applications and using Universal Job Match.	support to assist their employment prospects - 127 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of people that access employment after attending the job club – 15. 	increase engagement and ensure that service users were kept updated with new vacancies and opportunities. The project is on track to achieve its lifetime targets.
St Giles Trust / Choices Tower Hamlets	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£227,200	The project supports NEET Young people who are facing multiple disadvantages to access education, skills development and employment. The project delivers credible, consistent and holistic work via individualised one-to-one support, supporting the young person to address and overcome barriers to raise their aspirations and towards reaching their potential.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of young people engaged on a consistent voluntary basis, minimum of one face to face intervention per week - 30 Number of young people show improved levels of mental health and wellbeing due to reducing barriers to employment, increased confidence in their future and access to specialist mental health support as required – 29 	GREEN The project’s caseworker had to adapt services to address the shift from young people wanting training and employment to becoming a mentor and covering Mental Health and Money Management. The project is on track to achieve its lifetime targets.
Stifford Centre Limited / BAME Women’s Employment Support Programme	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£121,512	This project runs a training programme to help long-term unemployed and economically inactive, isolated and disenfranchised women from Black, Asian & Multi-Ethnic communities and improve their job prospects. The focus is on carers and single	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of socially and economically disenfranchised women from Black, Asian & Multi-Ethnic communities complete ESOL training and feel able to communicate in English – 12 	GREEN The project consistently reached participants from its targeted groups and managed to serve people whose personal circumstances have prevented them to reach their full potential.

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			parents of Bengali, Somali and Black, Asian & Multi-Ethnic communities heritage with limited English language, confidence and secondary education for community learning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of women from Black, Asian & Multi-Ethnic communities with limited educational experiences and certification gain accreditation and skills to move towards employment – 16. 	The project is on track to achieve its lifetime targets.

Scheme:	4C - Support focused on increasing access to art and cultural industries
Priorities:	1. Support focused on increasing access to art and cultural industries
Outcomes:	1. Increased opportunities in the arts and cultural industries for BAME people, women, disabled people, working class people, older people 2. Increased access to industry relevant training 3. Increase in people participating in arts projects for the first time

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Auto Italia South East / Learning Live!	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£44,000	Learning Live! is a training and mentoring programme designed to support young people in Tower Hamlets progress into higher education courses, with the aim to increase access into the art and cultural industries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technology workshops at Auto Italia are attended by young people from Tower Hamlets - 96 Tours of local galleries and arts organisations are attended by young people from Tower Hamlets – 72 Young people in Tower Hamlets, in particular those from Black, Asian & Multi-Ethnic communities and working class young people, attend and benefit from portfolio review and mentoring workshops per annum, exploring creative careers and university courses, feedback on coursework and sketchbooks, university portfolio workshops and practice interviews for GCSE students enrolling onto A Level courses– 233 	GREEN The project in 2021-22 demonstrated a well-attended return to in-person delivery. 2. In the funding year all strands were delivered in full in person at Auto Italia and at schools across Tower Hamlets.

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Four Corners Ltd / ZOOM Film School	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£325,493	ZOOM Film School works with 90 disadvantaged residents - particularly people from Black, Asian & Multi-Ethnic communities, women and disabled people - to nurture their creative talent, increase confidence and self-esteem, and enable them to acquire the practical skills, experience, and industry knowledge needed to move into work in the creative industries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of participants successfully complete the accredited training programme - 13 • Number of participants state that they feel more confident about, and prepared for, seeking work in the creative media after completing the accredited training programme - 6 • Number of trainees gained paid employment – 9 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The trainees worked individually on their edits and created a total of 13 films promoting two local organisations (Island House Community Ccentre and The Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park). The trainees presented their films to representatives from the organisations, tutors, fellow trainees and Four Corners staff and the response to the finished films was overwhelmingly positive.</p> <p>The project is on track to achieve its lifetime targets.</p>
Magic Me / Artworks	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£110,385	Artworks is a new traineeship delivered by arts charity Magic Me, identifying and supporting talented Tower Hamlets Residents from Black, Asian & Multi-Ethnic community and working-class backgrounds to gain the knowledge, skills and confidence to access careers in community arts coordination and producing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of community partners identified/contacted for recruitment pathways - 11 • Number of trainees recruited/selected for work placement– 6. 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The project redesigned the programme to work with a cohort of trainees at one time and focussed on recruitment of young people aged 18–30 years old.</p> <p>The project is on track to achieve its lifetime targets.</p>

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The Bromley by Bow Centre / Creative Communities	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£231,128	The project will equip at least 180 people from under-represented communities to increase their participation and readiness for employment in the creative sector. It will do this through a flexible community-based programme of engagement, needs assessment, practical group work and 1:1s, combining personal and core skills development, with individual support.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of participants from target groups are enrolled and assessed – 90 • Number of participants identified as having not previously engaged in an arts/culture activity, state they have now participated in such an activity. – 85 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>Overall, participants made good progress throughout the funding year, including having gained sustainable job outcomes, sector specific arts training, arts placements, engaging in arts, reporting decreasing barriers and an increase in arts job readiness, with a positive impact felt by family and friends.</p> <p>The project is on track to achieve its lifetime targets.</p>

Theme / Scheme:	5 – Community Safety 5A – Reduction in the exploitation of children, young people and other vulnerable groups
Priorities:	1. Reduction in the exploitation of children and young people, and vulnerable groups
Outcomes:	1. Children, young people and other vulnerable people: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Have increased confidence and critical thinking skills; b) Have an increased understanding of what a safe relationship is, what exploitation is, and how to spot the signs of abuse and exploitation; c) Have an emotional and actual vocabulary to articulate what is happening to them; d) Are better able to challenge and support each other around relationships.

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Kazzum Arts / Build	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£72,631	Build supports young people excluded from mainstream education, currently educated at a pupil referral unit (PRU) in Tower Hamlets. Students in this setting are at risk of exploitation and coercion into criminal activity. Through a programme of creative activities, the project develops participants confidence, emotional, literacy and interpersonal skills.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 young people increased in confidence. • 28 young people displayed knowledge around healthy and safe relationships. <p>“[The sessions] made me feel more aware of myself, helped with problem solving, and helped understand myself better” (Inclusion Group Participant)</p>	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The project had a successful year, exceeding the engagement targets. It ran 67 workshops in the Pupils Referral Unit, across three groups reaching 31 young people, with 28 attending 50% or more sessions each term.</p> <p>The project achieved positive outcomes for the young people in the funding year; meeting all the KPIs and other indicators.</p>
Osmani Trust / Schools and Community Resilience Programme	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£143,821	This project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. transforms and changes the attitudes and behaviour of secondary school children; improving their confidence, critical thinking skills and emotional intelligence. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 93 out of 103 of school participants showed improvement in attitudes and outlook on life at secondary school. • 42 peer workers were recruited from three peer groups. Peer 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The project exceeded the number of young people it was planning to deliver the school resilience project to, whilst in the community it worked with three new peer groups.</p>

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			<p>2. delivers a peer programme engaging young people as ambassadors to their peers, changes attitude, promotes understanding, increase community cohesion, and ultimately empowers young people.</p>	<p>workers delivered two community open days with 167 attendances.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90% of peer workers refrained from getting into serious violence whilst on the programme. • 12 individuals were helped into employment. 	<p>The project made good progress against its KPIs and is in line to achieve the funded outcomes.</p>
<p>Streets of Growth / Resilient Young Leaders Programme</p>	<p>01/10/2019 30/09/2023</p>	<p>£103,264</p>	<p>The Resilient Young Leaders Programme is an innovative, impactful initiative led by and for young people (15-19 years) to enable young people to build skills and capacity to feel safe, confident, and responsible when demonstrating the community safety and positive change they want to see in their neighbourhoods.</p>	<p>The Youth Intervention Team delivered 192 crisis intensive interventions with highest risk young people in crisis/harmful situations. Interventions included support work with families, focus on parents and schools, liaising with police and social services, intensive coaching with young persons, harm reduction plans implemented with parents and young person/siblings.</p> <p>100% of high-risk young people worked with reported improved confidence in moving away from harmful situations.</p> <p>Two participants completed AQA or ASDAN accredited training, with a further 15 registering.</p>	<p>GREEN</p> <p>118 participants engaged in the project with 28 completing Young Influencers training and social action initiatives. Five beneficiaries co-produced and hosted a Home Office Serious Violence Reduction Unit conference.</p> <p>Five participants trained in podcasting and presentation skills resulting in five podcast community events.</p> <p>The project addressed/delivered well against the KPIs and consequently achieved positive outcomes for the young people.</p>

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				20 participants co-designed and delivered two community safety events with over 200 residents involved, plus other key stakeholders.	

Scheme:	5B – Improving the perception of young people in the community
Priorities:	1. Improving the perception of young people in the community
Outcomes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Children and young people are, and are seen to be, a positive part of the community Increased community cohesion and sense of belonging Residents, especially older people, people feel less wary of children and young people

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Four Corners Ltd / Into Focus photography project	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£66,336	Into Focus offers an intergenerational photography project for 24 people each year (12 young people aged 14-25 years and 12 over-50s). Groups will create work for a final exhibition, focusing on social perceptions and misconceptions between older and younger people to promote positive attitudes and increasing mutual understanding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% of gallery visitors identified how young people make a positive contribution to community life. 100% of older participants reported improved perceptions of young people in their neighbourhood and that they felt more confident about interacting with younger people. 100% of younger participants felt more confident about interacting with older people. 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The project achieved positive outcomes for young and older participants and demonstrated meeting its KPIs.</p> <p>In the funding year the project supported 54 participants and delivered 55 experimental photography workshops.</p> <p>Participants co-designed three public exhibitions at Four Corners. 44 visitors completed gallery visitor questionnaires.</p>
Leaders in Community (LiC)/ Mind the Gap	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£78,161	A group of young people recruited by LiC collaborate with older people to design a programme of activities and celebrations, which enables long-term social connections to be made, and ideas and points of view to be exchanged. The outcomes of the activities are shared with the wider community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1,348 attendees in 76 activities. 100% of older participants have a more positive view of younger people. 100% of younger participants report they have formed more positive social connections with 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The project launched a weekly coffee morning session, giving the elders an opportunity to socialise with each other, young people, and the community. In addition, they ran one-off events. The young people undertook successful outreach work, bringing new members on board.</p>

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				<p>other people across their local area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The elders and young people helped co-design a Queens Jubilee event, which successfully saw over 200 attendees. 	<p>The project achieved positive outcomes for young and older participants and demonstrated meeting KPIs.</p>

Scheme:	5C - Services for people affected by domestic violence or other unsafe circumstances
Priorities:	1. Services for people affected by domestic violence
Outcomes:	1. More residents, particularly families and young people, are aware of the different forms that domestic violence and sexual abuse (DVSA) can take, know how to report it, and where to access support. 2. Young victims and witnesses of Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault (DVSA) are supported to recognise and report it.

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Hestia Housing and Support / Families Safe and Secure in Tower Hamlets	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£92,400	This project supports families who have experienced DVSA and who are living in a local refuge to address the trauma they have faced and to learn about what a healthy relationship looks like. It also raises awareness amongst the Tower Hamlets community of DVSA and how to report it.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 90% of women attending awareness raising events said their understanding of domestic abuse has improved. 80% of children who responded to the provider’s Children and Family Work survey had increased feelings of safety. Approximately 140 Tower Hamlets residents visited a Safe Space location in a bank or pharmacy during the year. All of those who accessed a Safe Space were guided to access specialist DVSA support. In partnership with HSBC the project campaigned to increase awareness of the scheme within the borough, including a live poster in Spitalfields market, which received wide publicity. 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The dedicated Project Worker worked with 31 families within the Tower Hamlets domestic abuse refuge (31 mothers and 47 children). In addition, the project delivered awareness raising events within schools and groups in Tower Hamlets, with over 116 attendees,</p> <p>The project is on track to achieve its KPIs.</p>

Fund:	Infrastructure and Capacity Building Support
Priorities:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Skills exchange and accessible training 2. Making organisations ready to respond to new funding opportunities 3. Fundraising support for smaller, volunteer led organisations without staff 4. Developing quality assurance 5. Managing assets for community benefit 6. Developing resilience and supporting organisations through periods of transition
Outcomes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Broader pool of organisations accessing public service funding 2. Increased proportion of organisations achieving recognised quality assurance standards 3. VCS more resilient with more sustainable funding base 4. Organisations supporting each other

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Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Services (THCVS) / Tower Hamlets Voluntary and Community Sector (THVCS) Infrastructure Partnership	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£1,040,000	<p>THVCS Infrastructure Partnership brings together the main Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) infrastructure support agencies in Tower Hamlets to increase the range and number of VCS organisations that are well-run, resilient and sustainable; and to strengthen the VCS as a key Public Sector Strategic Delivery Partner in Tower Hamlets.</p> <p>Partner: Volunteer Centre Tower Hamlets (VCTH)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 119 VCS organisations supported. • 53 volunteer managers trained. • 33 VCS organisation staff attending training/peer learning workshops. • 18 VCS organisations with improved volunteering practices • 82 VCS organisations supported to advertise their volunteering roles through the Volunteering Hub 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The partnership project progressed well, surpassing most of its KPIs. It continued to deliver Volunteer Hub activity to support the recovery process in the borough. It included a new pilot which trained local residents from Black, Asian & Multi-Ethnic communities in the role of trustee and matched them up with local VCS organisations to serve as board members. The project also secured £1.2 million of external funding to support VCS partnership work in the borough.</p>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of VCS volunteering roles supported to be advertised through the Hub: 175 • Number of VCS organisations supported to strengthen their governance and diversify their boards by having suitably skilled and trained trustees from Black, Asian & Minority Ethnic communities: 10. 	

