

Public Pack

# Grants Determination (Cabinet) Sub-Committee



Wednesday, 26 June 2024 at 5.30 p.m.

Council Chamber - Town Hall, Whitechapel

## Agenda

### Chair

Mayor Lutfur Rahman (Executive Mayor)

### Members

Councillor Kabir Ahmed (Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding)  
Councillor Saied Ahmed (Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living)  
Councillor Maium Talukdar (Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Youth and Lifelong Learning (Statutory Deputy Mayor))

### Substitutes

Councillor Kamrul Hussain (Cabinet Member for Culture and Recreation)  
Councillor Suluk Ahmed Scrutiny Lead for Community Safety  
Councillor Gulam Kibria Choudhury (Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care)  
Councillor Abu Chowdhury (Cabinet Member for Safer Communities)  
Councillor Musthak Ahmed (Cabinet Member for Jobs, Enterprise, Skills and Growth)  
Councillor Shafi Ahmed (Cabinet Member for Environment and the Climate Emergency)  
Councillor Abdul Wahid (Cabinet Member for Customer Service, Equalities and Social Inclusion)

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

### Further Information

Reports for consideration, meeting contact details, public participation and more information on decision-making is available on the following pages.



## Public Information

### Viewing or Participating in Meetings

The public are welcome to attend meetings of the Grants Determination Sub - Committee. Except where any exempt/restricted documents are being discussed, However seating is limited and allocated on a first come first served based.

### Meeting Webcast

The meeting is being webcast for viewing through the Council's webcast system.  
<http://towerhamlets.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>

### Contact for further enquiries:

Thomas French - Committee Services Officer,  
Town Hall, 160 Whitechapel Road, London, E1 1BJ  
Tel: 020 7364 3048  
E-mail: [Thomas.French@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:Thomas.French@towerhamlets.gov.uk)  
Web:<http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/committee>

### Electronic agendas reports and minutes.

Copies of agendas, reports and minutes for council meetings can also be found on our website from day of publication.

To access this, click [www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/committee](http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/committee) and search for the relevant committee and meeting date.

Agendas are available on the Modern.Gov, Windows, iPad and Android apps.

Scan this code for an electronic agenda:



The Grants Determination Sub – Committee is a Cabinet Sub – Committee established to consider matters relating to grants.

Upcoming Decisions are published on the website on the 'Forthcoming Decisions' page through [www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/committee](http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/committee)

### Published Decisions and Call-Ins

Once the meeting decisions have been published, any 5 Councillors may submit a Call-In to the Service Head, Democratic Services requesting that a decision be reviewed. This halts the decision until it has been reconsidered.

- The decisions will be published on: **Friday, 28 June 2024**
- The deadline for call-ins is: **Friday, 5 July 2024**

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.

## Grants Determination (Cabinet) Sub-Committee

Wednesday, 26 June 2024

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 17 January 2024.

### 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 Grants Determination Sub-Committee Terms of Reference, Quorum, Membership and Dates of Meetings 13 - 22



- |      |   |           |           |
|------|---|-----------|-----------|
| 6 .2 | London Dock Secondary School ICT  | 23 - 28   |           |
| 6 .3 | Local Community Fund (LCF) Performance Report July 2023 - October 2023        | 29 - 84   |           |
| 6 .4 | Local Community Fund Annual Report October 2022-October 2023                  | 85 - 152  | All Wards |
| 6 .5 | Mayor's Community Grant Programme (MCGP) Performance Report – Nov 23 – Mar 24 | 153 - 262 | All Wards |
| 6 .6 | VCS Funding Awarded Under Delegated Authority                                 |           |           |

**7. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS CONSIDERED TO BE URGENT**

**Next Meeting of the Committee:**

Wednesday, 18 September 2024 at 5.30 p.m. in Council Chamber - Town Hall, Whitechapel



This page is intentionally left blank

# 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: Linda Walker, 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 18:15 ON WEDNESDAY, 17 JANUARY 2024**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER - TOWN HALL, WHITECHAPEL**

**Members Present:**

Mayor Lutfur Rahman (Member)	(Executive Mayor)
Councillor Kabir Ahmed (Member)	(Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding)
Councillor Saied Ahmed (Member)	(Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living)
Councillor Abu Chowdhury	(Cabinet Member for Safer Communities)
Councillor Iqbal Hossain	(Cabinet Member for Culture and Recreation)

**Officers Present:**

Jonathan Fox	(Principal Contracts Lawyer, Legal Services Governance)
Alda Lita Afazul	(Lawyer, Legal Services Governance)
Hoque	(Head of Corporate Strategy & Policy)
Mark Waterman	(Senior VCS Development Officer)
Thomas French	(Democratic Services Officer (Committee))

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were none.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

**3. DRAFT INFORMAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GRANTS DETERMINATION (CABINET) SUB-COMMITTEE**

**DECISION:**

The Sub-Committee formally agreed the recommendations of the grants determination (cabinet) sub-committee on 8 November 2023 as set out in item 3.

**REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS:**

Reasons for each decision are as set out in the relevant section of the draft informal recommendations of the grants determination (cabinet) sub-committee at Item 3 on the agenda.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

Alternative options for each decision are as set out in the relevant section of the draft informal recommendations of the grants determination (cabinet) sub-committee at Item 3 on the agenda.

**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.

**DECISION:**

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

**REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS**

- There are several funding programmes to support VCS organisations where decisions are made under delegated authority by officers. These decisions are presented to the Sub-Committee for noting in line with the Committee's terms of reference.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 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.

**7. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS CONSIDERED TO BE URGENT**

There were none.

The meeting ended at 18:19

Chair,  
Grants Determination (Cabinet) Sub-Committee

This page is intentionally left blank

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Grants Determination (Cabinet) Sub Committee</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">26 June 2024</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>TOWER HAMLETS</b></p>
<p><b>Report of:</b> Linda Walker, Interim Director of Legal and Monitoring Officer</p>	<p><b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GRANTS DETERMINATION SUB-COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE, QUORUM, MEMBERSHIP AND DATES OF MEETINGS</b></p>	

## Executive Summary

This report sets out the Terms of Reference, Quorum, Membership and Dates of Meetings of the Grants Determination Sub-Committee for the Municipal Year 2024/25 for the information of its Members.

## Recommendations:

The Grants Determination (Cabinet) Sub Committee is recommended:

1. To note its Terms of Reference, Quorum, Membership and Dates of meetings for the Municipal Year 2024/25 as set out in Appendices 1, 2 and 3 to this report.

## 1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 It is customary that following the Annual General Meeting of the Council that the committees established note their Terms of Reference report.

## 2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 Not applicable to this report.

## 3. DETAILS OF THE REPORT

- 3.1 Each year in May the Council initiates a new municipal year at which time memberships of committees and the calendar of committee meetings are refreshed. It is customary that following the Annual General Meeting of the Council that the committees established:

- Note their Terms of Reference as set out at Appendix 1.
- Note the Membership for the forthcoming Municipal Year. This is set out in Appendix 2 to the report.

- Receive their calendar meetings for the remainder of the year which have been agreed by Full Council, as set out at Appendix 3 to the report.

## **6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 When drawing up the schedule of dates, consideration was given to avoiding schools holiday dates and known dates of religious holidays and other important dates where at all possible.

## **7. OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 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.

There are no specific statutory implications arising from this report.

## **8. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

- 8.1 Matters brought before the Committee under its terms of reference during the year will include comments on the financial implications of decisions provided by the Chief Finance Officer. There are no specific comments arising from the recommendations in this report.

## **9. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES**

- 9.1 The matters for the Sub-Committee to note are in line with the resolutions made by Full Council on 15 May 2024 and the Mayor's Executive Scheme of Delegation.

---

### **Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents**

#### **Linked Report**

- NONE

#### **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Grants Determination Sub – Committee Terms of Reference and Quorum

Appendix 2 – Grants Determination Sub – Committee, Membership 2024/2025

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

- NONE

**Officer contact details for documents:**

Thomas French, 020 7364 3048

This page is intentionally left blank



**GRANTS DETERMINATION SUB-COMMITTEE**

**Terms of Reference**

**Grants Determination Sub-Committee**

Summary Description: A Cabinet Sub-Committee, chaired by the Mayor, established to consider matters relating to grants.

Membership: Four Members of the Cabinet (Executive Councillors or the Mayor) as appointed by the Mayor. All other Executive Members can substitute where necessary.

Functions	Delegation of Functions
1. To determine all applications for grant funding received by the Council that require a Member level decision where there is no specific delegation to officers	Various grants decisions have been specifically delegated to officers (see 3 below).
2. To determine all applications for corporate match funding received by the Council.	No delegations
3. The Sub-Committee may delegate decision making to individual officers, provided that the extent of this delegation is made clear and that it is minuted properly.  Delegations agreed by the Sub-Committee will be listed at the bottom of the Terms of Reference in respect of decisions from May 2021.	As delegated by the sub-committee.
4. Where decision making has been delegated, to receive a report advising as to the exercise of a discretion at the next Sub-Committee meeting following the exercise of such discretion.	No delegations
5. To receive quarterly update reports against defined parameters in order for the Council to demonstrate either: that delivery is in line with the application and, therefore, the grant achieved its purpose; or to provide clear delineation where outcomes were not achieved and the reasons for such failure are apparent. Such Monitoring should therefore include measuring performance against the expected outcomes.	No delegations

Quorum: 3 Members of the Committee

Officer delegations agreed by the Grants Determination Sub-Committee since May 2021.

