

Grants Determination (Cabinet) Sub-Committee



Wednesday, 11 October 2023 at 5.30 p.m.

Council Chamber - Town Hall, Whitechapel

Agenda

Chair

Members

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

Substitutes

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| 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 Safer Communities) |
| 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]

Further Information

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- The decisions will be published on: **Friday, 13 October 2023**
- The deadline for call-ins is: **Friday, 20 October 2023**

Any Call-Ins will be considered at the next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Committee can reject the call-in or they can agree it and refer the decision back, with their recommendations, for final consideration.

Public Engagement

The main focus of the Sub – Committee is as a decision-making body. However there is an opportunity for the public to contribute through making submissions that specifically relate to the reports set out on the agenda.

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.

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Wednesday, 11 October 2023

5.30 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 25 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**

6.1 **MAYOR'S COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAMME**

To follow

6.2 **EMERGENCY GRANT REVIEW**

To follow



6.3 LOCAL COMMUNITY FUND (LCF) PERFORMANCE REPORT OCTOBER 2021 - SEPTEMBER 2022

To follow

6.4 LOCAL COMMUNITY FUND (LCF) PERFORMANCE REPORT OCTOBER 2022 - DECEMBER 2022

To follow

6.5 LOCAL COMMUNITY FUND (LCF) PERFORMANCE REPORT - JANUARY 2023 - MARCH 2023

To follow

6.6 LOCAL COMMUNITY FUND PROGRAMME REPORT APRIL 2023 - JUNE 2023

To follow

6.7 VCS FUNDING AWARDED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY (APRIL 2023)

To follow

6.8 VCS FUNDING AWARDED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY (JULY 2023)

To follow

6.9 COMMUNITY GARDENS - PHASE 2 UPDATE & TERMINATION OF GRANT DELIVERY CONTRACT

To follow

7. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS CONSIDERED TO BE URGENT

Next Meeting of the Committee:

Wednesday, 8 November 2023 at 5.30 p.m. in Council Chamber - Town Hall, Whitechapel



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Agenda Item 2.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AT MEETINGS– NOTE FROM THE MONITORING OFFICER

This note is for guidance only. For further details please consult the Code of Conduct for Members at Part C, Section 31 of the Council's Constitution

(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.

Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992 - Declarations which restrict Members in Council Tax arrears, for at least a two months from voting

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 |
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| 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:

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| 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:

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

Officers Present Virtually:

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| 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

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 none.

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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