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<p>Grants Determination Sub-Committee</p> <p>26 April 2023</p>	 <p>TOWER HAMLETS</p>
<p>Report of: Sharon Godman, Director Strategy, Improvement & Transformation</p>	<p>Classification: Unrestricted</p>
<p>Local Community Fund (LCF) Performance Report - October 2022 – December 2022</p>	

Lead Member	Cllr Saied Ahmed, Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living
Originating Officer(s)	Afazul Hoque, Head of Corporate Strategy & Communities Mark Waterman, Senior VCS Development Officer
Wards affected	All
Key Decision?	No
Forward Plan Notice Published	N/A
Reason for Key Decision	N/A
Community Plan Theme	All

Executive Summary

The performance report for the Local Community Fund programme for the voluntary and community sector covers the period October 2022 to December 2022 and reports on the five themes of the LCF and the Infrastructure & Capacity Building funding. The Project Summary (Appendix 2) gives an update by each project.

Recommendations:

The Grants Determination Sub Committee is recommended to:

1. Note the performance of the Local Community Fund (LCF) programme as set out in 3.2 to 3.7 and Appendix 2 for October 2022 – December 2022
2. Note the performance of the Infrastructure & Capacity Building project as set out in 3.9.
3. Note the current Red RAG rating for Real DPO's two LCF projects due to premises issues, as outlined in paragraph 3.2 (b).

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 The Grants Determination Sub Committee Terms of Reference sets out the need to provide performance report to the Committee.
- 1.2 Regular performance updates ensure that the LCF themes and individual projects are on track to achieve the targeted outcomes. Any issues that arise can be addressed and appropriate remedial actions agreed. Where necessary, this could include the reduction, withdrawal or reallocation of funds to ensure that the overall Programme is making the most effective use of resources and maximising the potential achievement of agreed aims and objectives.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 Information relating to various aspects of project and monitoring activity is contained within the report to provide Grants Determination Sub-Committee (GDSC) with an overall understanding of how projects and organisations have performed against the key elements of their Funding Agreements.
- 2.2 GDSC could request further information or alter the recommendations.

3. DETAILS OF THE REPORT

3.1 Background

The Mayor in Cabinet agreed on 31st July 2019 to a programme of funding for voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations from 1st October 2019. This programme is called the Local Community Fund (LCF) with 50 projects awarded funding totalling £9.31m up to 31 March 2023 to deliver activity across five themes:

- Inclusion Health and Wellbeing
- Digital Inclusion and Awareness
- Information Advice and Guidance
- Employment and Skills
- Community Safety.

At GDSC meeting on 9th March 2022 it was agreed that the above LCF projects would be extended until September 2023 to ensure that council-funded VCS services are in operation whilst the council develops new funding options for the VCS to commence in October 2023. The cost of this extension amounts to £1,329,616. The delivery of the LCF Programme has been supported by the Infrastructure & Capacity Building Programme. At GDSC meeting on 3rd July 2019 it was agreed that funding of £780,000 from this programme would be allocated between October 2019 to September 2022 to Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Service (THCVS) to deliver infrastructure support for local VCS organisations and support the VCS in strategic partnership working. It was agreed at GDSC meeting on 25th January 2023 that funding for THCVS to deliver this programme would be extended from October 2022 to September 2023, on the basis of a £260,000 grant.

3.2 Overview of October-December 2022

- (a) LCF providers are responding to the cost of living crisis' impact on its beneficiaries. Funded organisations provided a range of responses:
- provision of advice on welfare benefits, money and fuel
 - donations of food, clothes, toys and essentials to families
 - liaison with food banks and other food providers to support food donations to older beneficiaries
 - establishing links between projects and warm spaces initiatives
 - presentations on the cost of living crisis
 - linking residents to web links offering advice in the crisis.
- (b) LCF projects are assigned a Red, Amber or Green rating (RAG rating) when reporting to the GDSC on project performance - please see Appendix 1 for more details. Of the 49 remaining LCF projects all were classed as Green for the October 2022-December 2022 quarter, as was Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Service's (THCVS) Infrastructure & Capacity Building Project, enabling all project payments to be made for that quarter. Two LCF projects, managed by Real DPO, are now classified as Red, post-October to December 2022 quarter, due to premises issues – the NOW and THEN project and Taking Control of Your Life project. A satisfactory agreement is not yet in place between the council and Real DPO for its premises at Jack Dash House on the Isle of Dogs. The council is liaising with Real DPO to reach a satisfactory agreement.

3.3 Theme 1 Inclusion, Health and Wellbeing (27 projects)

(a) Scheme A Children, Young People and Families (Eight projects)

This theme is focused on developing the confidence and life opportunities of young people. Significant areas of progress included:

- Canaan Project's Isle of Dogs project provided a range of activities to 125 young girls aged 11-19, across 70 sessions, in the Isle of Dogs, to develop their confidence.
- 172 of the 192 beneficiaries (including 58 disabled young people) of Half Moon Young People's Theatre's Professional Theatre and Inclusive Participatory Drama for Young People project were involved in drama performances at the end of term.
- The Yard Theatre's Black Excellence at Night-time initiative worked with the Theatre's Tower Hamlets Teens LCF project to design a new drama-based creative project for young people to develop a drama company. The aim is to launch this company in 2023.

(b) Scheme B – Older People (Seven projects)

Theme focuses on improving the health and wellbeing of older residents and the quality of the care services they receive. Achievements included:

- 145 volunteers in Age UK East London's Friend at Home project continued to provide companionship and support to individual isolated, housebound older people in the borough.

- 20 people from the borough's LGBT community, who are disabled and/or have mental health support needs, reported better life satisfaction and better quality of life three months after starting the project.
- 40 beneficiaries of St Hilda's East Community Centre's Older People's 'Feeling Good!' Wellbeing Project attended Black History month events in October 2022.

(c) Scheme C – Access, Information and Self-Management (Two projects)

Projects enable older and physically disabled residents to be better informed and equipped to manage health and social care conditions. Examples of successful project activity included:

- 17 beneficiaries of Globe Community Project's Take Back Your Life project reported a decrease in levels of pain catastrophising after participation in five week mindfulness-based pain management course.
- 90% of the beneficiaries of Real DPO's Taking Control of Your Life project, who are disabled people, reported that they felt more independent, with a better quality of life.

(d) Scheme D – Healthy Living and Healthy Choices (Six projects)

Projects are concerned with making residents better informed, to enable them to make healthier choices, and increasing engagement in physical activity. Success has included:

- London Tigers' Exercise for Health (BAME Women, Children and Young People) organised multi-sport and physical activities during the October 2022 half-term holiday.
- Newark Youth London's Healthy-Active-Together project supported 226 children, young people and adults with a range of sports and physical activities.
- The Bangladesh Youth Movement's Live Healthy Enjoy Life project increased awareness of health issues for 42 women from Bangladeshi and other Black, Asian and Multi-Ethnic communities.

(e) Scheme E – Improved Inclusion, Health and Well-being Outcomes for Disabled People and People Experiencing Mental Health Issues (Four projects)

Theme is focused on improving health and care outcomes for disabled people and people experiencing mental health issues. Achievements included:

- DeafPlus' Improving Health and Wellbeing for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People in Tower Hamlets project delivered 11 activities to address health inequalities and social isolation for its beneficiaries.
- Working Well Trust's Upskill project delivered one-to-one support to 92 borough residents with mental health support needs.

3.4 Theme 2 Digital Inclusion and Awareness

(a) Scheme A: ICT Skills and Digital Careers (Three projects)

- Limehouse Project's DigITIES project's co production partnership with Royal Foundation of St Katharines facilitated a new Thursday morning

Tea and Coffee sessions, to provide a warm space bank, befriending and social activities to support project beneficiaries.

- Wapping Bangladesh Association's Digital First project enabled 11 older adults to develop a better understanding and appreciation of learning how to use computers and the internet.

(b) Scheme B: Online Safety (Two projects)

- SocietyLinks Tower Hamlets E-Safety Champions project linked digitally excluded residents to IT resources to address the cost of living crisis.
- Sporting Foundation's Building Digital Resilience project enabled 18 parents and young people to be more confident in understanding the relationship between social media and on-line grooming.

3.5 Theme 3 Advice and Information (Two projects)

(a) End Citizens Advice Bureaux-led Advice Tower Hamlets Consortium:

- assisted 5,086 clients with social welfare advice
- supported 1,283 beneficiaries to increase or maximise their income.
- enabled £4,747,723 of beneficiaries' income to be increased or backdated
- secured £1,087,987 in reduction or write off of personal debt for beneficiaries.

(b) Island Advice Centre's Tower Hamlets Advice Training and Capacity Building Project delivered 12 Advice Workshops on benefits issues to 187 people working in the borough's advice sector on a range of issues.

3.6 Theme 4 Employment and Skills

(a) Areas of significant project achievement in delivering training and employment support listed against each scheme below:

(b) Scheme 4A: Developing and embedding good practice in the workplace for people with disabilities, learning difficulties and physical and mental health barriers to work (One project)

Real DPO's Then and Now project delivered its highest quarterly level of 73 hours of advice work to seven employers in Tower Hamlets on how to be better employers of disabled people.

(c) Scheme 4B: Reducing barriers to employment for disadvantaged groups (Four projects)

- SocietyLinks' Tower Hamlet's Job Club enabled 15 beneficiaries to access employment and provided employment support to 29 people who were not in employment, education or training (NEET) and from workless households.
- Stifford Centre Limited's BAME Women's Employment Support Programme delivered to its beneficiaries ESOL classes, Health & Social Care and Teaching Assistant training, digital upskilling sessions and business start-up training.

(d) Scheme 4C: Support focused on increasing access to art and cultural industries (Four projects)

- Auto Italia South East's Learning Live! project delivered creative technology workshops to 36 young people from working class backgrounds from Black, Asian & Multi-Ethnic communities.
- Six trainees on Four Corners Ltd's ZOOM Film School successfully completed their training in a camera, production and editing programme accredited by the Open College Network and one secured paid employment.

3.7 Theme 5 Community Safety

(a) Areas of significant project progress in delivering community safety outlined below against each scheme.

(b) Scheme A- Reduction in the exploitation of children, young people and other vulnerable groups (Three projects)

- Osmani Trust's Schools and Community Resilience Programme continued to work with 29 young people identified as at risk of exclusion and violence through school sessions, youthwork, plus mentoring support for 32 young people.
- Two of the Young Influencers on Streets of Growth's Resilient Young Leaders Programme won the category for the council's Youth Awards.

(c) Scheme B - Improving the perception of young people in the community (Two projects)

- Eight beneficiaries on Four Corners Ltd's Into Focus Photography project worked together and co-designed a range of photographic activities.
- Leaders in Community's Mind the Gap project hosted a Christmas event, which was planned by its young leaders and elderly community members, with over 100 attendees.

(d) Scheme C - Services for people affected by domestic violence or other unsafe circumstances (One project)

Hestia Housing and Support's Families Safe and Secure in Tower Hamlets project promoted awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault amongst children and families and also delivered four community sessions.

3.8 Premises update

There are several LCF funded organisations that are based in Council-owned buildings. It is a condition of funding that LCF organisations occupying Council owned premises have an appropriate property agreement in place. No payments to LCF projects for October 2022-December 2022 are currently outstanding due to premises issues. As outlined in paragraph 3.2 (b) above, payments are currently suspended for Real DPO's two LCF projects, post-October to December 2022 quarter, due to the absence of an agreement between this organisation and the council for its premises at Jack Dash House.

3.9 Infrastructure & Capacity Building

Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Services (THCVS) is the lead organisation in a partnership with Volunteer Centre Tower Hamlets (VCTH) to deliver an Infrastructure and Capacity Building project, focusing on increasing the range and number of VCS organisations in the borough that are well-run, resilient and sustainable and strengthening the VCS as a key public sector strategic delivery partner in Tower Hamlets. Its main achievements in October-December 2022 included:

- supporting 59 VCS organisations, with 72% positive of these organisations providing positive feedback on this support.
- assisting the council to hold two engagement events in December 2022 with the VCS on the Mayor's Community Grants Programme that is scheduled to commence in October 2023.
- delivering training to 12 volunteer managers on a *Volunteers and the Law* course and a peer learning session, *Volunteers with Mental Health Issues*.
- advertising 33 volunteering roles for 21 VCS organisations on the Volunteer Hub and registering 173 volunteers on the Hub.

3.10 A summary of the progress of individual LCF programme projects and the Infrastructure & Capacity Building project is outlined in **Appendix 2 LCF Project Summary October 2022 – December 2022**.

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The programme continues to deliver against the themes developed to address identified equalities needs, successfully supporting people from a range of protected characteristic groups, both through projects specifically addressing the needs of these groups and projects with a generic beneficiary focus.

5. OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This section of the report is used to highlight further specific statutory implications that are either not covered in the main body of the report or are required to be highlighted to ensure decision makers give them proper consideration. Examples of other implications may be:

- Best Value Implications,
- Consultations,
- Environmental (including air quality),
- Risk Management,
- Crime Reduction,
- Safeguarding.

5.2 There are no other specific statutory implications relevant to consideration of this report.

6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications of this report. Appendix 2 details the projects and programmes allocated within the overall grant budget of £11.67M.

7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES

- 7.1 The terms of reference of the Grants Determination (Cabinet) Sub-Committee require regular reporting where grants have been given based upon a general delegation. This report complies with that requirement.
- 7.2 The Council is required to ensure it achieves statutory Best Value in the delivery of its functions. Grants form part of that statutory framework and the monitoring of the use of the grant and achieved outcomes assists in compliance with the Best Value duty.
- 7.3 The Council was obliged by a previous Best Value review to ensure that use of Council buildings was subject to an appropriate property use agreement. Therefore, entering into such an agreement was made a mandatory part of the relevant grant agreements. It is therefore lawful for the Council to withhold payment until such time as the lease is concluded in accordance with the grant terms.
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Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- NONE

Appendices

- Appendix 1 - Local Community Fund Programme Management Arrangements
- Appendix 2 – LCF Project Summary October 2022 – December 2022

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

- NONE

Officer contact details for documents:

N/A

Appendix 1 - Local Community Fund Programme Management Arrangements

Each Local Community Fund project has a named VCS Development officer who works with the projects to support the organisation and ensure the overall aims of the programme are met.

Theme and thematic areas also have named officers and they work with other teams / directorates in the Council and the wider sector to ensure the LCF programme links in with Council and wider borough aims and objectives.

RAG Rating – projects are assigned a Red, Amber or Green rating when reporting to the Grants Determination Sub Committee on project performance, summary below and Appendix 2.1 for more details.

RED

- organisation has not signed funding agreement
- significant planned delivery not taken place
- serious project management issues
- high risk that the project will not achieve planned outcomes

AMBER

- significant underperformance against targets
- some planned delivery not taken place
- some project management issues
- still able to achieve project outcomes over the lifetime of the project with support

GREEN

- on track to achieve project objectives
- delivery taken place
- any performance issues are resolved
- satisfactory project management

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InfraTheme / Scheme	1- Inclusion, Health & Wellbeing 1A - Children, Young People & Families
Priorities:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase access to Youth Services 2. Provision of Early Help support to families 3. Support for young carers
Outcomes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children and young people, in particularly girls and young women: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. have more confidence in themselves; b. are more resilient, and c. are able to, and do, access a range of spaces, activities and social opportunities across Tower Hamlets. 2. Girls and young women feel included, are able to participate in any service, and are more likely to train to become youth leaders and/or develop their own initiatives. 3. Children and young people who may feel excluded from participating in mainstream services and activities (e.g from minority groups, who are disabled, who are LGBTQI, or who are carers for others) can participate in a range of activities and experiences. 4. Children, young people and their families are listened to and their input is considered and included in decision making. 5. Young carers are supported and included; their needs and concerns are understood and are taken into account at local and strategic levels. 6. Children under 5 grow up in positive family environments and are supported to thrive.

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Canaan Project / Canaan Project - Isle of Dogs	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£115,240	Canaan Project provides activities for young women aged 11-19 on the Isle of Dogs. Working with George Green’s school and Café Forever. Activities include cooking, craft, sports, and inspirational workshops at its weekly lunch and after school clubs, as well as opportunities to join its regular trips.	Monitoring demonstrates the following was reported by girls attending lunch club: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 97% feel welcome. • 97% feel safe. • 95% have tried new things. • 82% have met new people. 58% of those asked said they do not attend any other out of school activities.	GREEN During this quarter the project worked with 125 different young women across 70 different sessions. Additional activities included two social events and three day trips: ice skating, trampolining, and climbing. Their lunch clubs are continuing to grow, involving 110 different young women across three weekly lunch clubs during this quarter. The project is on track to achieve the desired outcomes.

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Half Moon Young People's Theatre / Professional Theatre and Inclusive Participatory Drama for Young People	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£152,853	Professional theatre shows and inclusive participatory drama opportunities for and with young people that informs, challenges, and shapes their artistic potential. The activity is for children and young people from 0-18 (or 25 for disabled young people) from all backgrounds and abilities from across Tower Hamlets, providing free access support to anyone who needs it.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 195 young people participated in Youth Theatre sessions, 58 of whom were disabled or have additional needs. 172 Youth Theatre members performed in their end of term sharings for friends, family and members of the wider community in December 2022. <p>The project also worked with families at Ocean and Collingwood Children and Family Centres. Sessions received positive feedback from the centres' staff, parents and carers.</p>	<p>GREEN</p> <p>All eight Youth Theatre groups had a very successful autumn term and the end of term sharings attracted full houses.</p> <p>The project is on track to achieve the desired outcomes.</p>
Look Ahead Care and Support / Domestic Abuse Children's Worker	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£162,086	A specialist Domestic Abuse Children's Worker to support children who are vulnerable due to early exposure to domestic abuse. Providing emotional support through age-appropriate engagement, e.g. play, to address challenges faced by children living at organisation's LBTH Domestic Abuse Service and in the community.	<p>Four new children moved into the refuge this quarter. This brings the number of children living there up to 11.</p> <p>100% of the children are more confident in expressing their needs whether verbally, or by gestures. Mums have been supported in nurturing their children, given the circumstances they endured before coming to the service. They report an increase in their children's wellbeing, behaviour and confidence.</p>	<p>GREEN</p> <p>There has been a new starter in the Childcare Worker post supported by this funding. Outcomes for working with other organisations are not being reported on. A meeting has been set up with the council to address this.</p> <p>Families have been supported with the increase in their cost of living. This includes donations of food, clothes, toys and essentials. They are also supported to access emergency grants, vouchers and benefits.</p>

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				Families went to Christmas fair at Stepney Farm.	The project continues to be on track to achieve the desired outcomes.
Newark Youth London / Girls in Action	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£80,725	Project aims to increase access to regular youth services by girls and young women, so that they develop their confidence and life skills; make them resilient and enable them to participate in a six month social action project and other learning opportunities in order that they can develop their leadership, communication, and organisational skills.	In this quarter, the project started the recruitment of a new cohort of project beneficiaries. This was made difficult due to the main Project Officer leaving at the end of September 2022. Seven girls and young women registered onto the project. Seven weekly sessions were delivered. The girls worked on areas of personal development. They started planning their social action project, whose focus will be on supporting local people with the cost-of-living crisis.	GREEN This project has not had a main Project Officer in place for most of this quarter. The new worker has recruited beneficiaries to the project by promoting it in local schools and creating new partnerships. The organisation continues working with the girls from the previous cohort. However, the project is still progressing against its KPIs.
Osmani Trust / Family Mentoring Project (FMP) Early Help	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£144,000	Project aims to provide through family mentoring a range of Early Help support to children, young people and their families to help them overcome their immediate challenges and meet their needs in order for them to thrive in healthy and safe families.	Seven new cases were taken on from October 2022 alongside five existing cases. Three of these were closed during the quarter. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 families accessed services that they did not access before • 7 families stated that they have developed confidence as a result of engaging with the project 	GREEN A range of interventions were used to support families. Key issues included parent-child conflict, parental conflict, mental and physical health support needs and school refusal. One family was supported through terminal illness and bereavement of parents. The project is on track to achieve the desired outcomes.

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 Parents reported improved confidence in parental skills. 	
St Hilda's East Community Centre / St. Hilda's Girls Driven Project	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£65,856	St. Hilda's Girls Driven Project is an inspirational initiative designed to support, inspire, drive girls and young women to reach their full potential and realise their authentic ambitious life goals. It enhances project beneficiaries' core skills, confidence, grit, motivation and equality.	<p>Outcome measurements demonstrates five members have either agreed or strongly agreed that the project has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> helped their confidence improved their resilience. <p>Results included creating a social media post about bullying and an artwork which reflects project beneficiaries' favourite inspirational quotes from around the world, which was then put up in St Hilda's café.</p>	<p>GREEN</p> <p>Themed project activities included World Mental Health Day, Black History Month and Anti Bullying Week. Additionally, a Halloween event was held, and the girls participated in an intergenerational Christmas party hosted by St Hilda's.</p> <p>The project is on track to achieve the desired outcomes.</p>
Stifford Centre Limited / Stifford Young Girl's Project	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£58,256	The Project runs a Young Girl's Club that offers disadvantaged young girls a safe space in which they can socialise, participate in a range of activities that encourage their wellbeing, improve confidence and learn skills that are useful for their future development.	<p>This quarter the project worked with 12 participants, providing cooking sessions in which the young people cooked healthy Christmas dishes and explored different cultural Christmas celebration customs.</p> <p>Topic discussions included mental health and how to aid well-being with one another. Project beneficiaries also visited different places of faith, sharing experience and ideas.</p>	<p>GREEN</p> <p>This project continues to work towards outcomes and KPIs, empowering participants to have higher life aspirations by providing opportunities for development, resulting in increased confidence, life skills and interests.</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Oct 22 – Dec 22	RAG Rating / Comments
The Yard Theatre Ltd / Tower Hamlets Teens	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£147,653	Free, fortnightly youth leadership workshops, weekly drama workshops, summer masterclasses, and schools’ performances for Tower Hamlets teenagers. Delivered at Tower Hamlets assets, Hub67, The Yard, and local schools, it increases access to youth services, improves participants’ health and wellbeing through cultural activities, and supports community cohesion through public events.	<p>The five young people supported into employment last quarter remain employed. All Yard Youth members remain in full time education.</p> <p>Black Excellence at Nighttime (BEAN) have worked to design a new drama-based creative project for young people to develop a drama company. The aim is to launch this in 2023.</p> <p>When asked to respond to the prompt ‘I feel well’, the average score was 7.6/10 in agreement and in response to ‘I feel purposeful in everyday life’, an average score of 7.3/10.</p>	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The third round of Schools Programme visits took place. This included visits to Wapping High School and Central Foundation Girl’s School. Visits included interactive workshops and Question & Answer session about a play.</p> <p>There are 25 youth theatre participants this new academic year, with 80% being Tower Hamlets students or residents.</p> <p>Workshops enabled students to explore a play’s themes and symbolism.</p> <p>This project continues to make good progress against the KPIs.</p>

Scheme:	1B – Older People
Priorities:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ageing well and reducing social isolation 2. Provision of physical and health-promotion activities for older people
Outcomes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduced isolation and loneliness among older isolated adults, particularly those who are housebound, and those facing additional challenges (e.g dementia, disability, limited English); 2. Older people are able to continue making a positive contribution to their communities; 3. Older people feel more included and integrated in their communities and are able to mix with people of different ages and from different backgrounds to increase the sharing of skills, experience and knowledge both amongst older people, and between different generations; 4. People living with dementia are supported to participate as much as, and as long as possible. Carers of people living with dementia are supported.

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Oct 22 – Dec 22	RAG Rating / Comments
Age UK East London / Caxton Hall, a dynamic activity centre led by older people for the whole community.	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£294,960	Caxton Hall is a dynamic activity centre led by older people. It involves a café, opportunities to meet neighbours and connect to other people, both young and old, in the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of new older people accessing services at Caxton Hall - 25 • Number of older people contributing to running the Hub Café – 8 • Number of older people feel more included and integrated as a result of participating in a community cohesion project – 28. 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The project is on track to achieve the desired outcomes.</p> <p>Progress was made on the premises agreement between Age UK and the council for the former organisation’s occupation of a Council-owned premises. This has enabled Council officers to agree in September 2022 that the RAG rating of this project be moved from Amber and then to Green.</p> <p>In February 2023 Age UK and the council agreed a lease for its premises.</p>
Age UK East London / Friend at Home	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£252,418	Matching housebound older people who would like a bit more company at home with volunteers who would like to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of isolated, housebound older people are matched with a Friend at Home and receive weekly one-hour visits – 7 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The project is on track to achieve the desired outcomes.</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Oct 22 – Dec 22	RAG Rating / Comments
			share an enjoyable hour or two of conversation and company with them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project maintaining 145 matches • 100% of isolated, housebound older people reported an increase or stabilisation of their well-being, as measured by the Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Wellbeing Scale. 	Please see report on Caxton Hall project above for progress on premises agreement.
Community of Refugees from Vietnam - East London / Vietnamese and Chinese Lunch and Social Club	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£130,912	The Vietnamese and Chinese Lunch and Social Club project provides healthy lunches and social and health promotion activities for people aged over 50, from the Vietnamese and Chinese community in Tower Hamlets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of older people participating in diet & healthy cooking habits sessions - 15 • Number of people supported to reduce isolation who live on their own or are housebound - 4 • Number of social and wellbeing activities held at the centre & online – 46. 	GREEN The Project is on track to achieving the desired outcomes. Some of the activities delivered this quarter included healthy eating sessions, Tai Chi exercise, indoor games and yoga classes.
East London Out Project / Tower Hamlets LGBT Support	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£110,470	LGBT Community Support to enhance peer networks, lessen isolation and provide mental health crisis prevention support. Two facilitated social support groups, for older people, people with mental health needs or other disabilities, Individual mental health crisis prevention support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of LGBT people over 50 accessing new social activity per year and report on increased social connections and increased social activity and feeling less lonely – 10 • Number of disabled LGBT people or those experiencing mental health concerns attend either group or individual support per year and report better life satisfaction and 	GREEN The project is on track to achieving the desired outcomes. The project has delivered one to work support both in person and remote. The project has supported 19 new people during this quarter.