- Small Grants Programme and Older People's Services Fund
- Emergency Funding to local VSC organisations
- Innovation Fund
- Community Benefit Rent Reduction
- Carbon Reduction Community Grants Programme
- Community Gardens Programme
- Community Centres Local Infrastructure Fund (LIF) Capital Grant Programme
- Food Pantry Programme Funding – Family Action
- Connecting Communities – Digital Inclusion
- Whitechapel Levelling up fund
- London Square New Town Hall (CIL)
- Grant Payment for St Anne's Catholic Primary School Expansion
- Aberfeldy Pocket Park - Grant offer to Poplar HARCA using Local Infrastructure Fund (LIF) to support the design and delivery of a pocket park, public realm improvements and engagement near Dee Street
- Historic Buildings Grants
- Middlesex Street Area Regeneration Programme Grants.
- Grant offers to Toynbee Hall
  - to support the production of an updated Conservation Area Appraisal & Management Plan for the Wentworth Street Conservation Area
- £90,000 to Toynbee Hall for the Petticoat Lane Cultural Programme
- For a Memories, Craft and Community Hub, as part of the Petticoat High Street Heritage Action Zone programme

**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**

**June 2024**

<b>GRANTS DETERMINATION (CABINET) SUB-COMMITTEE</b>		
<b>Membership:</b> The Mayor plus three (3) other Executive Councillors as appointed by the Mayor or their nominees who must also be Executive Councillors		
<b><i>Members (4)</i></b>	<b><i>Substitutes</i></b>	
Mayor Lutfur Rahman (Chair) Councillor Kabir Ahmed Councillor Saied Ahmed Councillor Maium Talukdar	<i>Councillor Kamrul Hussain Councillor Suluk Ahmed Councillor Gulam Kibria Choudhury Councillor Abu Chowdhury Councillor Musthak Ahmed Councillor Shafi Ahmed Councillor Abdul Wahid</i>	

This page is intentionally left blank


**SCHEDULE OF DATES 2024/25**

**GRANTS DETERMINATION (CABINET) SUB-COMMITTEE**

**Notes**

1. In keeping with the schedule of Cabinet and Executive Sub-Committees it is proposed that meetings take place at 5.30pm on the following dates:
  - Wednesday 26 June 2024
  - Wednesday 18 September 2024
  - Wednesday 6 November 2024
  - Wednesday 5 February 2025
  - Wednesday 9 April 2025
  
2. It may be necessary to convene additional meetings of the Sub-Committee should urgent business arise. Officers will keep the position under review and consult with the Chair as appropriate.

This page is intentionally left blank

<p><b>Grants Determination (Cabinet) Sub-Committee</b></p> <p>Wednesday, 26 June 2024</p>	
<p><b>Report of:</b> Steve Reddy, Interim Corporate Director, Children's Services</p>	<p><b>Classification:</b> Open (Unrestricted)</p>
<p><b>London Dock Secondary School ICT</b></p>	

**Executive Summary**

Mulberry London Dock capital project is an approved scheme in the Council’s capital programme, agreed at Cabinet. This report seeks approval to provide the Mulberry Trust with its allocated ICT budget, in the form of a grant, to support the timely delivery of the new school project. The grant will be paid in four instalments as the school grows into its accommodation (2024-2027).

**Recommendations:**

The Grants Determination Sub-Committee is recommended to:

1. Authorise the Corporate Director of Children’s Services to issue a grant (paid in phases) to the Mulberry Trust for the costs of ICT delivery as follows:
  - £1,134,000.00 for the new Mulberry London Dock Secondary School.
  
2. Delegate the Corporate Director of Children’s Services the power to authorise the execution of any agreements necessary to give effect to recommendation 1.

**1 REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS**

- 1.1 The Council agreed to the development of a new Mulberry London Dock 6FE secondary school in St Katharine’s & Wapping in the November 2018.
  
- 1.2 This new school will address the statutory requirement to provide sufficient school places for school aged pupils and will support choice of educational setting for parents and guardians.
  
- 1.3 Mulberry London Dock is an existing capital project; an integral part of this project is the procurement and delivery of all ICT. Within the agreed

budget, there is a sum for these provisions.

- 1.4 The Council would deliver all ICT in one wave, and in advance of handover. In the spirit of joint working and client involvement, the Trust expressed their preference to facilitate this installation in a phased way as the school grows into the space over subsequent academic years.
- 1.5 By allowing the school provider to procure these assets directly, it ensures a more flexible and efficient use of resources. The decision is driven by the understanding that a pre-fitted space may result in equipment becoming obsolete or out of warranty by the time the school fully utilises the asset.
- 1.6 Providing a direct grant for ICT allows the school to proactively manage its growth, ensuring that the learning environment remains up-to-date, relevant, and aligned with educational objectives without the risk of assets becoming out-dated.
- 1.7 Whilst the total project budget has already been approved, to release the funds, the Corporate Director of Children's Services will issue a formal offer of grant to the Mulberry Trust (Funding Agreement).
- 1.8 The DfE grant (ICT portion) received by Tower hamlets will be passported to the Trust in four instalments for using for capital purposes only, as per the DfE requirements.

## **2 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 2.1 For the Council not to agree the transfer of funds and deliver all ICT itself, in one wave. However, for the reasons states above this would not be an efficient use of resource.

## **3 DETAILS OF THE REPORT**

- 3.1 The budget for school development was approved by Cabinet, built on the understanding that all aspects of the project would be delivered by the Council, or its agents.
- 3.2 Given the value of the ICT budget portion for London Dock (£1,134,000.00), the Trust is eager to have agreement of the transfer of funds so that it may begin to plan the procurement of ICT.
- 3.3 The Mulberry Trust has indicated that they would prefer to undertake this element of the project themselves and agree that the monies allocated for this portion of the project is provided as full and final and they have no further recourse to funding.



- 3.4 There are several reasons as to why the education provider is better placed to implement the ICT strategy:
- **Specialist knowledge:** schools understand their educational requirements, growth, and specific teaching methods. Allowing them to directly procure ICT ensures that decisions are made based on their expertise, leading to more effective choices.
  - **Mitigate against obsolete equipment:** by putting the procurement decisions in the hands of the school, the risk of purchasing equipment that may quickly become outdated or less effective by the time it is put into use, reducing its long-term value, is mitigated.
  - **Depreciation:** equipment loses value over time. If left unused, its depreciation could affect the overall return on investment, especially if more advanced or cost-effective alternatives become available during the period of non-use.
  - **Maintenance costs:** unused equipment may still incur maintenance costs. Devices and equipment may degrade over time, even when not in active use, leading to potential repair expenses when they are eventually deployed.
  - **Adaptability to growth:** schools often experience dynamic growth patterns. Allowing direct procurement empowers the school to adapt and evolve their learning environment in response to changing needs.
- 3.5 The procurement of ICT is to be delivered by the Mulberry Trust and the funding is to be underwritten by the Council.
- 3.6 (S.6(2A)(c)) of the Academies Act notes that the Council may transfer funds to an academy trust where the provision is for 'making premises, goods or services available to be used for the purposes of the Academy'
- 3.7 A funding agreement, prepared with legal, provides a structured outline that protects the interests of the Council against future requests for additional funding. This agreement helps maintain financial accountability whilst still allowing the school the autonomy to make informed procurement decisions.
- 3.8 The grant will be provided to the Trust in four instalments, over four years as outlined below. The value of each instalment will be assessed based on school need:
- Payment 1 to be made as soon as possible after the funding agreement is signed, for both the 2024/25 and 2025/26 pupil intakes
  - Payment 2 in April 2025 for the 2026/7 pupil intake
  - Payment 3 in April 2026 for the 2027/8 pupil intake
  - Payment 4 in April 2027 for the 2028/9 pupil intake
- 3.9 The funding agreement sets out the 'drawdown' requirements (conditions). The Trust is required to provide, in advance of payment, a

schedule of items, which will be validated by the project client lead.

- 3.10 The Corporate Director of Children's Services will enter into a funding agreement with the Mulberry Trust to secure the Council's position regarding any future requests for monies to support ICT, in advance of the payment of the grant.

#### **4 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The proposed works would provide parents and guardians in the Borough with appropriate choice of educational setting.

- 4.2 The project therefore contributes to the theme 'Accelerating education'.

#### **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 Best Value Implications

The works package for delivery of the project will be tendered by the Mulberry Trust and it will complete a best value exercise in its assessment of tenders.

- 5.3 Risk Management

A formal offer of a grant and funding award document will be made once a grant agreement has been entered into with the Mulberry Trust to ensure matters regarding any future financial obligations (of the council) are clearly outlined.

#### **6 COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

- 6.1 The report is seeking approval to issue a formal offer of grant totalling £1,134,000.00 to the Mulberry Trust for the costs of ICT.

- 6.2 The grant would be funded from existing budgets of £75,400,00.00 for Mulberry London Dock, 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.

- 6.3 This financial arrangement ensures both accountability and transparency with the Trust retaining any escalated expenses in subsequent years, attributable to factors such as inflation.
- 6.4 The funding is strictly being provided to cover the cost of capital ICT expenditure related to the school, and the Trust must submit confirmation of their spending. If the Local Authority deems spending inappropriate, mechanisms for claw back can be exercised.

## **7 COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES**

- 7.1 The transfer of funds to the academies constitutes a grant (as opposed to procurement activity) and the Council has the legal power to make this grant.
- 7.2 The Council is legally obliged to obtain Best Value in respect of the grant funds. The grant will be supported by an agreement which controls the use of the funds. Monitoring of the agreement will ensure the funds are only used for the purposes they have been given. The academies are also contracting authorities for the purposes of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. Therefore, expenditure of the grant with contractors will be subject to a similar procurement process which would have been undertaken by the Council had the Council been directly purchasing the ICT solution.

---

### **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

This page is intentionally left blank

<b>Grants Determination Sub-Committee</b>  26 June 2024	 <b>TOWER HAMLETS</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Robin Beattie, Acting Director of Strategy, Improvement & Transformation	<b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted
<b>Local Community Fund (LCF) Programme Performance Report July 2023 – October 2023</b>	

## Executive Summary

The performance report for the Local Community Fund programme covers the period July 2023 to October 2023 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 July 2023 – October 2023
2. Note the performance of the Infrastructure & Capacity Building project as set out in 3.9.

## 1. **REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS**

- 1.1 The Grants Determination (Cabinet) Sub-Committee's (GDSC) 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 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**

- (a)** 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 was 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.
- (b)** At GDSC meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> 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 (subsequently re-scheduled to commence in November 2023). The cost of this extension amounted to £1,325,823.
- (c)** The delivery of the LCF Programme was supported by the Infrastructure & Capacity Building Programme. At GDSC meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.
- (d)** Cabinet agreed at its meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023 to authorise the Chief Executive to agree to an extension of four weeks for current core Council grant funded VCS services – the Local Community Fund (LCF) and the Infrastructure & Capacity Building programmes - beyond their scheduled end date of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023. This was agreed to enable these services to remain in operation until the new Mayor's Community Grant Programme started in November 2023. This extension was subsequently confirmed by the

Chief Executive for the whole month of October 2023 at a total cost of £241,304.

### **3.2 Overview of July 2023-October 2023**

- (a) LCF providers made good progress towards delivering their Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and project outcomes in their final four months, enabling local residents to fulfil their potential and access required support. These projects delivered successfully against their KPIs and project outcomes across the lifetime of their projects.
- (b) All remaining 49 LCF projects were classed as Green for the July-October 2023 period, as was Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Service's (THCVS) Infrastructure & Capacity Building Project, enabling payments to be made for these projects for the above monitoring period.

### **3.3 Theme 1 Inclusion, Health and Wellbeing**

- (a) This theme involved five schemes focusing on promoting wider health and well-being for local residents, including a range of services targeted at specific protected characteristic groups:

- Scheme 1A - Children, Young People and Families (Eight projects)
- Scheme 1B – Older People (Seven projects)
- Scheme 1C – Access, Information and Self-Management (Two projects)
- Scheme 1D – Healthy Living and Healthy Choices (Six projects)
- Scheme 1E – Improved Inclusion, Health and Well-being Outcomes for Disabled People and People Experiencing Mental Health Issues (Four projects)

- (b) Notable project achievements in July-October 2023 period included:

- Newark Youth London's Girls in Action project delivering a social action project in July 2023, providing sports activities for young people.
- 33 older people feeling more included and integrated as a result of participating in a community cohesion project through Age UK East London's project at Caxton Hall, which is led by older people for the whole community.
- Community of Refugees from Vietnam - East London's Vietnamese and Chinese Lunch and Social Club holding 68 social and wellbeing activities at the organisation's centre and online. Activities included healthy eating sessions, Tai Chi exercise, indoor games, plus meditation and yoga classes.
- 15 older adults with dementia visited on a regular basis by a Befriender Advocate who was a Dementia Champion through Tower Hamlets Friends and Neighbours' Older People's Befriending Project.

- London Tigers' Exercise for health: BAME women, children and young people project organised a local community Sports Day where families, mothers and children participated in sports activities and relay races.

### **3.4 Theme 2 Digital Inclusion and Awareness**

(a) This theme involved two schemes whose focus included promoting access to IT training and support for older people, digital skills development for children and young people and promoting on-line safety for children and young people.

- Scheme 2A - ICT Skills and Digital Careers (Three projects)
- Scheme 2B - Online Safety (Two projects)

(b) Areas of project progress in July-October 2023 period included:

- Limehouse Project's DigiTIES project, which addresses digital exclusion among older adults, established a partnership with the Royal Foundation, providing a welcoming space for social interaction and befriending, with Thursday morning Tea & Coffee sessions.
- Wapping Bangladesh Association's Digital First project taught 13 older adults computer skills and how to navigate around internet, including how to use smartphones efficiently.
- SocietyLinks Tower Hamlet's E-Safety Champions project trained 15 women to become e-safety champions.

### **3.5 Theme 3 Advice and Information (Two projects)**

(a) This theme had two projects, one providing direct social welfare advice to residents and the other providing capacity building and training for VCS providers and volunteers in this sector.

(b) East End Citizens Advice Bureaux-led Advice Tower Hamlets Consortium's achievements included:

- 6,706 clients assisted with social welfare advice
- 1,604 clients supported to increase/maximise their incomes
- £6,956,115 of clients' income increased/or backdated
- £867,486 debt reduction/write offs, resulting in reduction in amounts of personal debt.

(c) Island Advice Centre's Tower Hamlets Advice Training and Capacity Building Project delivered five Advice Workshops on benefits issues to 92 people working in the borough's advice sector on a range of issues.



### **3.6 Theme 4 Employment and Skills**

- (a) This theme involved three schemes focusing on supporting people from socially excluded communities to access skills and employment opportunities:
- 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)
  - 4B - Reducing barriers to employment for disadvantaged groups (Four projects)
  - 4C - Support focused on increasing access to art and cultural industries (Four projects)
- (b) Project achievements in July-October 2023 period included:
- Real DPO's THEN & NOW inclusive employment project provided 95 hours of one-to-one support to eight employers, to support them to be excellent employers of disabled people and achieved 100% satisfaction rate from them.
  - 15 women who attended an accredited course through Limehouse Project's Developing Potential project will complete and gain certifications.
  - 6 young people participating in St Giles Trust's Choices Tower Hamlets project - which supports young people not in education, employment or training - progressed into and completed training and education courses.
  - Auto Italia South East's Learning Live! project delivered Creative Futures session at Tower Hamlets Careers Live at University of East London and the Employability Skills Fair at Idea Store Whitechapel to 204 and 120 school pupils respectively.

### **3.7 Theme 5 Community Safety**

- (a) This theme involved three schemes whose work included promoting community safety for children and young people, bringing young and old people together and supporting victims of domestic violence:
- 5A - Reduction in the exploitation of children, young people and other vulnerable groups (Three projects)
  - 5B - Improving the perception of young people in the community (Two projects)
  - 5C - Services for people affected by domestic violence or other unsafe circumstances (One project).

(b) Significant areas of project progress in July-October 2023 period included:

- Kazzum Arts' Build project, which supported young people excluded from mainstream education, involved artist facilitators working with beneficiary groups to put together an activity book that encompassed the creative activities and approach that was successful with them during the project's in-person workshops.
- Over 280 visitors attended the reception for Four Corners' Into Focus Photography project exhibition on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 to celebrate all 103 of the project's participants' achievements.

### 3.8 Premises update

Several organisations that were funded by LCF were based in Council-owned buildings. It was a condition of funding that LCF organisations occupying Council owned premises needed to have an appropriate property agreement in place. There was no agreement between Real DPO, the provider of two LCF projects, and the Council for this provider's premises at Jack Dash House during the July-October 2023 period. However, the Council approved LCF payment to Real DPO for July-October 2023 period as above organisation had been engaging with the Council to secure a satisfactory premises agreement.

### 3.9 Infrastructure & Capacity Building

Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Services (THCVS), in partnership with Volunteer Centre Tower Hamlets (VCTH), delivered an Infrastructure and Capacity Building project, focusing on increasing the range and number of VCS organisations in the borough that were well-run, resilient and sustainable and strengthening the VCS as a key public sector strategic delivery partner. Its main achievements in July-October 2023 period included:

- supporting 34 VCS organisations, with a focus on supporting organisations who had been unsuccessful in their applications for Mayor's Community Grant Programme funding
- delivering training to 9 volunteer managers
- advertising volunteering roles on behalf of 44 VCS organisations
- advertising 86 unique volunteering roles on behalf of VCS organisations
- 309 new registrations on the Volunteering Hub by volunteers.

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 July 2023 - October 2023**.

3.11 There are currently 9 projects which we have not received quarterly monitoring returns from due to staffing issues. We will provide this

information in time for the Grants Determination Sub Committee Meeting on the 24th of April 2024.

#### **4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The programme continued 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.
- 5.2 Best Value Implications: To ensure best value for the Council we require organisations to complete quarterly and annual monitoring returns which report on the progress organisations have made against their Key Performance Indicators as set out in their funding agreements. Officers also conduct annual monitoring visits. This helps to ensure the Council is getting best value on the grants provided. If the Council has concerns about performance, then this is made a priority on the risk register and the group will be provided with additional support to achieve their Key performance Indicators.

#### **6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

- 6.1 The Council's MTFs includes £4m annual funding for Community grants, including £982k funding from the Public Health grant for services that are eligible for the use of the Public Health grant.
- 6.2 The new Mayor's Community Grant Programme (MCGP) approved by cabinet in March 23 replaces the current Local Community Fund which ended on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023. The new programme will be funded through the Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL).
- 6.3 In the financial year 23/24 from April to October a total of £1.6m LCF grant was paid out. Underspends against the grant will be put into a reserve to fund future payments.

## **7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES**

**7.1** The terms of reference for the GDSC require a performance report and updates to be brought back to the GDSC where the grants were made under a delegated authority. This report conforms to this requirement.