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			provided. LGBT training available to other organisations.	<p>better quality of life three months after start of service – 20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of training sessions delivered to organisations – 2. 	
St Hilda's East Community Centre / Older People's 'Feeling Good!' Wellbeing Project	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£120,000	'Feeling Good!' wellbeing project is based in Weavers Ward and open to older people from throughout the borough, Monday-Friday. It provides nutritious lunches and invigorating opportunities - from indoor sport, IT learning, singing, art, intergenerational activities with schoolchildren, outings and quizzes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of older people attending the varied 'Feeling Good!' activities programme – 40 • Number of people reported that they felt less isolated and lonely- 24 • Number of people reported an improvement in their health & wellbeing – 32. 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The Project is on track to achieving the desired outcomes. The project has built good partnerships with other local organisations to deliver the various wellbeing activities.</p> <p>In October 40 members attended Black History Month (BHM) events. They celebrated with music and dance from around the world.</p> <p>Feeling Good members did two joint activities with Linkage Project e.g.: Older People's Day party and Christmas Market trip to Kingston on Thames.</p>
Tower Hamlets Friends and Neighbours (THFN)/ Older Peoples Befriending Project	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£200,000	THFN provides befriending and advocacy services to older people in the borough. Its team of befriender advocates provides regular one to one support to people in their own homes, assists with making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of isolated older adults are visited by a befriender advocate on a fortnightly basis – 15 • More than 85% of adults the project interacts with report improved outcomes; reduced isolation, less anxiety and are more confident. 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>In the last quarter most clients were visited at home. Clients continue to enjoy home visits as it allows for greater support, especially around advocacy. The project has found a huge upsurge in request for additional support and the time taken in dealing</p>

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			<p>appointments and helps in accessing services. It also organises small group outings locally.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of older adults with dementia are visited on a regular basis by a Befriender Advocate who is a Dementia Champion – 5. 	<p>with these concerns has meant that staff are spending more time with the beneficiaries. The cost of living crisis is having an impact and the project is liaising more with food banks and other organisations that can provide food for the people that it works with.</p>
<p>Toynbee Hall / The Wellbeing Centre at Toynbee Hall</p>	<p>01/10/2019 30/09/2023</p>	<p>£165,656</p>	<p>This project offers holistic relational support to older people aged 50+ in Tower Hamlets. It aims to make Toynbee Hall’s existing provision at its Wellbeing Centre more inclusive and responsive to needs and to build stronger networks of information sharing and peer-support between users and those not accessing services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of health promotion sessions delivered – 20 (with 118 attendances) • Number of social activities delivered – 52 sessions (with 465 attendances) • Number of user-led activities held at the Wellbeing Centre – 42 (with 337 attendances). 	<p>GREEN The project is on track to achieving the desired outcomes. It is progressing well and is exceeding the targets in the areas of health promotion activity, user led activity and social activity.</p>

Scheme:	1C – Access, Information and Self-Management
Priorities:	1. Residents better informed/equipped to manage health conditions
Outcomes:	1. Residents of all ages are better informed/equipped to manage health conditions 2. Increased awareness of and access to local services, including crisis support 3. Residents and their families are aware of the benefits of healthy eating and eat more healthily

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Globe Community Project / Take Back Your Life	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£112,189	A mindfulness-based pain management programme, addressing chronic pain/illness, related social isolation and inactivity delivered by experienced, fully accredited Breathworks trainers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of people per quarter report increased knowledge, awareness and confidence to self-manage health condition (through mindfulness, nutrition and exercise) – 19 Number of people per quarter report increase in levels of pain self-efficacy after five week course - 17 Number of people per quarter report decrease in levels of pain catastrophising after five week course- 17. 	GREEN The project has delivered against the KPIs for this quarter and is on track to achieve the lifetime targets and project outcomes.
Real DPO Ltd / Taking Control of Your Life (TCOYL)	01/04/2020 30/09/2023	£249,959	The Taking Control of Your Life project delivers creative planning support alongside a user-led co-production group, harnessing the views of people with lived experience of disability. This project maximises independence, supporting people to make decisions on how they want to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of action plans produced – 8 90% of clients reported they felt more independent and had a better quality of service 70% reported the new services accessed had a positive effect on their life. <p>The project supports clients through providing high level of support and in-depth time with them to make information accessible. It provides home visits and</p>	GREEN (for October-December 2022. Project is currently classified as Red due to premises issue) The project has received positive feedback from beneficiaries. It is on track to achieve the

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			fulfil their ambitions and also help “change the system”.	follows up with hard-to-reach clients who have differing levels of engagement.	lifetime and project outcomes.

Scheme:	1D – Healthy living and healthy choices
Priorities:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Residents better informed to make healthier choices 2. Increased engagement in physical activity
Outcomes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased participation in a wide range of culture, play, physical activity, leisure and sport that are inclusive of age, gender, disability, race and mobility 2. More social opportunities for reducing isolation through participation in culture, play physical activity and sport. 3. Increased participation from marginalised groups 4. Creating opportunities for intergenerational relationships, shared experience through culture, play, physical activity, leisure and sport for all above

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London Tigers / Exercise for health: BAME women, children and young people	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£170,960	Exercise for health project delivers a series of sports, physical activities and health-related workshops for women, young people and children to make positive choices about their health and wellbeing. It provides pathways to stay involved, excel in sports, and develop healthier habits for life.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • % of Black, Asian and Multi-Ethnic communities’ children and young people attending project’s sport and physical activities, including health workshops, report improved health and wellbeing - 84% • % of Black, Asian and Multi-Ethnic communities’ women attending project’s sport and physical activities report improved health and wellbeing – 94% • % of Black, Asian and Multi-Ethnic communities’ women per year attending the varied sports and physical activities through the project report feeling less isolated and less lonely – 100%. 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The project has delivered in-person sessional activities on a weekly basis this quarter, with an additional online session for those who preferred this option. This quarter’s highlights included the October half term holiday where the Project organised multi-sports activity and exercise fun days during the week. The project also shared with members useful links and resources for warm spaces and foods for those who were affected by the current cost of living crisis.</p>

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MUDCHUTE ASSOCIATION / Playing out at Mudchute	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£80,000	Mudchute’s unique natural facilities provide a range of freely chosen play opportunities in a safe, stimulating environment. Enabling children access to participate in freely chosen, innovative leisure and sporting activities will promote; exercise, healthy eating, social and life skills through the process of ‘Learning through Play’.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistent play leisure opportunities for children and young people – 70 hours of play provision delivered this quarter, attracting approximately 2,000 people • Number of older people become involved in a voluntary capacity, working with children to pass on life skills and experiences - 8 • Number of participants from those who do not usually take part in social events, Black, Asian & Multi-Ethnic community groups, those with additional needs and girls / women – 15. 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The project has delivered on the KPIs and has been able to reach/engage with families and children. Activities during the October half term were well attended. Additional funding secured enabled the project to provide donkey rides and animal handling sessions free of charge. The project is on track to achieve the lifetime targets and project outcomes.</p>
Newark Youth London / Healthy-Active-Together (HeAT)	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£112,456	The Healthy-Active-Together (HeAT) project offers a wide range of sports and physical activities across the borough with the objective of engaging inactive young people (10 to 25) and their families in regular sports and physical activities to improve health and wellbeing and reduce isolation and exclusion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Project has worked with 226 children, young people and adults in this quarter, with 18 participants registering on the project for the first time • 18 participants who have taken part in the programme have reported significant improvement to their health and wellbeing. 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The project delivered six separate sessions from four different locations in the borough. In total it delivered 53 sports and fitness sessions</p> <p>Project is on track to achieve the lifetime targets and project outcomes.</p>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18 participants have stated that they are less isolated and excluded after enrolling onto the project. 	
Stifford Centre Limited / Healthy Lifestyle Partnership Programme	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£320,109	A free membership health club with over 20 different classes and groups per week, delivered by a consortium of VCS organisations. The Health Club is suitable for all ages and participants design the activity program alongside providers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of people become members per annum – 118 this quarter 95% of members reported higher levels of wellbeing after six weeks of membership 95% of members have reported improved health and wellbeing through adopting a healthier diet 95% of members report having a better understanding of maintaining a healthy lifestyle. 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The health partnership project has delivered a wide array of health and wellbeing activities including yoga, aerobics, speed climbing, kayaking, volunteering on the farm and health information workshops in the quarter. The project is on track to achieve the lifetime targets and project outcomes.</p>
The Bangladesh Youth Movement (BYM) / Live Healthy Enjoy Life [the Female Health & Development Project]	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£86,168	‘Live Healthy, Enjoy Life’ will operate from BYM’s Women’s Centre providing proactive and responsive health development activities which ensure excluded women from Black, Asian & Multi-Ethnic communities and refugee women develop healthy lives and manage their own	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black, Asian and Multi-Ethnic community women to access health support activities – 42 Number of Black, Asian and Multi-Ethnic community /Bangladeshi women raising their awareness to a range of health issues appropriate to leading healthier lives – 42 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The project is progressing well. It has delivered a wide variety of health and wellbeing sessions that are accessible and tailor made for women from Black, Asian and Multi-Ethnic communities. Women have demonstrated increased personal and social development during this period of the project.</p>

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			physical and mental health; peer volunteer befriending and development of social networks alleviate isolation and facilitate inclusion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers of women accessing the women’s forum – 6. 	
The Royal Society for Blind Children / Live Active, Live Well Tower Hamlets	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£72,529.00	Live Active, Live Well Tower Hamlets will enable 60 blind and partially sighted young people aged 8-25 to gain the confidence and motivation to participate in physical activities and inform their ability to make healthier choices over the project’s first three years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of participants have shown an improvement in their physical activity levels this quarter – 5 • Number of participants reported improvements in their self-confidence and resilience – 4 • Number of sessions delivered in the borough – 3. 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The project has delivered a number of in-person activities, one to ones and 'check' in calls this quarter. The project is on track to achieve the overall outcomes and lifetime targets.</p>

Scheme	1E – Improved inclusion, health and well-being outcomes for disabled people and people experiencing mental health issues
Priorities:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improved health outcomes for disabled people 2. People experiencing mental health issues are better supported
Outcomes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More mainstream services are culturally inclusive, welcoming and accessible for disabled people and people experiencing mental health issues from different ethnic backgrounds, different faith backgrounds, and who are LGBTQI 2. Adults with complex needs (i.e who have multiple issues affecting their lives) have better health outcomes 3. Disabled people and people experiencing mental health issues; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) are more independent b) are more aware of and more likely to participate in local services c) have a better quality of life 4. People experiencing mental health issues have improved knowledge of where to access support, including peer support, social activities, and activities that build confidence and develop resilience

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deafPLUS / Improving Health and Wellbeing for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people in Tower Hamlets	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£180,856	A borough wide health and wellbeing project that addresses health inequalities, loneliness and isolation, mental health issues and barriers to employment, lack of confidence and self-esteem by bringing deaf and hard of hearing people together across communities.	<p>Deaf participant feedback has been positive, with ice skating and cinema trips. Participants reported feeling a strong sense of community and belonging by being able to engage in these activities with other deaf people, rather than be the only deaf person. Generally, this gave them a feeling of belonging and reduced feelings of isolation.</p> <p>Participants at Mile End Leisure Centre stated that they had learnt a lot of very useful information which would help them to make their workplace and sport/leisure session more accessible for any deaf attendees.</p>	<p>GREEN</p> <p>During this quarter the project delivered 11 activities and events and reached and worked with 14 new clients and 25 participants overall. The project is working with the council’s communications team to improve access to the LBTH website.</p> <p>Activities included a talk on 'The Cost-of-Living Crisis' and deaf awareness training at Mile End Leisure Centre.</p> <p>The project is on track to achieve their lifetime targets, KPIs and outcomes.</p>

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ICM Foundation CIC / CORE Projects Get Active Newspaper - Promoting Healthy and Active Lifestyles	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£52,517	People with learning disabilities aged 18+ from Tower Hamlets work in partnership with ICM Foundation. Three times each year they design and deliver 5,000 accessible newspapers on the theme of health and wellbeing, distributed to communities that reflects the borough's diversity.	<p>The project group’s members have recently been allocated job roles based on their strengths and each participant has excelled in their role. Every member of the group has demonstrated improvement in research and communication. They produced the last edition of the newsletter in October 2022 and copies were distributed. There continues to be positive feedback from readers regarding the content and how useful it is as a means of informing people about free and affordable activities.</p> <p>100% of participants report that the project continues to be beneficial in terms of meeting people and increasing their confidence levels and skills.</p>	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The project continues to progress well, providing activities aimed at reducing barriers to employment for disadvantaged groups.</p> <p>The focus of the next newspaper is to have less written content, with more images and articles embedded with a Quick Response code, which will take readers to a video of that newspaper content.</p> <p>The project is on track to achieve outcomes and lifetime targets.</p>
Woman's Trust / Therapeutic Support Groups for Women Affected by Domestic Abuse	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£77,118	Therapeutic Support Groups providing a safe, moderated space for female survivors of domestic abuse to share experiences and support each other. Groups help women recover their mental health by reducing isolation, learning from shared experiences, being	<p>The projects first evening group completed this quarter and the second is underway. 14 women registered, 12 attended at least once and 7 regular attendees.</p> <p>Participants reported moderate-very significant improvements to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • stress and anxiety • confidence and self-esteem, 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The ethnically diverse group of beneficiaries has explored racism and how that has been a factor in the abuse that members experienced. Another common theme of the group was the struggles some faced as single mothers.</p> <p>This therapeutic project continues to make good progress against KPIs, enabling survivors to thrive and recover.</p>