**7.2** The report determines that all the projects have a Green status. This means that the following apply to those schemes:

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

This provides good evidence that the projects are delivering in terms of economy efficiency and effectiveness and therefore that the schemes are achieving Best Value

**7.3** The Council needs proceed at pace to secure an appropriate property use agreement with Real DPO to ensure that proper recognition is given to the value of the use of a Council owned property to Real DPO as an organisation.

---

### **Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents**

#### **Linked Report**

- NONE

#### **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 - Local Community Fund Programme Management Arrangements
- Appendix 2 – LCF Project Summary July 2023 – October 2023

#### **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 had a named VCS Development officer who worked with the projects to support the organisations and ensure that the overall aims of the programme were met.

Theme and thematic areas also had named officers and they worked with other teams / directorates in the Council and the wider sector to ensure that the LCF programme linked in with the Council and wider borough aims and objectives.

RAG Rating – projects were 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 had not signed funding agreement
- significant planned delivery had not taken place
- serious project management issues
- high risk that the project would not achieve planned outcomes

### **AMBER**

- significant underperformance against targets
- some planned delivery had not taken place
- some project management issues
- project was 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 were resolved
- satisfactory project management

This page is intentionally left blank

<b>Theme / Scheme</b>	<b>1- Inclusion, Health &amp; Wellbeing 1A - Children, Young People &amp; Families</b>				
<b>Priorities:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Increase access to Youth Services</li> <li>2. Provision of Early Help support to families</li> <li>3. Support for young carers</li> </ol>				
<b>Outcomes:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Children and young people, in particularly girls and young women:                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. have more confidence in themselves;</li> <li>b. are more resilient, and</li> <li>c. are able to, and do, access a range of spaces, activities and social opportunities across Tower Hamlets.</li> </ol> </li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>4. Children, young people and their families are listened to and their input is considered and included in decision making.</li> <li>5. Young carers are supported and included; their needs and concerns are understood and are taken into account at local and strategic levels.</li> <li>6. Children under 5 grow up in positive family environments and are supported to thrive.</li> </ol>				
<b>Organisation / Project</b>	<b>Start / End Date</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23</b>	<b>RAG Rating / Comments</b>
Canaan Project / Canaan Project - Isle of Dogs	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£117,641	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 in regular trips.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 52 young women increased their confidence in one or more dimensions due to project support.</li> <li>• 78 young women strengthened their ability to maintain positive relationships.</li> <li>• 52 young women demonstrated increased development of hopes and aspirations in one or more dimensions.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>Worked with 262 individual young women in reporting period, running three luncheon clubs, mentoring and an empowerment course every week across two schools, as well as a beach trip, a trampolining trip, a local community event to watch the Women's World Cup and an end of term summer party and showcase. The project also had its annual residential, taking 25 girls to Calshot activity centre.</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
					A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.
Half Moon Young People's Theatre / Professional Theatre and Inclusive Participatory Drama for Young People	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£156,037	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"> <li>• 214 young people took part in Youth Theatre sessions. 81% of them attended at least 80% of the sessions.</li> <li>• 211 project beneficiaries participated in a public performance organised by the project.</li> <li>• 194 beneficiaries who completed project activities made improvements in speaking and 205 made improvements in listening.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>In the first week of July 2023, each of the project’s five youth groups performed to well-attended audiences of family and friends. A highlight was the project’s group for 11-14s, who created an immersive improvisational piece which placed the audience right in the middle of the action, seated at tables in a restaurant.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>
Look Ahead Care and Support / Domestic Abuse Children's Worker	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£165,463	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	The Domestic Abuse Children’s Worker continued her work on supporting children of women who have suffered domestic abuse, and the women themselves, on a range of issues relating to access to health services, schools, social services, child maintenance support and benefits. She supported families to apply for legal documents. The project worked on both a one-to-one and group basis	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>



Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
			Domestic Abuse Service and in the community.	with the children and arranged days out for them. It supported single mothers who have experienced domestic abuse to build a more positive family environment by improving their own wellbeing.	
Newark Youth London / Girls in Action	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£82,406	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.	<p>The project worked with 16 girls and young women this reporting period. 10 girls attended five or more project sessions.</p> <p>10 girls reported that they were more aware of the support that was available to them, including information, advice, and guidance on topics such as employability.</p>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>A social action project took place in July, providing sports activities for young people.</p> <p>The girls also participated in other activities organised by Newark Youth London, such as litter picking at Limehouse Canal with Moo Canoes.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>
Osmani Trust / Family Mentoring Project (FMP) Early Help	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£147,000	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	<p>Reported outcomes included.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11 new families got early help from the project.</li> <li>• 11 families and young people experienced an increase in confidence due to the support</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>Project activity also included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Shaathi Parent Forum which enabled parents to voice any concerns collectively, share parenting skills, as well as</li> </ul>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
			for them to thrive in healthy and safe families.	<p>that they had received from the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 parents reported improvements in parenting skills.</li> <li>• 7 families’ awareness of local services and how to deal with a crisis was increased.</li> <li>• 5 families experienced improvements in family relationships, with the creation of a better environment for their children.</li> </ul>	<p>providing emotional support from each other.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• healthy eating programme</li> <li>• Nitrous Oxide (NOX) drug awareness programme</li> <li>• Family trips – e.g. to Greenwich Museum and Cutty Sark – and excursions, involving arts and craft-type activities.</li> </ul> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>
St Hilda's East Community Centre / St. Hilda's Girls Driven Project	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£67,228	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 girls and young women reported an increase in confidence due to project support.</li> <li>• 5 girls and young women developed skills through activities and workshops to be a support system for others.</li> <li>• girls and women on the project participated in two inter-generational activities – including World Peace Day – to build bonds</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>Girls and young women took part on a number of activities through the project to help develop their confidence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• organising and presenting Trashion shows, crafting outfits from discarded materials and showcasing them to an audience of family and friends.</li> <li>• visit to Spitalfields City Farm, which involved valuable learning</li> </ul>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
				with older members of the community.	<p>experiences, including caring for the animals and maintaining the farm environment.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>
Stifford Centre Limited / Stifford Young Girl's Project	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£59,470	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>In this reporting period 16 girls participated in project activities and 14 attended at least five sessions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14 girls reported feeling less isolated and happier as a result of accessing a range of project activities.</li> <li>• 10 girls reported increased levels of self-esteem.</li> <li>• 8 young people completed accredited training. All of them reported that this increased their level of opportunities for training/volunteering and employment.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>Project activities in the funding period included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outdoor activities including multi-sports in the park.</li> <li>• Educational workshops/Training (e.g. E-safety, food hygiene training)</li> <li>• Health &amp; well-being workshops</li> <li>• Mindfulness workshop</li> <li>• Recreational activities (including hair and beauty, arts and crafts, glass painting).</li> </ul> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>
The Yard Theatre Ltd / Tower Hamlets Teens	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£150,729	Free, fortnightly youth leadership workshops, weekly drama workshops, summer masterclasses, and	Project activity during July-October 2023 supported the organisation to recruit its new cohort of beneficiaries for its Young Yard Artists group (11 to	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes have been delivered through this project.</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
			<p>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>	<p>15 year olds). Eight new young people were welcomed onto the group. The group had its first session in October 2023.</p> <p>The project also supported the start up in September 2023 of a brand new group, Yard Young Artists group (16 to 21 year olds), co-designed by the Theatre’s Black Excellence at Nighttime group. The project is for young creatives to meet weekly to learn how to create theatre from professional artists, gaining work experience on the way.</p>	

<b>Scheme:</b>	<b>1B – Older People</b>
<b>Priorities:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ageing well and reducing social isolation</li> <li>2. Provision of physical and health-promotion activities for older people</li> </ol>
<b>Outcomes:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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);</li> <li>2. Older people are able to continue making a positive contribution to their communities;</li> <li>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;</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
Age UK East London / Caxton Hall, a dynamic activity centre led by older people for the whole community.	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£301,105	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"> <li>• 35 new older people accessed services at Caxton Hall</li> <li>• 7 older people contributed to running the Hub Café</li> <li>• 33 older people felt more included and integrated as a result of participating in a community cohesion project.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>Activities included Craft class, Light Exercise, IT class and Chi Kong, as well as one-off special trips/events including: Caxton Summer Fete, Southend seaside, Canterbury and visit to Horniman Museum.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>
Age UK East London / Friend at Home	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£257,677	Matching housebound older people who would like a bit more company at home with volunteers who would like to share an enjoyable hour or two of conversation and company with them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13 isolated, housebound older people were newly matched with a Friend at Home and received weekly one-hour visits</li> <li>• Project maintained 55 matches between beneficiaries and volunteers</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19 people (100% of isolated, housebound older people on the project) reported an increase or stabilisation of their well-being, as measured by the Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Wellbeing Scale.</li> </ul>	
Community of Refugees from Vietnam - East London / Vietnamese and Chinese Lunch and Social Club	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£133,639	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"> <li>15 older people participated in diet &amp; healthy cooking habits sessions</li> <li>4 people, who lived on their own or were housebound, were supported to reduce their level of isolation</li> <li>68 social and wellbeing activities held at the centre and online.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>Activities delivered this reporting period include healthy eating sessions, Tai Chi exercise, indoor games, meditation and yoga classes, including day trip to Portsmouth attended by 52 beneficiaries.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>
East London Out Project / Tower Hamlets LGBT Support	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£112,771	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9 LGBT people over 50 accessed new social activity and reported on increased social connections, increased social activity and feeling less lonely</li> <li>50 disabled LGBT people or those experiencing mental health concerns attended either group or individual support and reported better life satisfaction and better</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The project progressed well; it regularly promoted the groups and the opportunities for training.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
			available to other organisations.	<p>quality of life three months after start of service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 training sessions delivered to organisations.</li> </ul>	
St Hilda's East Community Centre / Older People's 'Feeling Good!' Wellbeing Project	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£122,500	'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"> <li>• 40 older people felt more involved and included in their communities</li> <li>• 38 people reported an improvement in their health &amp; wellbeing</li> <li>• 35 people reported that they felt less isolated and lonely</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The project delivered a variety of exercise classes, including seated exercise, strength training and dance classes.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>
Tower Hamlets Friends and Neighbours (THFN)/ Older Peoples Befriending Project	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£204,167	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 appointments and helps in accessing services. It also organises small group outings locally.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 isolated older adults visited by a befriender advocate on a fortnightly basis</li> <li>• 15 older adults with dementia visited on a regular basis by a Befriender Advocate who was a Dementia Champion</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>Progress towards all targets went well. Clients were visited on a regular basis and those with dementia were escorted to dementia related activities. At home activities were undertaken with clients, as many are housebound.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
				4 group outings arranged with at least 5 older people attending per outing.	
Toynbee Hall / The Wellbeing Centre at Toynbee Hall	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£169,107	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 40 individuals (older people) attended health promotion sessions at the Wellbeing Centre</li> <li>• 118 social activities delivered, with 900 attendances</li> <li>• 39 user-led activities held at the Wellbeing Centre, with 358 attendances.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The project progressed well and exceeded its targets in the areas of health promotion activity, user led activity and social activity.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>



<b>Scheme:</b>	<b>1C – Access, Information and Self-Management</b>
<b>Priorities:</b>	1. Residents better informed/equipped to manage health conditions
<b>Outcomes:</b>	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

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
Globe Community Project / Take Back Your Life	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£114,526	A mindfulness-based pain management programme, addressing chronic pain/illness, related social isolation and inactivity delivered by experienced, fully accredited Breathworks trainers.	<p>Mixed group sessions open to previous cohorts of beneficiaries took place, with regular attendance of around eight participants per week from a pool of 13 people.</p> <p>Women-only group sessions were open to previous cohorts, with regular attendance of two to six women.</p> <p>Ten people in monitoring period reported increased knowledge, awareness and confidence to self-manage health condition.</p>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>No new courses were offered during this reporting period. This was part of the planned arc of the programme. Participants were offered follow-on support to embed and sustain their learning.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>
Real DPO Ltd / Taking Control of Your Life (TCOYL)	01/04/2020 31/10/2023	£255,166	TCOYL 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14 action plans produced for clients</li> <li>• 90% of clients reported that they felt more independent and had a better quality of life</li> <li>• 70% of clients reported that the new services accessed had a positive effect on their life</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>Real DPO connected with a diverse variety of clients from across the borough and age groups, supporting many clients with multiple disabilities.</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
			decisions on how they want to fulfil their ambitions and also help “change the system”.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>80% of clients reported feeling that they had more choice and control over their lives.</li> </ul>	A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.

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

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
London Tigers / Exercise for health: BAME women, children and young people	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£174,522	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"> <li>100% of Black, Asian and Multi-Ethnic communities’ children and young people who attended project’s sport and physical activities, including health workshops, reported improved health and wellbeing</li> <li>97% of Black, Asian and Multi-Ethnic communities’ women who attended project’s sport and physical activities reported improved health and wellbeing</li> <li>97% of Black, Asian and Multi-Ethnic communities’ women who attended the varied sports and physical activities through the project reported feeling less isolated and less lonely.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The Project continued with outreach work to engage with more people and deliver different activities to improve participants’ physical and mental wellbeing. The sessions delivered in the reporting period included Aerobics, Badminton, Boxing, Self Defence, Boxercise and Chair-based exercise sessions.</p> <p>In the reporting period London Tigers organised a local community Sports Day where families, mothers and children participated in sports activities and relay races. The event provided an opportunity for families to connect with one another and build relationships within the local community.</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
					A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.
MUDCHUTE ASSOCIATION / Playing out at Mudchute	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£81,667	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"> <li>• 160 hours of play provision delivered this reporting period for children and young people, attracting approximately 1,500 attendees.</li> <li>• 45 children who do not usually interact in social events outside of school or home participated in the project this reporting period</li> <li>• 6 older people became involved in a voluntary capacity with the project this reporting period, working with children to pass on life skills and experiences.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The project continued to attract hundreds of customers during the weekend sessions and during school holidays. It ran for five sessions each week during the school holidays. Additional funding that was secured enabled the project to run extra sessions in the local park. These were well attended by Bangladeshi families who do not usually venture from their local estates.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>
Newark Youth London / Healthy-Active-Together (HeAT)	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£114,799	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Project worked with 100 children, young people and adults in the reporting period, with 25 participants registering on the project for the first time</li> <li>• 25 participants reported improved health and wellbeing</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>In this reporting period, the Project delivered 56 sports and fitness sessions, enabling access and participation in community sport provision and improving peoples’ health and wellbeing.</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
			reduce isolation and exclusion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>25 participants reported less isolation after enrolling onto the project.</li> </ul>	A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.
Stifford Centre Limited / Healthy Lifestyle Partnership Programme	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£326,778	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"> <li>135 people became members in the health club during this reporting period</li> <li>90% of members reported higher levels of wellbeing after six weeks of membership</li> <li>92% of members reported improved health and wellbeing through adopting a healthier diet</li> <li>95% of members reported having a better understanding of maintaining a healthy lifestyle.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The health partnership project delivered a wide range of health and wellbeing activities, including yoga, aerobics, speed climbing, kayaking, volunteering on the farm, walking groups and health information workshops in the reporting period.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>
The Bangladesh Youth Movement (BYM) / Live Healthy Enjoy Life [the Female Health & Development Project]	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£87,963	‘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"> <li>41 women from Black, Asian and Multi-Ethnic communities accessed health support activities</li> <li>41 women from Black, Asian and Multi-Ethnic communities raised their awareness of a range of health issues appropriate to leading healthier lives</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>In this reporting period the Project delivered a wide variety of health and wellbeing sessions, including yoga and keep fit classes. These sessions are accessible and tailored for women from Black, Asian and Multi-Ethnic communities.</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
			physical and mental health; peer volunteer befriending and development of social networks alleviate isolation and facilitate inclusion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7 women accessed the women’s forum.</li> </ul>	A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.
The Royal Society for Blind Children (RSBC)/ Live Active, Live Well Tower Hamlets	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£74,040	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the project worked with 16 participants this reporting period</li> <li>6 participants reported that they had increased their physical activity levels as a result of participating in the project</li> <li>6 participants reported that their health improved as a result of participating in the project.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>In this reporting period the Project worked with 16 young people. The primary focus was to ensure that the project was signposting them into appropriate provision once the project came to an end. The project will continue to work with all of these young people - they have been referred into other activities within RSBC. These young people have shown improvements in their personal development and social connections.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>1E – Improved inclusion, health and well-being outcomes for disabled people and people experiencing mental health issues</b>
<b>Priorities:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improved health outcomes for disabled people</li> <li>2. People experiencing mental health issues are better supported</li> </ol>
<b>Outcomes:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> <li>2. Adults with complex needs (i.e who have multiple issues affecting their lives) have better health outcomes</li> <li>3. Disabled people and people experiencing mental health issues;                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) are more independent</li> <li>b) are more aware of and more likely to participate in local services</li> <li>c) have a better quality of life</li> </ol> </li> <li>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</li> </ol>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
deafPLUS / Improving Health and Wellbeing for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people in Tower Hamlets	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£184,624	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"> <li>• 106 deaf and hard of hearing people felt less isolated after participating in project activities. Activities included a session to help women in relation to the menopause. A new coffee morning was set up for project beneficiaries to have discussions and socialise, with the support of a British Sign Language (BSL) worker.</li> <li>• 102 deaf and hard of hearing people had improved health and wellbeing due to project support. Events to support them included a standalone FaceYoga workshop, two Healthy Cooking workshops and a pottery</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>In this four-month period the project delivered 21 events and registered 21 new clients. The events were a variety of zoom based and in person activities, including arts and crafts events, exercise classes and family activities through the summer holidays. The latter activities included a visit to Mudchute Farm, bowling and the BSL tour at the new Victoria &amp; Albert Museum.</p> <p>An event was held on 18th October 2023 to celebrate the project, all of its clients and their achievement through participation in project’s courses, workshops, walks and talks.</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
				painting event that encouraged mindfulness.	A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.
ICM Foundation CIC / CORE Projects Get Active Newspaper - Promoting Healthy and Active Lifestyles	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£53,611	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.	At the end of the funding period the project's beneficiary group was ready to send the last edition of its newspaper to print. 100% of participants at the project's two events during this period to promote the newspaper indicated that it was a useful tool for them to find out what was available in London for people on low incomes.  159 people with learning disabilities have participated in sessions to develop the newspaper during the project's lifetime and/or attended related events.	<b>GREEN</b> In the funding period the beneficiary group continued to take ownership of their individual roles, with some making significant improvements in their areas of responsibility for the newspaper after participation in practice workshops. These areas included navigating websites to locate information to research on activities for people with learning difficulties, typing and use of correct grammar for newspaper articles.  A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.
Woman's Trust / Therapeutic Support Groups for Women Affected by Domestic Abuse	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£78,724	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	A number of women on the project confirmed satisfaction with the support that they had received by completing the exit questionnaire:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>100% reported minor – very significant improvements to their stress and anxiety levels.</li> </ul>	<b>GREEN</b> 12 women finished project support groups this reporting period, three in person groups and nine in online groups.  A satisfactory level of KPIs and



Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
			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"> <li>100% reported minor – significant improvements to their confidence and self-esteem levels.</li> <li>100% reported minor- very significant improvements in isolation levels.</li> </ul> One project beneficiary reported:  “The group worker is the best counsellor that I've experienced in 30 years. I can't thank her enough for the life-changing difference she is making to my life and others.”	outcomes were delivered through this project.
Working Well Trust / Upskill	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£442,981	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"> <li>Initial engagements with Upskill offered, plus access to peer support in reporting period - over 60 initial engagements, 58 registrations and 48 cases of one to one support</li> <li>22 residents aged over 50 with mental health issues had initial engagement with Upskill and were offered access to peer support</li> <li>16 Tower Hamlet residents aged 50+, with mental health support needs, accessed one to one support towards achieving short term goals.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> This reporting period was particularly successful for engagements with over 50s. In partnership with Age UK based in Bow the project was able to engage with over 50s in the wards of Bow East and Bow West, putting on a range of activities over the summer to promote mental health.                     The team worked very hard to ensure that all clients had ongoing support in place before the end of project.