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			empowered by supporting others and thereby gaining confidence and independence.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • isolation • improved relationships with children. 	
Working Well Trust / Upskill	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£433,941	Improve the wellbeing of people with lived experience of mental health by supporting them to achieve their goals by accessing new opportunities and including support from their peers, enabling to reconnect with the local community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of residents with mental health support needs accessing one to one support per quarter – 92 • Number of over 50s residents with mental health support needs had initial engagement with Upskill- 23 • Number of over 50s residents with mental health support needs to access one to one support towards achieving short term goals – 16. 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>This quarter the project was very busy with community events and partnerships, as well as an increase in referrals.</p> <p>The Project is on track to achieve the lifetime targets and project outcomes.</p>

Theme / Scheme:	2 – Digital Inclusion and Awareness 2A – ICT Skills and Digital Careers
Priorities:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Access to ICT support and training for older people 2. Digital skill development for children and young people <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Increase awareness of careers in the digital sector, and b) Provide children and young people with the opportunity to develop the skills for the digital sector.
Outcomes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Residents with limited digital/ICT skills, particularly older residents, disabled residents, those with English as a second language or other barriers to digital inclusion: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Have increased confidence in using ICT, especially around security; b) Are able to use digital methods to access services, find information, and communicate with others, and do so more regularly; c) Have increased digital skills. 2. Working age residents have greater awareness of digital careers, have increased digital skills, and have increased access to work and work placements in the digital sector

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Limehouse Project / DigiTIES	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£71,197	The aim of DigiTIES workshops is to prevent digital exclusion in older adults in order to prevent social isolation and increase their ability to access online health related support. The content of the workshop includes how to use social media, managing email accounts, and accessing online health related support services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of older people have learned to use at least three ICT platforms – 11 • Number of older people have learned to use a search engine to find health information on NHS websites - 11 • Number of older people report greater confidence using ICT – 9. 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The project continues to deliver sessions at the Royal Foundation of St Katherine community centre, where a warm space is also provided, with tea and coffee providing an opportunity for people to come together.</p> <p>The project is on track to achieve the funded outcomes.</p>
Newham New Deal Partnership / @online club	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£78,080	@online club network will build the confidence of older residents (over 50s) to go online using tablet devices, learning in small	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of older residents’ report increased confidence going on-line - 7 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>Feedback showed that participants have already increased their confidence and what they are able</p>

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network Tower Hamlets			friendly groups, through taster sessions and eight-week or longer programmes of practical activities based on the needs and interests of participants.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of older residents report able to go online to do more things – 6 • Three feedback sessions with hosting/referral organisations per year– 3. 	<p>to do online. Case study supports the delivery of work for this period.</p> <p>The project is on track to achieve the funded outcomes.</p>
Wapping Bangladesh Association / Digital First	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£18,861	Digital First engages socially isolated older adults from Black, Asian & Multi-Ethnic communities aged 55+, but not exclusively, living in Wapping and Shadwell, who are not computer literate and are digitally excluded. The Project delivers ICT and internet training that will help older adults to cope with facing key life transitions or challenges.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of older adults develop a better understanding and appreciation of the potential benefits of learning to use computers and how to navigate around the internet – 11 • More than 75% of older adults report increase social contacts and community involvement as a result of accessing the project – 9 • Number of older adults on the project report able to use online services to manage daily life tasks – 7. 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The project has delivered on-line and face-to-face group sessions.</p> <p>The project is on track to achieve the funded outcomes.</p>

Scheme:	2B – Online Safety
Priorities:	1. Children and young people online safety
Outcomes:	1. Residents are aware of potential dangers online and implement suitable prevention measures 2. Children, young people and their families know how to report online bullying and abuse 3. Older people are aware of how to identify online scams and how to keep themselves safe

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SocietyLinks Tower Hamlets / E-Safety Champions	1/10/2019 30/09/2023	£23,192	The E-Safety Champions project trains local women to become ‘champions’ for e-safety in the community. Weekly workshops cover all areas of online safety. Once trained, the project’s champions go into schools and community groups to spread their knowledge to young people and parents/carers through presentations and workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of project Champions reported feeling confident enough to make a change and tell others to do so too – 15 • Number of project participants reported taking a specific action at home to improve online safety - 22 • 100% of adults and young people who partook in workshops were able to relay the information learnt back to the staff and group which confirmed that they understood how to report and identify cyber bullying – 80%. 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The project delivered face to face group sessions during this period and continued recruiting new participants onto the sessions.</p> <p>The project is on track to achieve the funded outcomes.</p>
Sporting Foundation / Building Digital Resilience	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£35,213	Sporting Foundation build the digital resilience of children and young people and raise the awareness of online safety with parents, so that as families they are safe from risk and able to utilise digital resources,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of parents and young people report being more confident in understanding the relationship between social media and online grooming – 18 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The Digital Resilience programme has been successful in meeting the needs of parents and young people who take part in it and the related project milestones.</p>

			managing them effectively and reducing harm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number of parents and young people report increased awareness of risks pertaining to on-line activity- 26.	The project is on track to achieve the funded outcomes.
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Theme / Scheme:	3 - Advice and Information
Priorities:	This theme has a single priority, Social Welfare Advice and Information.
Outcomes:	<p>Reduce poverty across the spectrum of social welfare advice and information activity:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased access to social welfare advice and income from benefits 2. Improved personal budgeting, financial stability and reduction in personal debt 3. Reduction in the number of people negatively impacted by welfare reforms and housing repossessions 4. Individuals are more informed about their legal rights 5. Individuals are more informed about their housing rights 6. Increased employment security 7. Increased access to immigration/asylum advice and casework 8. Increased engagement of older people with social welfare advice services <p>Capacity building and training within the sector:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improved coordination and cooperation between advice providers 2. Increased integration of service both within the VCS advice sector and with services in other sectors 3. Increased number of local volunteers achieving a recognised advice training accreditation 4. Improved liaison and co-ordination with public sector agencies 5. Improved access to information for providers

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East End Citizens Advice Bureaux / Advice Tower Hamlets	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£3,696,408	Advice Tower Hamlets provides free, confidential, independent, quality-assured advice services to help Tower Hamlets residents resolve the problems they face, including welfare benefits, housing, money/debt, employment, immigration, consumer, education, community care, family, personal issues. This service is led by Citizens Advice Tower Hamlets, in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5,086 clients have been assisted with social welfare advice • 1,283 clients have been supported to increase/maximise incomes • £4,747,723 of clients’ income has increased/or backdated 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>Most partners in this consortium are now providing face-to-face, phone, Skype and teams appointments and all partners are inundated with clients due to the very high demand and the cost of living crisis.</p> <p>The project is on track to achieve the funded outcomes.</p>

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			partnership with twelve local advice agencies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £1,087,987 debt reduction/write offs resulting in reduction in amounts of personal debt. 	
Island Advice Centre / Tower Hamlets Advice Training and Capacity Building Project	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£200,000	The project improves capacity, training, quality and access to the borough’s advice services. It develops coordination and cooperation between advice and other sectors, providing recruitment and training for volunteers, facilitation of the Tower Hamlets Community Advice Network, updated website of advice provision and information / factsheets, coordination of meetings, delivering formal training.	12 Advice Workshops to 187 participants on a range of issues, such as benefits, housing, homelessness, employment, and immigration.	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The project continues to support Tower Hamlets’ advice sector, with provision of training, facilitating advice networks and distributing social welfare rights advice information in the borough.</p> <p>The project is on track to achieve the funded outcomes.</p>

Theme / Scheme:	4 – Employment and Skills 4A - Developing and embedding good practice in the workplace for people with disabilities, learning difficulties and physical and mental health barriers to work
Priorities:	1. Promoting ethical employer practices to focus on improving employment and progression opportunities for people with additional needs, with an emphasis for employers on sustaining or improving business productivity.
Outcomes:	1. More disabled people and people with mental health issues access work experience placements and employment opportunities 2. Disabled employees feel more comfortable and better supported in sustainable roles in the workplace 3. Disabled people have access to meaningful, relevant training and skills development 4. Tower Hamlets employers are more inclusive and employ more disabled people and people with mental health issues and are more aware of how to support them.

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REAL DPO / THEN & NOW	01/04/2020 30/09/2023	£463,690	A holistic package of services, underpinned by coproduction, to support Tower Hamlets companies develop the confidence and capacity to be excellent employers of disabled people, and increase levels of employment amongst them. The project creates communities of current and potential workers and employers, to drive positive change.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of organisations engaged in each quarter and the nature of the engagement – 17 The project has provided 73 hours of one-to-one support to seven employers and has achieved 100% satisfaction rate from them. 	<p>GREEN (for October-December 2022. Project is currently classified as Red due to premises issue)</p> <p>During this quarter, the project delivered 73 hours of advice work through its one-to-one service to employers, which surpasses any figure that it had previously reported on.</p> <p>The project is on track to achieve their lifetime targets.</p>

Scheme:	4B - Reducing barriers to employment for disadvantaged groups
Priorities:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reducing barriers to employment for disadvantaged groups 2. Employment and volunteering opportunities for older people 3. Employment skills for vulnerable young people and those who are NEET (not in education, employment or training) 4. Employment and skills for young people at risk of achieving poor outcomes
Outcomes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Young people have increased life skills, employability skills, communication /presentation and interview skills and confidence, and have access to mentoring, work experience and internships 2. Older people gain life skills and secure employment and/or voluntary roles 3. Potential entrepreneurs/business founders have access to independent support and advice and increased knowledge of business and financial planning 4. Increased opportunities for women who are far from the labour market or on a low salary to develop their confidence, soft skills, and work ready skills to access employment or start their own business.

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Limehouse Project / Developing Potential	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£201,181	An integrated programme of personal skills development, designed to enable women to make informed choices on their futures, supporting them into training, volunteering and work. This project links with existing provision and acts as a progression route forwards for new opportunities for women in Tower Hamlets.	Women who attend accredited course will complete and gain certifications- 6.	GREEN This quarter the project has built new partnerships to provide in-house ESOL/functional skills courses and additional supplementary courses to help participants progress onto the workforce and self-employment. The project is on track to achieve its lifetime targets.
SocietyLinks Tower Hamlets / Job Club	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£61,184	This project delivers two weekly job club sessions run by its experienced employment support worker. The sessions will include access to computers and tailored employment support, including	The number of people who are NEETs and/or from workless households) who access employment support to assist their employment prospects - 29	GREEN During this quarter the project worked with many individuals on a one to one basis over a period of time, as well as some who attended sporadically to update their CV,

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			creating a CV, accessing emails, job searching, applications and using Universal Job Match.	Beneficiaries obtain an accredited training outcome (Level 2) - 12	access the internet to complete applications and to get feedback on personal statements. The project is on track to achieve its lifetime targets.
St Giles Trust / Choices Tower Hamlets	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£227,200	Supporting NEET Young people who are facing multiple disadvantages to access education, skills development and employment. The project delivers credible, consistent and holistic work, via individualised one-to-one support, supporting the young person to address and overcome barriers to raise their aspirations and towards reaching their potential.	Five young people showed improved levels of mental health and wellbeing due to reduction of barriers to employment, increased confidence in their future and access to specialist mental health support as required. Number of young people progress into and complete training and education courses – 5.	GREEN This quarter, overall, was quieter regarding referrals and outcomes, with five referrals, two employment outcomes and two training outcomes. The project is on track to achieve its lifetime targets.
Stifford Centre Limited / BAME Women's Employment Support Programme	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£121,512	This project runs a training programme to help long-term unemployed and economically inactive, isolated and disenfranchised women from Black, Asian and Multi-Ethnic communities and improve their job prospects. The focus is on carers and single parents of Bengali, Somali and Black, Asian and Multi-Ethnic community heritage with limited English language,	Women from Black, Asian and Multi-Ethnic communities gain volunteering experience by the end of the year and report that they have gained confidence– 5 Project has supported learners to grow in confidence, resilience and self-awareness. It enables learners to engage with a range of professionals, gaining insights and	GREEN The project continued to support local, long-term unemployed and economically inactive women from Black, Asian and Multi-Ethnic communities through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • support in creating and updating their CVs • mock interview sessions • job search support • ESOL classes

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Oct 22 – Dec 22	RAG Rating / Comments
			confidence and secondary education for community learning.	practical advice and transferable skills to carry through their careers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health & Social Care and Teaching Assistant training • digital upskilling sessions • business start-up training. <p>The project is on track to achieve its lifetime targets.</p>

Scheme:	4C - Support focused on increasing access to art and cultural industries
Priorities:	1. Support focused on increasing access to art and cultural industries
Outcomes:	1. Increased opportunities in the arts and cultural industries for people from Black, Asian and Multi-Ethnic communities, women, disabled people, working class people, older people; 2. Increased access to industry relevant training; 3. Increase in people participating in arts projects for the first time

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Oct 22 – Dec 22	RAG Rating / Comments
Auto Italia South East / Learning Live!	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£44,000	Learning Live! is a training and mentoring programme designed to support young people in Tower Hamlets progress into higher education courses, with the aim to increase access into the art and cultural industries.	Workshops delivered this quarter – 8 Number of participants that attended workshops – 36.	GREEN This quarter the project continued its Creative Technologies activity with participants in order to upskill them in the creative sector. The project is on track to achieve its lifetime targets.
Four Corners Ltd / ZOOM Film School	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£325,493	ZOOM Film School works with 90 disadvantaged residents - particularly people from Black, Asian and Multi-Ethnic communities, women and disabled people - to nurture their creative talent, increase confidence and self-esteem, and enable them to acquire the practical skills, experience and industry knowledge needed to move into work in the creative industries.	Number of participants successfully completed their accredited training programme - 6 Number of trainees gained paid employment – 1.	GREEN This quarter, eight beneficiaries began their training in person at Four Corners, with the tutors and equipment, and began pre-production for their film shoot with the charity Stitches in Time. The project is on track to achieve its lifetime targets.