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
					A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.

<b>Theme / Scheme:</b>	<b>2 – Digital Inclusion and Awareness</b> <b>2A – ICT Skills and Digital Careers</b>
<b>Priorities:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Access to ICT support and training for older people</li> <li>2. Digital skill development for children and young people             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Increase awareness of careers in the digital sector, and</li> <li>b) Provide children and young people with the opportunity to develop the skills for the digital sector.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<b>Outcomes:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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"> <li>a) Have increased confidence in using ICT, especially around security;</li> <li>b) Are able to use digital methods to access services, find information, and communicate with others, and do so more regularly;</li> <li>c) Have increased digital skills.</li> </ol> </li> <li>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</li> </ol>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
Limehouse Project / DigiTIES	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£72,680	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"> <li>• 18 BAME residents with English as a second language learned to use at least three ICT platforms in the reporting period</li> <li>• 12 older people learned to use a search engine to find health information on NHS websites</li> <li>• 12 older people made new friends and learned how to use communication platforms - e.g. Skype and WhatsApp.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The project established a partnership with the Royal Foundation, providing a welcoming space for social interaction and befriending, with Thursday morning Tea &amp; Coffee sessions. This fostered well-being and allowed participants to continue learning and give feedback.</p> <p>The project empowered beneficiaries by equipping them with digital skills and broader support to improve their quality of life.</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
					A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.
Newham New Deal Partnership / @online club network Tower Hamlets	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£79,707	@online club network will 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.	<p>20 participants registered for sessions at Sonali Gardens and the Carers Centre, 16 of which reported an increase in confidence in using ICT.</p> <p>The four volunteers who supported the programme between October 2022 to October 2023 provided 194 volunteer hours for other residents. They were invited to a farewell lunch and felt that the volunteering experience had been most positive.</p>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The project achieved its outcomes and KPIs. All of its devices have now been donated to Praxis, a local voluntary sector organisation.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>
Wapping Bangladesh Association (WBA)/ Digital First	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£19,254	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"> <li>13 older adults learned computer skills and navigated around internet, including learning how to use smartphones efficiently. Project lifetime target of 12 met for this KPI.</li> <li>11 participants increased social contacts and community involvement as they attended all the scheduled digital class</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The program achieved a 98% success rate in the reporting period in terms of its participants gaining digital skills, including web browsing, Zoom participation, WhatsApp use and email communication. Participants attended four Zoom sessions and six in-person sessions (group and individual) with project mentors. They received regular updates on WBA services and borough</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
				<p>sessions including coffee morning and day trips.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11 out of 13 participants were enabled to be confident in managing daily tasks using digital platforms via computer or smartphone.</li> </ul>	<p>resources, including healthy living information. Additionally, the programme prioritised mental and physical well-being by guiding participants on how to ensure attendance at follow-up GP or hospital appointments.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>

Scheme:	<b>2B – Online Safety</b>
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

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
SocietyLinks Tower Hamlets / E-Safety Champions	1/10/2019 31/10/2023	£23,675	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"> <li>15 women trained to become e-safety champions.</li> <li>12 project beneficiaries reported having increased confidence and knowledge about taking action to improve online safety at home.</li> <li>100% of adult participants and 75% of child participants in project activities reported that this participation had improved their ability to report cyberbullying and online abuse.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The organisation engaged a diverse group of beneficiaries with over 12 backgrounds and faiths. Empowerment was a huge theme throughout this programme. Participants learned strategies to protect themselves and their communities. The programme fostered a network for knowledge sharing and support.</p> <p>The program facilitated a safe space for women to connect, share experiences, and build lasting friendships. This is a valuable aspect that the organisation will build into its Mayor Community Grant Programme projects.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>

<p>Sporting Foundation / Building Digital Resilience</p>	<p>01/10/2019 31/10/2023</p>	<p>£35,946</p>	<p>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, managing them effectively and reducing harm.</p>	<p>Sporting Foundation engaged 25 parents in this final reporting period, who showed progress in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• their understanding and awareness of grooming on social media and identifying signs of grooming</li> <li>• their confidence in maintaining their children’s safety online.</li> </ul> <p>The organisation engaged 38 young people in this final reporting period, who all showed progress in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• increased their understanding and awareness of grooming on social media</li> <li>• increased their ability to spot signs of grooming.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The last quarter of delivery was delivered successfully, with all sessions being well attended. The Building Digital Resilience programme has been successful in meeting the needs of young people and parents who participated in it. The participants enjoyed taking part and appreciated the relationships built up by the tutors, coaches and volunteers during the project.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>
--	----------------------------------	----------------	---	--	---

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

<b>Organisation / Project</b>	<b>Start / End Date</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23</b>	<b>RAG Rating / Comments</b>
East End Citizens Advice Bureaux / Advice Tower Hamlets	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£3,773,417	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"> <li>• 6,706 clients assisted with social welfare advice</li> <li>• 1,604 clients supported to increase/maximise their incomes</li> <li>• £6,956,115 of clients’ income increased/or backdated</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The project continued to see a sharp rise in housing issues, mainly from tenants of private properties, rent for which is far above the local housing allowance. Many of these clients were experiencing repossession proceedings because of financial difficulties with their rent. Demand for help with housing advice remained high,</p>



Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
			partnership with twelve local advice agencies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>£867,486 debt reduction/write offs, resulting in reduction in amounts of personal debt.</li> </ul>	<p>particularly for homelessness, suitability of accommodation and disrepair matters, in both the social and private sectors.</p> <p>Universal Credit (UC) and Benefits issues remained top enquiries, especially in regard to entitlement to additional UC element and financial implication of missing out on certain UC element, which may become retrospectively due, following reconsideration and appeals.</p> <p>The project saw an increase in residents requiring support in regard to reviewing appeals on Habitual Residence Test decisions for UC claims.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>
Island Advice Centre / Tower Hamlets Advice Training and Capacity Building Project	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£204,167	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 advice work training workshops were delivered</li> <li>5 volunteers/employees developed/increased skills to ‘advice’ paid role.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>This reporting period the project delivered five advice work training workshops, with 92 participants attending the sessions. Five</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
			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.		<p>participants secured a job in an advice-related setting.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>

Theme / Scheme:	<b>4 – Employment and Skills</b> <b>4A - Developing and embedding good practice in the workplace for people with disabilities, learning difficulties and physical and mental health barriers to work</b>
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:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. More disabled people and people with mental health issues access work experience placements and employment opportunities</li> <li>2. Disabled employees feel more comfortable and better supported in sustainable roles in the workplace</li> <li>3. Disabled people have access to meaningful, relevant training and skills development</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
REAL DPO / THEN & NOW	01/04/2020 31/10/2023	£473,351	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"> <li>• 8 organisations engaged by the project in the reporting period</li> <li>• The project provided 95 hours of one-to-one support to eight employers and achieved 100% satisfaction rate from them.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>In this last reporting period the project’s team continued to make remarkable strides in furthering the cause of inclusive employment practices. Through its one-to-one advice service, the team delivered 95 hours of tailored support to eight different employers. While it intentionally scaled back the marketing of its service this reporting period, in anticipation of the project’s conclusion, and instead focused on finalising the remaining casework with its clients, some of the issues that it advised on included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- best practice when implementing adjustment passports across the workplace</li> </ul>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- how to navigate the current delays that employers are facing with the government scheme, Access to Work</li>   <li>- how to effectively communicate with disabled people through both recruitment adverts and organisational communications.</li> </ul> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>

Scheme:	<b>4B - Reducing barriers to employment for disadvantaged groups</b>
Priorities:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reducing barriers to employment for disadvantaged groups</li> <li>2. Employment and volunteering opportunities for older people</li> <li>3. Employment skills for vulnerable young people and those who are NEET (not in education, employment or training)</li> <li>4. Employment and skills for young people at risk of achieving poor outcomes</li> </ol>
Outcomes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> <li>2. Older people gain life skills and secure employment and/or voluntary roles</li> <li>3. Potential entrepreneurs/business founders have access to independent support and advice and increased knowledge of business and financial planning</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
Limehouse Project / Developing Potential	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£205,372	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.	<p>11 women who attended the business start-up workshop/1:1 support session will go on to register as self-employed</p> <p>15 women who attended accredited course will complete and gain certifications.</p>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>Throughout the last reporting period, there has been a significant emphasis on maximizing support for participants. This included the continuation of assistance, even after their journey came to an end. This involved ongoing Individual Advice and Guidance provided by an employment adviser, to assess participants’ situations, improve outcomes and create better opportunities for them from their individual circumstances. There was continuous partnership development to provide additional support for participants, such as Rose vouchers – which gives</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
					<p>families access to fresh fruit and vegetables - and other support based on their unique situations.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>
SocietyLinks Tower Hamlets / Job Club	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£62,459	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 creating a CV, accessing emails, job searching, applications and using Universal Job Match.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 people gained accredited outcomes (Level 2) through training courses</li> <li>• 6 people accessed employment after attending the job club.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>This period is always the busiest as the project had lots of young people and students wanting help to find part-time work. The project also had lots of school leavers looking for apprenticeships and employment pathways. Over the summer the project ran a volunteering programme for young people to gain work experience as this is something that many of them lack in their CVs. The project held inductions for the volunteers and they fulfilled a set programme of delivery and participation during the summer weeks. One young person has since secured employment with Holiday Inn, where he does shifts around his sixth form course. Others have secured employment with catering</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
					and retail employers, such as McDonalds and Waitrose.  A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.
St Giles Trust / Choices Tower Hamlets	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£231,933	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 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.</li> <li>• 6 young people progressed into and completed training and education courses.</li> </ul>	<b>GREEN</b> In this reporting period three employment outcomes and six training outcomes were achieved. This was a marked increase to the previous quarter. The project caseworker worked well, gaining eleven new referrals to the service. As the project came to its end, it has informed referral partners that support for existing referrals will continue and that potential new referrals can still be supported via other employability projects available at St Giles Trust.  A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.
Stifford Centre Limited / BAME Women's Employment	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£124,044	This project runs a training programme to help long-term unemployed and economically inactive, isolated and	Four BAME women gained volunteering experience and reported that they had gained confidence.	<b>GREEN</b> In this reporting period, the project provided support in the following areas: ESOL classes, Level 2

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
Support Programme			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, confidence and secondary education for community learning.		<p>accredited course, employability training, digital upskilling, business start-up training.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>



Scheme:	<b>4C - Support focused on increasing access to art and cultural industries</b>
Priorities:	1. Support focused on increasing access to art and cultural industries
Outcomes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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;</li> <li>2. Increased access to industry relevant training;</li> <li>3. Increase in people participating in arts projects for the first time</li> </ol>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
Auto Italia South East / Learning Live!	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£44,917	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.	<p>One workshops/sessions delivered during this reporting period.</p> <p>The project delivered a Creative Technology workshop to a year 10 class of 21 pupils at Stepney All Saints school. The workshop explored augmented and virtual reality technologies and taught pupils skills in 3D scanning, 3D modelling, virtual game design and sculpting that are not usually available within the secondary Art &amp; Design curriculum.</p> <p>The project also delivered a Creative Futures session at Tower Hamlets Careers Live at University of East London, engaging with 204 pupils, and at the Employability Skills Fair at Idea Store Whitechapel, engaging 120 Year 9, 10 and 11 pupils from the Whitechapel ward.</p>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The project participated in the Tower Hamlets Arts Music Education Hub (THAMES) cultural partners meeting, which brought together 44 education organisations from across the borough.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
Four Corners Ltd / ZOOM Film School	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£332,274	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 participants gained at least two weeks paid work experience</li> <li>• 2 trainees gained paid employment.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>As the Zoom Film School training scheme progressed towards its completion, there were no new trainees recruited or undergoing practical training during this reporting period. Instead, the primary focus was on trainee mentoring and work placement allocation and project data gathering.</p> <p>17 trainees were awarded their OCN camera accreditation certificates, covering the November 2022, February 2023 and May 2023 cohorts.</p> <p>No recruitment for future programmes took place this reporting period. Therefore, seven trainees started and completed the training programme during this time.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
Magic Me / Artworks	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£112,685	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"> <li>• 1 trainee recruited/selected for work placement</li> <li>• 1 trainee increased their knowledge of community arts administration and coordination</li> <li>• 1 person reported increased confidence and skills in applying for jobs in the arts and cultural industries.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>In this last reporting period, the project delivered the final traineeship for one trainee for eight weeks at two days a week. The trainee supported delivery of Magic Me's work in two care homes, developing her skills, confidence and knowledge in how to coordinate creative workshops in these settings. The trainee reported an increase in her confidence in all three KPI areas. The trainee was matched with an industry mentor to support her future goals of becoming a producer.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>
The Bromley by Bow Centre / Creative Communities	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£235,943	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 local people from target groups secured sustainable paid employment within three months of project completion</li> <li>• 7 local people from target groups progressed into further learning or training other than arts sector-specific training.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>During the summer the project stayed in contact with its clients to offer additional one-2-one support. The clients were contacted via telephone and face to face meeting for updates on their journey and any progress made. The project has also managed to secure some jobs for its</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
			development, with individual support.		<p>beneficiaries during this reporting period.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>

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

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
Kazzum Arts / Build	01/10/2019 30/09/2023	£71,522	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.	The project continued to complete and distribute its legacy resource "Switch On". This was created in collaboration with Artist Facilitators who delivered sessions with the Girls' group and Inclusion group at the Pupil Referral Unit (PRU), utilising their expertise and experience, working with the groups to put together an activity book that encompassed the creative activities and approach that was successful with the groups during the in-person workshops.	<b>GREEN</b> This project finished in July 2023. It over-performed against its targets.
Osmani Trust / Schools and Community Resilience Programme	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£146,817	This project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. transforms and changes the attitudes and behaviour of secondary school children; improving their confidence, critical thinking skills and emotional intelligence.</li> <li>2. delivers a peer programme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 new young people received education and mentoring support from the project.</li> <li>• 12 young people showed an improvement in attitudes and outlook on life when they finished the project.</li> </ul>	<b>GREEN</b> During the reporting period the project's activity included running two youth sessions in the evening from London East Alternative Provision, with an average attendance of 30 young people.

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
			<p>engaging young people as ambassadors to their peers, changes attitude, promotes understanding, increase community cohesion, and ultimately empowers young people.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 young people benefitted from improvements in life skills and experience and were able to make positive choices due to the support that they received from the project.</li> <li>• 22 young people had a basic understanding on the personal and legal consequences of violent crime /Anti-Social Behaviour when they left the project.</li> </ul>	<p>The project delivered two workshops to young people, parents and local residents on understanding the risks of taking nitrous oxide. This involved engagement with 200 young people and 113 adults.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>
Streets of Growth / Young Influencers Programme	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£105,415	<p>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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25 young people engaged with the project in the funding period, including 5 new beneficiaries.</li> <li>• 115 young people in the funding year reported increase confidence in moving away from harmful and anti-social behaviours.</li> <li>• 3 social action projects were delivered by the project in the funding period.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>In September 2023 the premiere took place of <i>If Only</i>, a short film that was co-produced and developed by eight Young Influencers/leaders of the project. The film addresses issues for young people in relation to criminal child exploitation, including sexual exploitation, weapon carrying and knife crime. Nine Young Influencers led on a social action food project and four community safety pop-up events.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>

<b>Scheme:</b>	<b>5B – Improving the perception of young people in the community</b>
<b>Priorities:</b>	1. Improving the perception of young people in the community
<b>Outcomes:</b>	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 – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
Four Corners Ltd / Into Focus photography project	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£67,718	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"> <li>Over 280 visitors attended the reception for the project’s exhibition, with 69 gallery visitors’ questionnaires completed.</li> <li>80% of participants and gallery exhibition attendees can name at least two issues commonly faced by young people today (83 per year).</li> <li>80% of participants and gallery exhibition attendees can name at least two issues commonly faced by older people today (83 per year).</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>13 participants continued to take part in Project group 8, with seven people aged under 25 and six people aged over 50. They attended 11 workshops and held a successful exhibition starting in September 2023 and running during October 2023.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>
Leaders in Community (LiC) / Project Connect	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£79,790	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>100% of project participants reported feeling more positive about their community and an increased sense of belonging, compared to their views before participating in the project.</li> <li>100% of participants reported that they have formed more positive</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>43 activities took place during this reporting period, including regular coffee mornings, elders' fitness sessions and two inter-generational trips, resulting in 612 attendances.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
			the activities are shared with the wider community.	social connections with other people across their local area.	