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Oct 22 – Dec 22	RAG Rating / Comments
Magic Me / Artworks	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£110,385	Artworks is a new traineeship delivered by arts charity Magic Me, identifying and supporting talented Tower Hamlets residents from Black, Asian and Multi-Ethnic communities and working-class backgrounds to gain the knowledge, skills and confidence to access careers in community arts coordination and producing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of community partners identified/contacted for recruitment pathways – 3 • Number of trainees recruited/selected for work placement – 7. 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>This quarter, three trainees graduated from the Artworks Trainee scheme.</p> <p>The project is on track to achieve its lifetime targets.</p>
The Bromley by Bow Centre / Creative Communities	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£231,128	The project will equip at least 180 people from under-represented communities to increase their participation and readiness for employment in the creative sector. It will do this through a flexible community-based programme of engagement, needs assessment, practical group work and 1:1s, combining personal and core skills development, with individual support.	<p>Number of participants from target groups are enrolled and assessed – 10</p> <p>Number of participants identified as having not previously engaged in an arts/culture activity, state they have now participated in such an activity. – 10</p> <p>Number of local people from target groups secure an arts related work placement within 3 months of completion – 2.</p>	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The project worked with participants to produce textile story cloths for eventual exhibition as well as holding a Cost of Living Crisis Talk at Bromley by Bow Centre.</p> <p>The project is on track to achieve its lifetime targets.</p>

Theme / Scheme:	5 – Community Safety 5A – Reduction in the exploitation of children, young people and other vulnerable groups
Priorities:	1. Reduction in the exploitation of children and young people, and vulnerable groups
Outcomes:	1. Children, young people and other vulnerable people: a) Have increased confidence and critical thinking skills; b) Have an increased understanding of what a safe relationship is, what exploitation is, and how to spot the signs of abuse and exploitation; c) Have an emotional and actual vocabulary to articulate what is happening to them; d) Are better able to challenge and support each other around relationships.

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Oct 22 – Dec 22	RAG Rating / Comments
Kazzum Arts / Build	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£72,631	Build supports young people excluded from mainstream education, currently educated at a pupil referral unit (PRU) in Tower Hamlets. Students in this setting are at risk of exploitation and coercion into criminal activity. Through a programme of creative activities, the project develops participants’ confidence, emotional, literacy and interpersonal skills.	Face to face delivery was not due to take place this school term. Facilitators have begun developing induction activities and remote activities which will be used in the future.	GREEN In this final year it was expected the project would deliver 16 weekly sessions to two groups of young people between April 2022 and July 2023 at the London East Alternative Provision (LEAP). All expected KPI’s, targets and outcomes to date achieved.
Osmani Trust / Schools and Community Resilience Programme	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£143,821	This project: 1. transforms and changes the attitudes and behaviour of secondary school children; improving their confidence, critical thinking skills and emotional intelligence. 2. delivers a peer programme engaging young people as ambassadors to their peers, changes	The school project continues to support 29 young people identified as at risk of exclusion and violence, through school sessions, youthwork and mentoring. Mentoring benefitted 32 young people. Measuring interventions demonstrates that they have had a	GREEN The project delivered to two cohorts of workshops in schools. (Langdon Park school and Oakland School). It also continued to provide a peer programme through group sessions, 1-2-1 mentoring and casework. Project is on track to meet its targets.

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Oct 22 – Dec 22	RAG Rating / Comments
			attitude, promotes understanding, increase community cohesion, and ultimately empowers young people.	positive impact on the young people. Project supported three peer workers into employment.	
Streets of Growth / Young Influencers Programme	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£103,264	The programme is an innovative, impactful initiative led by and for young people (15-19 years) to enable them to build skills and capacity to feel safe, confident, and responsible when demonstrating the community safety and positive change they want to see in their neighbourhoods.	Project’s Young People Award Ceremony recognised the achievements and progression of 30 young people who over the last year have made significant positive changes and contributed to social action initiatives. Two Young Influencers were put forward for the LBTH Youth Awards and won their category. Projects this quarter included eight young influencers co-producing and developing a short film for young people in relation to weapon carrying and anti-knife crime.	GREEN Six new young people in this quarter, joining 19 young leaders involved since July. 100% of the young people engaged have lived experience of harm and trauma. Project is on track to overachieve expected targets.

Scheme:	5B – Improving the perception of young people in the community
Priorities:	1. Improving the perception of young people in the community
Outcomes:	1. Children and young people are, and are seen to be, a positive part of the community 2. Increased community cohesion and sense of belonging 3. Residents, especially older people, people feel less wary of children and young people

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Oct 22 – Dec 22	RAG Rating / Comments
Four Corners Ltd / Into Focus photography project	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£66,336	Into Focus offers an intergenerational photography project for 24 people each year (12 young people aged 14-25 years and 12 over-50s). Groups will create work for a final exhibition, focusing on social perceptions and misconceptions between older and younger people to promote positive attitudes and increasing mutual understanding.	Eight participants worked together and co-designed activities throughout the project. They edited and selected prints for framing, co-designed their exhibition and learnt how to install their work in the gallery. They also held a participants' reception on Saturday 17 December 2022 and sixty-two guests completed gallery visitor questionnaires.	GREEN Participants attended 12 workshops, including photo-walks, portrait studio shoots, print workshops, photogram, collage and picture framing workshops. This intergenerational project continues to make good progress against KPIs.
Leaders in Community / Project Connect	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£78,161	A group of young people recruited by LiC collaborate with older people to design a programme of activities and celebrations, which enable long-term social connections to be made, and ideas and points of view to be exchanged. The outcomes of the activities are shared with the wider community.	100% of project participants report feeling more positive about their community and an increased sense of belonging, compared to their views before participating in the project. They all report that they have formed more positive social connections with other people across their local area.	GREEN Young leaders and elderly community members worked together to put on a Christmas event for the community this quarter. Project is on schedule to meet its targets.


Scheme:	5C - Services for people affected by domestic violence or other unsafe circumstances
Priorities:	1. Services for people affected by domestic violence
Outcomes:	1. More residents, particularly families and young people, are aware of the different forms that domestic violence and sexual abuse (DVSA) can take, know how to report it, and where to access support. 2. Young victims and witnesses of Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault (DVSA) are supported to recognise and report it.

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Oct 22 – Dec 22	RAG Rating / Comments
Hestia Housing and Support / Families Safe and Secure in Tower Hamlets	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£92,400	This project supports families who have experienced DVSA and who are living in a local refuge to address the trauma they have faced and to learn about what a healthy relationship looks like. It also raises awareness amongst the Tower Hamlets community of DVSA and how to report it.	<p>100% of adults who attended the projects ‘What is Domestic Abuse’ session reported that they understood the different types of domestic abuse and felt confident to use and share the organisation’s Brightsky app to report on domestic abuse.</p> <p>Two workshops targeting young people were attended by 25 participants. 100% of them reported being confident in their understanding of what a healthy relationship looked like and what was and was not acceptable. This was up from 0% at the start of the session.</p> <p>Project partner Nour has been promoting domestic abuse awareness on its social media accounts, with content reaching audiences between several hundred to several thousand.</p>	<p>GREEN</p> <p>Four sessions of the Freedom Programme were provided to the women living in the refuge.</p> <p>Hestia also delivered four community events, attended by 65 women, 25 young people, and 30 children.</p> <p>A session at the William Davies School entitled ‘Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse’ also took place.</p> <p>The project is on schedule to meet its KPIs.</p>

Fund:	Infrastructure and Capacity Building Support
Priorities:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Skills exchange and accessible training 2. Making organisations ready to respond to new funding opportunities 3. Fundraising support for smaller, volunteer led organisations without staff 4. Developing quality assurance 5. Managing assets for community benefit 6. Developing resilience and supporting organisations through periods of transition
Outcomes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Broader pool of organisations accessing public service funding 2. Increased proportion of organisations achieving recognised quality assurance standards 3. VCS more resilient with more sustainable funding base 4. Organisations supporting each other

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Oct 22 – Dec 22	RAG Rating / Comments
Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Services (THCVS) / Infrastructure and Capacity Building Project	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£1,040,000	<p>THVCS Infrastructure Partnership brings together the main Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) infrastructure support agencies in Tower Hamlets to increase the range and number of VCS organisations that are well-run, resilient and sustainable; and to strengthen the VCS as a key Public Sector Strategic Delivery Partner in Tower Hamlets.</p> <p>Partner: Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Service Volunteer Centre Tower Hamlets.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of VCS organisations supported – 59 • Number of volunteer managers being trained – 12 • Number of VCS organisations with improved volunteering practices – 4 • Number of VCS organisations advertised their volunteering roles through the Volunteering Hub: 21 • Number of volunteering roles advertised on behalf of VCS organisations on the Hub: 33 	<p>GREEN</p> <p>The partnership project is making good progress against its KPIs.</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Oct 22 – Dec 22	RAG Rating / Comments
				<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number of new registrations on the Volunteering Hub: 173.	

<p style="text-align: center;">Grants Determination Sub Committee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">26th April 2023</p>	 <p>TOWER HAMLETS</p>
<p>Report of: Sharon Godman, Director of Strategy, Improvement and Transformation</p>	<p>Classification: Unrestricted</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">VCS Funding Awarded Under Delegated Authority</p>	

Executive Summary

This report provides an update on funding awarded to Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) organisations under delegated authority since the last meeting of the Sub-Committee.

Recommendations:

Grants Determination (Cabinet) Sub-Committee is recommended to:

1. Note the update on funding awarded to Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) organisations under delegated authority since the last meeting.

1 REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 There are several 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.

2 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 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.

3 DETAILS OF THE REPORT

3.1 **Small Grants Programme and Older People's Services Fund**

- (a) The Small Grants Programme was established to ensure that local people and community groups will continue to be able to get funding to support community initiatives – people getting together to get things done. The programme is

intended to make funds available to support grass roots activity in local communities that will help make life better in Tower Hamlets and achieve the changes set out in the Tower Hamlets Plan and the Strategic Plan. By establishing a single grants programme with different themes or activities to be funded, the Council is trying to make sure local groups seeking funds will have a one stop shop to get to the funds best suited to their needs.

- (b) The programme has five themes that constitute the main programme and four that are focused themes as detailed below:

Main themes

1. **Innovation** - to encourage innovation or pilot something new, especially where there is a gap;
2. **Prevention** - to promote grass roots activity to reduce the need for statutory services;
3. **Neighbourhood action** - to promote local neighbourhood initiatives
4. **Community cohesion** - to develop community resilience, promote cultural opportunities and reduce social isolation, and
5. **Partnership working** - making the sector more effective through closer partnership working within the sector and across sectors.

Focussed Themes

6. **Loneliness** - Reducing the impact of loneliness and isolation.
7. **Access and Participation** – to establishing access and participation schemes to provide referral gateways for people from BAME communities.
8. **Community Support Services for Older People** – to combat social isolation of older people through the provision of community-based support services. This theme is administered separately from the other Small Grants Programme themes as an **Older People’s Services Fund**.
9. **Cohesion Events** – to fund street parties and other events focusing on community cohesion and bringing communities together to address issues of loneliness and isolation – This is one off funded by the Covid Recovery Funding the Council established in 2021.

- (c) EECF conducted a grants application process for Round 3 of Small Grants Programme 2022-2023 between October 2022-January 2023. £10,000 of this round of the Programme was reserved for grants of £350 to £500 to support organisations to host events to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III – e.g., street parties and community celebrations. Funding has been approved for the following projects:

- Small Grants Fund Themes 1 to 5: 20 projects with total grant award of £94,126
- Theme 6 Loneliness: four projects with total grant award of £16,500
- Theme 7 Access and Participation: one project with total grant award of £5,000
- Coronation Events: 21 projects with total grant award of £10,000.

- (d) Please see **Appendix A – Small Grants Programme Grants Awarded Round 3 2022-2023** for information on individual Small Grants Programme projects approved in Round 3 2022-2023.

3.3 Innovation Fund

- (a) The Council is keen to encourage and support innovation in the sector and acknowledged that this would require some funding to enable the sector to pilot new initiatives and approaches to service delivery and support.
- (b) The Innovation Fund supports VCS organisations to "test and learn" new ways of working, new initiatives and new delivery models that if successful could be scaled up and commissioned more formally.
- (c) Further details can be found on the [Spacehive Tower Hamlets](#) and the [Tower Hamlets Innovation Fund](#) web pages with more information available in the [factsheet](#).
- (d) Since the last meeting of the Sub-Committee there have been no additional awards of funding from the Innovation Fund under delegated authority.

3.4 Emergency Funding

- (a) The Emergency Funding is grant support from the Council to local VCS organisations based in Tower Hamlets who are facing a significant loss of council funding. Organisations can apply for one-off grants up to £10,000. Applicants must clearly demonstrate the need for the funding and the fact that they are facing an unforeseen emergency.
- (b) Since the last meeting of the Sub-Committee one organisation has been assessed and awarded funding from the Emergency Fund budget for April 2022-March 2023, under delegated authority.

Organisation	Total Emergency Funding Approved
Chisenhale Dance Space	£1,188

- (c) Further details of the organisations awarded are set out in Appendix B.

3.5 Community Benefit Rent Reduction

- (a) The Community Benefit Rent Reduction (CBRR) scheme was set up by the Council to acknowledge the value of the work carried out by voluntary and community organisations leasing its premises through a reduction in the rent payable. The council charges an appropriate 'market' level rent for its premises and organisations can apply for up to 80% of this as a rent reduction.
- (b) CBRR is only available for short leases of three to five years. To qualify, organisations need to meet several criteria relating to governance,

management and quality standards. Full details of the scheme are set out on the council's website at the [CBRR page](#).

- (c) There have been no further leases agreed since the last Sub-Committee meeting.

4 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 All grants awarded need to demonstrate how they meet the needs of our diverse communities and support the council's Public Sector Equality Duty. Equalities data is collected as part of the monitoring process, and this will be reported as part of the annual reporting process.

5 OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This section of the report is used to highlight further specific statutory implications that are either not covered in the main body of the report or are required to be highlighted to ensure decision makers give them proper consideration. Examples of other implications may be:

- Best Value Implications,
- Consultations,
- Environmental (including air quality),
- Risk Management,
- Crime Reduction,
- Safeguarding.
- Data Protection / Privacy Impact Assessment.

6 COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 6.1 This report notes the update on funding awarded to voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations under delegated authority. The total of grants awarded and agreed rent reductions are contained within approved budgets.

7 COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES

- 7.1 The grants and information noted in this report are in line with approvals previously made and the terms of reference for this sub-committee. There are no other legal implications in this report.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- NONE

Appendices

- Appendix A – Small Grants Programme
- Appendix B – Emergency Funding

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

- NONE.

Officer contact details for documents:

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Appendix A- Small Grants Programme - Grants Awarded Round 3 (2022-2023)

Themes 1 to 5					
No	Organisation	Theme	Project Summary	Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Grant Award (£s)
1	Babel Theatre	Prevention	<u>The Orpheus Project</u> - Between May-November 2023, the group will deliver workshops once a week over 12 weeks in creativity and connection with recruited young men aged 16-30. The project will also offer three subsidised trips to arts events at other Tower Hamlets venues.	25	£5,000
2	Bags of Taste	Prevention	<u>Bags of Taste Mentored home cooking courses</u> – This project is a mentored home cooking courses for 60 vulnerable households in Tower Hamlets. Sessions will take place in people's homes, supporting practical cookery skills and using utensils and facilities on hand, with low-cost ingredients to create healthy meals, alongside a peer support network on WhatsApp.	60	£5,000

Themes 1 to 5					
No	Organisation	Theme	Project Summary	Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Grant Award (£s)
3	Barnes Children's Literature Festival CIC	Community Cohesion	<u>Free Primary Schools Programme</u> - The project will deliver six author and illustrator events at the Genesis Cinema in Bethnal Green with capacity for 550 local primary school children in each session. The programme is offered free to every state primary school in the borough and will be promoted through the Tower Hamlets Department of Education and the Tower Hamlets School Library Service.	3,300	£3,825

Themes 1 to 5					
No	Organisation	Theme	Project Summary	Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Grant Award (£s)
4	Bromley by Bow Community Organisation (BBBCO)	Prevention	<u>Stroudley Youth Project</u> - The organisation will be running a weekly youth session for individuals between 16-24 years old. The session will include a range of activities that will help build personal skills and make social connections. The session will be run by a youth worker and volunteers from the local community who have had similar life experiences to the young people accessing the project.	30	£5,000

5	British Bangladeshi Fashion Council	Innovation	Connected Creative Communities - The organisation is looking to organise a Black Asian & Multi-Ethnic community creative network, bringing those already in the fashion industry, as well as those looking to get into it, together for regular monthly networking, learning and sharing events	50	5,000
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Themes 1 to 5					
No	Organisation	Theme	Project Summary	Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Grant Award (£s)
6	Bubble Club CIC	Community Cohesion	Bubble Club Inclusive Events – This project will offer a programme of activities for individuals with learning and/or physical disabilities. There will be six club nights showcasing local musicians, DJs, other performance artists and a range of inclusive activities to an audience of 200-300. Alongside the six club nights, participants will be invited to take place in up to 36 co-production workshops. Volunteers will support the sessions and club nights.	969	£5,000

Themes 1 to 5

No	Organisation	Theme	Project Summary	Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Grant Award (£s)
7	Canary Wharf Football Academy	Innovation	Girls Safe Space through Basketball – This project is to deliver taster basketball sessions for girls only. The sessions will take place for two hours over a period of 26 weeks at a local girl’s school, the Central Foundation Girls School. Participants will be recruited from the school, as well as from the wider community.	40	£4,995
8	Emmott Close Senior Citizens Club	Community Cohesion	“Home is where the heart is” - project sessions would include beat making, writing a track, writing bars, singing, mixing tracks and performance skills. The final session will be a chance for the young people to perform their pieces, expressing their own experiences, as well as the history and culture of Tower Hamlets, by incorporating historical/cultural specifics of the area into their work throughout the sessions. The event will showcase the diverse range of cultures and identities found in Tower Hamlets.	25	£1,000
9	Island House Community Centre	Prevention	REFRESH – Body, Mind and Spirit - Island House Community Centre is applying to continue to provide a range of free classes to improve the mental, physical and spiritual health of local people. Classes have been running since July 2021 and currently include Mindfulness, two levels of Yoga and Boxercise. In the last six months of 2022, the applicant has	100	£5,000

Themes 1 to 5

No	Organisation	Theme	Project Summary	Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Grant Award (£s)
			provided 76 free classes to 479 attendees. Four hours of classes will be provided over a period of 21 weeks.		
10	Limehouse Girls Football Club	Prevention	<u>Female Player and Coach Development Programme</u> – This project is to support female student volunteers to train as FA coaches, achieving a Level 1 Coach Certification. Once qualified, the organisation can pay the students to coach the Foundation groups including Minis (ages 6-10) and the single parent volunteer can coach U12s for 90 mins/ per week and attend matches.	90	£5,000
11	Ocean Regeneration Trust (ORT)	Innovation	<u>Ocean Women's Peer Support Group</u> – This project will deliver a weekly peer support group. ORT will develop and train up to five to six women, to become peer supporters, and train another five to six women to become outdoor befrienders, who will provide a one-to-one befriending service to those in most need, followed by weekly walks.	25	£4,999

Themes 1 to 5

No	Organisation	Theme	Project Summary	Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Grant Award (£s)
12	Roman Road Trust	Community Cohesion	Tread the Bow Heritage Trail - Roman Road Trust (RRT) will work with Applied Stories to produce two resident-inspired scripts for four walking tours of Bow Heritage Trail in Summer 2023. The project will recruit volunteers for script writing, recruit participants for walks by visits to organisations/groups and conduct four guided walks with mid-point and end evaluation.	120	£5,000
13	Sketch Appeal CIC	Prevention	The Art Club- The organisation would like to put on "Time Art Club" which will take place every other Wednesday as part of St Margaret's House Wellbeing Wednesdays. The club will be open to 15 people each session and main target audience will be for individuals who are out of work, retired or students.	120	£4,450
14	St Peter's Community Wellbeing Projects	Community Cohesion	Bangladeshi Women Intergeneration Club - St. Peter's Bangladeshi Women Intergeneration Club program will provide older Bangladeshi women with regular contact, emotional and social support, particularly for those who are vulnerable to or facing mental-health problems. The project will help to alleviate loneliness and isolation and increase social participation.	50	£5,000

Themes 1 to 5

No	Organisation	Theme	Project Summary	Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Grant Award (£s)
15	The City & East London Bereavement Service (CELBS)	Prevention	Community Bereavement Support - The organisation would like to co-design a bereavement service for residents of Tower Hamlets that will lead to increased support to individuals from ethnic minority communities and individuals with complex mental health needs. The project would take place at St. Margaret's House, among other locations in the borough.	64	£4,615
16	The Oitij-jo Collective	Community Cohesion	Petticoat Lane Community Festival - The Oitij-jo Collective is planning ten workshops to contribute to a free, one-day multi-arts festival in Petticoat Lane in September 2023. The workshops are a way to connect cultures and develop intergenerational relationships, finding commonalities between lived and cultural experiences, as an accessible and approachable way of getting involved and feeling integrated in the festival.	100	£5,938
17	True You Today	Prevention	Workshops for Survivors - The organisation will work with a team of local freelance artists and teachers to support gendered abuse survivors. The project will consist of aerial classes, dance classes, photography classes.	126	£4,990

Themes 1 to 5

No	Organisation	Theme	Project Summary	Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Grant Award (£s)
18	True Cadence	Innovation	Coast 2 Coast Masterclass - The organisation is proposing a user-led project for 20 young people (16-25) where they will develop and perform an EP (extended-play record) over 12-months at the Shadwell Centre in Tower Hamlets. They will write, produce and perform three songs which will be inspirational, but also address issues affecting young people such as love, mental health, knife crime and poverty.	20	£5,000
19	Udichi Shilpi Gosthi	Community Cohesion	London Bengali Book Fair 2023 - The organisation would like to host the 14th London Bengali Book Fair and Cultural Festival. A free event organised in partnership with Bangladesh Cultural Ministry, Tower Hamlets Council and the United Bengali Cultural Forum. It is open to all Tower Hamlet residents and will bring together Bengali poets, writers, artists, performers and cultural activists. 32 arts organisations will take part along with 110 artists.	2,300	£5,000
20	Will Crooks Tenants and Residents Association	Innovation	Sensory play club - Funding will be used to open a sensory play club for 10 children with autism aged 8-13 and their parents. The club will run on Saturdays and will be delivered by a play specialist.	10	£4,314

Themes 1 to 5					
No	Organisation	Theme	Project Summary	Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Grant Award (£s)
	Totals			7,624	£94,126

Themes 6- Loneliness					
No	Organisation	Theme	Project Summary	Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Grant Award (£s)
1	Beyond Sight Loss	Loneliness	<u>Relieving Loneliness Project</u> - The organisation is looking to recruit a project worker to establish and coordinate regular fortnightly activities for individuals who are visually impaired and partially sighted in Tower Hamlets. The activities will be established through consultation with services users.	70	£4,000
2	Christ Apostolic Church Vineyard of Comfort	Loneliness	<u>Christ Apostolic Church Vineyard of Comfort</u> The project will deliver three-months (April – June 2023) of activities and community counselling with mothers and toddlers and older people. Specifically, the project will offer mothers and toddlers 12 places per week for 12 weeks and offer older people 10 places per week over 12 weeks.	50	£4,500
3	Olive Tree Education (OTE)	Loneliness	<u>SUKOON LONELINESS PROJECT</u> - This project will continue the work of a previous grant, awarded in August 2022. The project reached 35 older women from the Bangladeshi	25	£4,000

Themes 6- Loneliness					
No	Organisation	Theme	Project Summary	Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Grant Award (£s)
			community, providing two sessions a week of a walking group, activities such as board games and provision of nutrition advice and food over three months. The project provides a range of activities to support health and address loneliness.		
4	SimpleGifts: Unitarian Centre for Social Action	Loneliness	<u>Bethnal Green All Together</u> - This project aims to bring diverse communities together who may not otherwise have a chance to meet and learn more about each other in social engagement and build positive relationships. It will provide weekly two hour chai and chat sessions for women who are lonely/isolated and from marginalised communities.	60	£4,000
	Totals			205	£16,500

Theme 7 Access & Participation					
No	Organisation	Theme	Project Summary	Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Grant Award (£s)
1	Olive Tree Education (OTE)	Access & Participation	<u>BME female A & E Project</u> - The aim of the project is to engage young women from Black, Asian & Multi-Ethnic communities in exercise sessions and social activities, whilst also providing a space for them to access information and guidance on a range of topics. The organisation will also refer the young women out to social activities, health services and training opportunities held by other local organisations. The organisation will also support the young	50	£5,000

			women by providing them with training on writing CVs and interview techniques.		
	Totals			50	£5,000

King's Coronation Events Fund					
No	Organisation	Event Date(s)	Project Summary	Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Grant Award (£s)
1	Bromley by Bow Community Organisation (BBBCO)	07/05/2023	<u>BBBCO Coronation BBQ</u> The organisation will deliver a Community BBQ Day (5-6 hours) with free food and drinks for the local community. The event will be managed by volunteers and advertised to the local community,	200	£440.00

King's Coronation Events Fund					
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			using the applicant's marketing platforms and the marketing details of their members.		
2	Cahir Street residents	05/5/23 - 08/5/23	<u>Cahir Street Party</u> The applicant plans to organise a street party for the King's coronation. They would like to get together to celebrate with their neighbours, many of whom are new to the area.	50	£400.00
3	Canary Wharf Football Academy	06/05/2023	<u>Coronation Celebration Event - Canary Wharf Football Club</u> will hold a community day event to promote community cohesion and re-connect local communities. The grant will be used to purchase multi-sports equipment, refreshments/food, face/Henna painting artists and decorations.	100	£500.00
4	Cyprus Area Project Panel (CAPP)	07/05/2023	<u>Coronation Party - Cyprus Area Project Panel</u> will organise a Party for residents of Southern Housing in Cyprus Street Estate, Cyprus Street and Royston Street to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III.	200	£500.00
5	Friends of Columbia	07/05/2023	<u>Coronation Back Garden Party - Friends of Columbia</u> will create a community street party with opportunities for people of all ages, incomes, ethnicities and genders to contribute, take part and have fun.	200	£500.00

King's Coronation Events Fund

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6	Gladstone Place Residents Association	06/05/2023	<p><u>Big Lunch for the King!</u> The applicant will organise a lunch and use the funding to buy food, refreshments royal-themed table decorations and accessories. It will also purchase small presents for children attending the event.</p>	200	£310.00
7	Jesuit Refugee Services UK	06/05/2023	<p><u>Community Kitchen Coronation Celebration –</u> The project will deliver a community kitchen programme for asylum seekers to bring refugees and local community members together through shared activities. The pilot will run for six weeks, culminating in an event during the Coronation weekend for the local community and wider refugee community.</p>	30	£500.00
8	Leaders in Community	08/05/2023	<p><u>Kings Coronation Picnic at Teviot -</u> The group will deliver a free communal picnic/fun day at Teviot Community Centre. The event will provide a platform for diverse communities and user groups to share a space and celebrate shared values of community spirit, togetherness, and inclusivity.</p>	100	£500.00

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9	Lincoln Area Regeneration Group	05/05/2023	<p><u>Tea and Tales - Coronation Family Tea Dance –</u> The Project will host the intergenerational tea dance for local residents, featuring live musicians, refreshments and an opportunity for residents to unite and break down barriers by caring and sharing their stories of the local community, how it has changed over the course of the late Queen's reign and why the King's Coronation is important to them.</p>	60	£500.00
10	London Sportif	08/05/2023	<p><u>Coronation celebration for Mums and children</u> The organisation will deliver a 'Coronation celebration for Mums and children' in the open grass area at Weaver's Field. The key target group will be the adult females in particular mums although open for others to reconnect with their local communities.</p>	60	£500
11	Look Ahead Care, Support and Housing	06/5/23 - 08/5/23	<p><u>The King Charles III Coronation Celebrations-</u> The grant will be used to organise celebrations at two of Look Ahead's services in Tower Hamlets. One of the services is a complex needs service for individuals impacted by severe mental health challenges and the other is a day-care centre for people with learning and physical disabilities. Residents will help to plan the events, cook with staff and decorate, developing new skills and healthy eating habits.</p>	60	£500

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12	Neighbours In Poplar	05/05/2023	King's Coronation- 60 elderly clients from all communities will celebrate the King's coronation, involving dressing in regal attire and enjoying Hi-Tea with petite cakes and sandwiches (afternoon tiffin). Transport will be available for clients who need it.	60	£500
13	Ocean Regeneration Trust	05/05/2023	Ocean Estate King's Commonwealth Coronation Party – The project will invite members of the Ocean Estate and wider community to come along and eat together, whilst learning about different countries from around the world. People will be encouraged to bring dishes from their own cultures and communities to share, but basic food and drink will also be provided.	30	£495
14	Osmani Trust	06/05/2023	Kings Coronation Celebration Party (Blackwall Reach) The organisation will deliver a party in the Blackwall Reach. The celebration day will include bouncy castle, kids' entertainment, arts, crafts, games, competitions, henna and face painting for children. There will also be a food festival and	100	£500

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			different communities will display their traditional food for everyone else to taste.		
15	Patriot Square and Mayfield House Tenants Residents Association (TRA)	05/5/23 - 08/5/23	<u>Patriot Square and Mayfield House Coronation Street party</u> - The organisation will host a traditional East End Street party in the middle of Patriot Square. Residents will be asked to contribute in some way. The TRA can provide some food and drink for everyone, so that an ability to contribute is not a barrier to attendance and enjoyment, as well as contributing to some of the fixed costs.	375	£500
16	St Dunstons & All Saints, Stepney PCC	08/05/2023	<u>Community Party for the King's Coronation</u> - This intergenerational event will again be open to the whole community in and around Stepney. The event will include a community picnic, children's games and crafts, a dog show, live music provided by local music organisations including East London Community Band, community choir and church bell ringers.	450	£500.00
17	Swadhinata Trust	06/05/2023	<u>Coronation Party</u> The applicant will hold an event for residents of Weaver House to celebrate the King's coronation with each other as friends and neighbours. Funds	100	£500.00

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			will be used to pay for five musical band members to play live music.		
18	Vallance Community Sports Association	06/05/2023	<u>Old Montague Street Coronation Street Party</u> Provision of food, plates, cutlery etc for a street party held on and around Old Montague Street in Tower Hamlets	75	500
19	Wapping Bangladesh Association	07/05/2023	<u>King Charles III Coronation Event Party</u> – The organisation will hold a Wapping Community get together event to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. The event will bring together people of different ages, social and racial backgrounds and will comprise of short talks on the Royal Family and monarchy, with opportunities for local people to express their views and understanding.	150	£500
20	Wapping Coronation Party	07/05/2023	<u>Wapping Coronation Street Party</u> The applicant would like to hire a stage and sound system for live music and performances from the local area and to give attendees a commemorative badges or coins.	500	£500
21	Young at Heart Coffee Club	08/05/2023	<u>Celebrate King Charles's III Coronation</u> The organisation will hold a lunch to celebrate King Charles III Coronation. Attendance will consist of those who attend the Club's regular	30	£355.00

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			weekly sessions. Invites will be extended to some other residents all of whom, due to their limited mobility or illness, are unable to leave their homes without their carers.		
	Totals			3,130	£10,000

Emergency Funding Emergency Funding Award



Chisenhale Dance Space

Total award - £1,188.00

Organisation Details

Emergency Funding

Award:

£1,188.00

Date Applied:

16th December 2022

Date Awarded:

20th February 2023


Background

Chisenhale Dance Space (CDS) Charity no. 288149. Limited company no. 1740641 is a dance and performance organisation based in Tower Hamlets. It submitted an Emergency Funding application to the Council to support a number of interventions to help this organisation respond to the the cost of living crisis and a slower than anticipated recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The council approved an Emergency Funding award for CDS to support one of the above proposed interventions - £1,198 to enable CDS to purchase 12 electric heaters @ £99 per unit to reduce its use of gas and thus its future energy costs. The council judged that this element of the application was reasonable, particularly as the additional heating secured would allow CDS to hire out for use space at its premises and maximise the organisation's income.

The Council did not recommend Emergency Fund support for the other areas of CDS' application as it believed that they did not meet the criteria for support from the Fund.

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<p>Briefing Note (Notification only)</p> <p>Wednesday 25 January 2023</p>	 <p>TOWER HAMLETS</p>
<p>Report of: Ann Sutcliffe, Corporate Director of Place</p>	<p>Classification: Unrestricted</p>
<p>Community Gardens – Phase 2 Update & Termination of Grant Delivery Contract</p>	

Lead Member	Councillor Kabir Ahmed, Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding
Originating Officer(s)	Eishrhat Islam, Assistant Project Manager
Wards affected	All wards
Key Decision?	No
Forward Plan Notice Published	N/A
Strategic Plan Priority / Outcome	7. Working towards a clean and green future

Executive Summary

The Community Gardens Programme was adopted as one of the projects approved from the 2019 LIF consultation, with a budget of £437,500 capital funding to include food growing, allotments and other forms of green community infrastructure at locations across LIF Areas 1,2, 3 and 4.

The project aimed to deliver a number of community gardens which people value, enjoy and feel safe and comfortable in and which promote social interaction and inclusion.

A report was taken to the January 2022 Grants Determination Sub Committee to approve the phase 2 delivery plan to appoint a grant delivery organisation to distribute Local Infrastructure Funding via a grant to community groups and other organisations.

In late August we were instructed to pause on the launch of the grant whilst a review of the LIF Programme was carried out by the Mayor and Lead Cabinet Members.

After discussions with the Mayor, the recommendation was not to proceed with launching this grant, the mayor recognised the importance of growing spaces but would like to see a more carefully considered approach in terms

In view of the above we are notifying the committee of the termination of the Termination of Grant Delivery Contract and closure of the grant.

Recommendations:

The Grants Determination (Cabinet) Sub-Committee is recommended to:

1. note the termination of the Community Gardens Phase 2 Grant Delivery contract.
2. note the closure of this grant.

1 REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 In late August we were instructed to pause on the launch of the grant whilst a review of the LIF Programme was carried out by the Mayor and Lead Cabinet Members.
- 1.2 After discussions with the Mayor, the recommendation was not to proceed with launching this grant, the mayor recognised the importance of growing spaces but would like to see a more carefully considered approach in terms of where and how we spend money on grants- which will emerge from the review of LIF programme more generally.
- 1.3 In October 2022 we attended a LIF Working Group meeting to seek a steer on next steps for the programme, we were advised that a report will be taken to cabinet by the LIF team to ratify the decision to discontinue parts of the programme, however there is no clear timescale of when this will take place.
- 1.4 It was agreed at the working group meeting that the Regeneration Team would ensure all risks were managed with terminating the contract with grant delivery organisation and would notify them accordingly.

2 DETAILS OF THE REPORT

- 2.1 The Community Gardens Programme was adopted as one of the projects approved from the 2019 LIF consultation, with a budget of £437,500 capital funding to include food growing, allotments and other forms of green community infrastructure at locations across LIF Areas 1,2, 3 and 4.
- 2.2 The project aimed to deliver a number of community gardens which people value, enjoy and feel safe and comfortable in and which promote social interaction and inclusion.
- 2.3 The Community Gardens Programme PID was approved by the LIF Working Group at the July 2021 meeting, and sets out a phased delivery plan summarised in the table below.

Phase	1	2
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Delivery Method	Direct delivery/direct award of funding	Grant funding (working with a third-party grant giving organisation,)
Indicative Timing	August 2021 – December 2022	July 2022 – July 2023
Beneficiaries	LIF Responders only	LIF Responders + Open Application
Number of Sites	9 sites	Between 10 – 12
Typical Site Cost	Between £10k - £25k	Between £10k - £25k

2.4 Phase 1 delivery comprises of Direct delivery/ Award. An appraisal was carried out of the 2019 LIF consultation feedback which indicated 200 project suggestions for parks and green spaces of which 30 sites were specifically nominated as Community gardens, and of those 30 sites, 9 were shortlisted as being the most viable as they had an appropriate location, ownership status and an organisation with capacity and capability to take part in the programme who operate nearby.

2.5 The Phase 2 approach was to appoint a third party grant giving organisation to administer funding. A report was taken to the January 2022 Grants Determination Sub Committee to approve the delivery plan to distribute Local Infrastructure Funding via a grant to community groups and other organisations.

2.6 **Progress to Date**

Phase 1

From the nine sites identified for Phase 1 , four sites have been completed, one sites is in delivery, one site is in design and three sites will not proceed following feedback from the mayor.

Phase 2

Following approval of the delivery approach by the Committee in January 2022, a grant delivery organisation was commissioned to design and administer a grant for Phase 2 of the Community Grant Programme.

The contract was procured using the councils RFQ route in May 2022, and the development work had completed in August 2022.

Following the review of the LIF Programme in September 2023, it was recommended by the mayor not to proceed with launching this grant.

3 OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Terminating the grant delivery contract may cause reputational damage with the grant delivery organisation, the council may also receive criticism for not proceeding with the launch of this grant.

4 COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 4.1 Under clause 9 of the Terms and Conditions of the contract we can terminate the contract without any financial penalties, in view of this comments have not been sought from the chief financial officer.

'9. TERMINATION

9.1 The Council may terminate this Contract for whatever reason and without liability by giving not less than one month's written notice to the Contractor. In doing so, the Council shall not incur any liability and/or costs whatsoever, save in respect of any payment regarding correctly performed Services delivered at that date.'

5 COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES

- 5.1 Legal services have advised that Under D.9 of the corporate operating procedures early termination of a contract can be initiated by the Corporate Director, the person who reports to the corporate director and or one tier below that person.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- [Tower Hamlets Council - Agenda for Grants Determination \(Cabinet\) Sub-Committee on Wednesday, 12th January, 2022, 5.30 p.m.](#)

Appendices

- None

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

- [Tower Hamlets Council - Agenda for Grants Determination \(Cabinet\) Sub-Committee on Wednesday, 12th January, 2022, 5.30 p.m.](#)

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