Scheme:	<b>5C - Services for people affected by domestic violence or other unsafe circumstances</b>
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 – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
Hestia Housing and Support / Families Safe and Secure in Tower Hamlets	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£94,325	This project supports families who have experienced Domestic Violence Survivor Assessment (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"> <li>9 community awareness events held during the funding period.</li> <li>12 residents of the borough have improved awareness of the different forms that DVSA can take through attendance at community awareness raising events.</li> <li>100% of attendees at project’s coffee morning sessions have improved awareness of the different forms that DVSA can take.</li> <li>100% of children living in the refuge demonstrated improved levels of self-confidence, having participated in project activities.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The project continued to host DVSA awareness coffee mornings every two weeks. These sessions provided women and their children who have experienced domestic abuse with the space to speak about their experiences in a supportive and non-judgmental environment.</p> <p>The project also further expanded its network of safe spaces – where anyone experiencing domestic abuse could reach out for help at high street locations.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>

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

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Services (THCVS) / Infrastructure and Capacity Building Project	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£1,061,667	<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>Partners: Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Service Volunteer Centre Tower Hamlets.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 34 VCS organisations supported</li> <li>• 9 volunteer managers trained</li> <li>• 7 VCS organisations supported to improve their volunteering practices</li> <li>• 44 VCS organisations advertised their volunteering roles through the Volunteering Hub</li> <li>• 86 volunteering roles advertised on behalf of VCS organisations on the Volunteering Hub.</li> <li>• 309 new registrations on the Volunteering Hub by volunteers.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>During this reporting period the project’s development work focused on the Mayor’s Community Grant Programme (MCGP) and supporting organisations who were going to be struggling due to their MCGP applications being unsuccessful. Work included helping these organisations to identify alternative sources of funding.</p> <p>The project ran four events during the monitoring period, including a Funders Fair.</p> <p>The Volunteer Hub element of the project overachieved substantially</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary – Jul 23 – Oct 23	RAG Rating / Comments
					<p>on many of its targets during the reporting period. It delivered a Student Volunteering Fair for university students on 27th September 2023, who were interested in volunteering, keen to gain workplace-based experience and improve their employability skills.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project, with over-achievement on many KPIs.</p>

This page is intentionally left blank

<b>Grants Determination Sub-Committee</b>  26 June 2024	 <b>TOWER HAMLETS</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Robin Beattie, Acting Director of Strategy, Improvement & Transformation	<b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted
<b>Local Community Fund (LCF) Annual Report - October 2022 – October 2023</b>	

**Proposed Decision Path (indicate) – Delete Section Before Publication:**

	Step [Delete as applicable]	Date
DLT Level (Tier One)	DLT / CD	
CLT Level (Tier Two)	CLT / CE	
Member Level (Tier Three)	PAM	
Decision (Tier Four)	GDSC	

**Proposed Decision Path (indicate) – Delete Section Before Publication:**

<b>Lead Member</b>	Cllr Saied Ahmed, Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living
<b>Originating Officer(s)</b>	Afazul Hoque, Head of Corporate Strategy & Communities Mark Waterman, Senior VCS Development Officer
<b>Wards affected</b>	All
<b>Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>Forward Plan Notice Published</b>	
<b>Reason for Key Decision</b>	N/a
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	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 funding year October 2022 to October 2023, 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.

## THIS SECTION TO BE DELETED BEFORE PUBLICATION

### Decision Type

Key Decision?	Urgent Decision?	Exempt from Call-In?	Restricted Report or Partially Restricted (e.g. appendix)?
No	No	No	No

\*If the answer is yes make sure the forthcoming decision on the website states this or else the decision cannot be taken.

### Guidance Documents

Further details on the procedure for Urgent Decisions can be found in the [Intranet Library](#) and the Guide to Report Writing [guidance note](#).

### Specific Issues for Pre-Decision Meetings

(Officers may use the following table to add points of note for internal meetings such as CLT, MAB or DMTs. Content can be deleted at any stage and, in any case, will be before publication for the decision making meeting.)

<b>Directorate Leadership Team</b>
<b>Corporate Leadership Team</b>
<b>Mayor's Advisory Board</b>
<b>Communications</b>

## **THIS SECTION TO BE DELETED BEFORE PUBLICATION**

### **Recommendations:**

The Grants Determination Sub Committee is recommended to:

1. Note the performance of the Local Community Fund (LCF) programme for October 2022 – October 2023, as set out in 3.2 to 3.7 and Appendix 3.
2. Note the performance of the Infrastructure & Capacity Building project as set out in 3.8.

### **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**

- (a) In July 2019 the Council agreed a programme of funding for voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations from 1st October 2019. This programme was 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.
- (b) At GDSC meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 it was agreed that the above LCF projects would be extended until September 2023 to ensure that Council-funded VCS services were in operation whilst the Council developed new funding options for the VCS to commence in October 2023 (subsequently re-scheduled to commence in November 2023). The cost of this extension amounted to £1,325,823.
- (c) The delivery of the LCF Programme was supported by the Infrastructure & Capacity Building Programme. At GDSC meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.
- (d) Cabinet agreed at its meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023 to authorise the Chief Executive to agree to an extension of four weeks for the LCF and the Infrastructure & Capacity Building programmes - beyond their scheduled end date of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023. This was agreed to enable these services to remain in operation until the new Mayor's Community Grant Programme started in November 2023. This extension was subsequently confirmed by the Chief Executive for the whole month of October 2023 at a total cost of £241,304.

### **3.2 Overview of October 2022 – October 2023**

- (a) In the October 2022-October 2023 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. Providers also had the challenges of finalising projects and seeking funding from the successor programme to LCF, the Mayor's Community Grant Programme.
- (b) LCF providers demonstrated significant resilience in responding to the demands and challenges that it faced. This is evident in the programme's success in supporting high percentages of residents from socially excluded communities, as outlined in Appendix 1. Projects successfully delivered their scheduled outcomes and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).
- (c) LCF projects were assigned a Red, Amber or Green rating (RAG rating) when reporting to the GDSC on project performance - please see Appendix 2 for more details. Of the 49 remaining LCF projects all were classed as Green in relation to the October 2022-October 2022 funding year, as was the



Infrastructure & Capacity Building Project, enabling all project payments to be made for that funding year.

### **3.3 Theme 1 Inclusion, Health and Wellbeing**

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

Projects in this scheme were focused on developing the confidence and life opportunities of young people. Significant areas of progress in October 2022-October 2023 included:

- 87% of the parents from the 92 families who participated in the Creative Play sessions at Half Moon Young People's Theatre's Professional Theatre and Inclusive Participatory Drama for Young People project said that the sessions had helped them to connect with their child and 53% said they felt more confident in their parenting skills.
- A distanced travelled survey revealed that 77% of the 113 girls on St Hilda's East Community Centre's Girls Driven Project experienced a substantial increase in confidence due to participation in the project.
- The Yard Theatre Ltd's Tower Hamlets Teens project premiered its *Unfair Society* performance that was created by the project's Yard Youth project over the course of 10 months.

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

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

- East London Out Project's Tower Hamlets LGBT Support project enabled 80 LGBT people, who were either disabled or experiencing mental health concerns, to report better life satisfaction and better quality of life three months after attending either individual or group support.
- 135 older people reported feeling less isolated and lonely after participating in St Hilda's East Community Centre's Older People's Feeling Good Wellbeing project. Its wide range of physical and social sessions included Dancercise, Strength training, Arts & Crafts, Gardening and Jewellery making.
- 200 isolated older adults were visited by a befriender advocate on a fortnightly basis through Tower Hamlets Friends and Neighbours' Older Peoples Befriending Project.

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

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

- Globe Community Project's Take Back Your Life project provided a mindfulness-based pain management programme to 54 people that supported 93% of these beneficiaries (50 people) to reduce the level of

pain and discomfort experienced and to increase their ability to manage pain through development of mindfulness practise.

- 80% of the 53 disabled beneficiaries supported by Real DPO's Taking Control of Your Life project to develop a support plan reported feeling more independent and having a better quality of life.

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

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

- 83.5% of the 200 children and young people (167 in total) supported by London Tigers' Exercise for Health project reported an improvement in their health and wellbeing.
- Newark Youth London's Healthy-Active-Together project partnered with Queen Mary University London to support the Festival of Communities event in Stepney Green Park, providing taster sports sessions for local residents and games/competitions for the whole family, involving over 100 people.
- 477 people participated in the Stifford Centre's Healthy Lifestyle Partnership Programme, with 92% of members reporting higher levels of well-being after six weeks of membership.

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

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

- People with learning disabilities participating on ICM Foundation CIC's CORE Projects Get Active Newspaper project working together to produce and distribute four editions of its newsletter on the theme of health and wellbeing, which was promoted at four events.
- Working Well Trust's Upskill project secured extra funding to support Tower Hamlets residents in the Over 50 age group with mental health challenges through delivering a summer programme of activities in Bow for this group, in partnership with Age UK.

**3.4 Theme 2 Digital Inclusion and Awareness**

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

This theme's projects provided digital ICT skills and knowledge to residents:

- Limehouse Project's DigITIES project enabled 39 older people to expand their social networks due to the ICT skills that they gained through the project.
- Newham New Deal Partnership's @online club Network Tower Hamlets project supported 24 older residents to report increased confidence about going on-line.

- Wapping Bangladesh Association's Digital First project enabled twelve older adults to develop a better understanding of computers and how to navigate around the internet.

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

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

- SocietyLinks Tower Hamlets E-Safety Champions project trained young women to be champions for e-safety in the community, with 29 project participants receiving online safety champion certificates.
- Sporting Foundation's Building Digital Resilience project enabled 88 parents and 131 young people to be more aware of the relationship between social media and on-line grooming and other risks.

**3.5 Theme 3 Advice and Information (Two projects)**

- (a)** East End Citizens Advice Bureaux-led Advice Tower Hamlets Consortium successfully delivered support to vulnerable residents in the borough, surpassing many of its KPI's. It assisted 23,019 clients with social welfare advice, with 13,386 residents gaining successful benefit outcomes due to project support. The project secured £22,886,540 for clients, through either increases in income or backdated payments, and £4,237,043 in reduction or negotiations 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 615 people working in the borough's advice sector and trained 15 people to attain Learning to Advise certificates, seven of which were volunteers.

**3.6 Theme 4 Employment and Skills**

- (a)** Areas of this theme's projects' success in delivering employment and training support in the funding 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 66 organisations via one-to-one support to develop their confidence and capacity to be excellent employers of disabled people. Its one-to-one advice service supported 21 disabled people to access paid employment opportunities.

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

- Limehouse Project's Developing Potential project supported 38 women from Black, Asian & Multi-Ethnic communities to complete and gain accredited qualifications.

- SocietyLinks' Tower Hamlet's Job Club provided employment support to 131 individuals, with 23 individuals gaining accredited outcomes.
- 17 women on Stifford Centre Limited's BAME Women's Employment Support Programme gained accreditation and skills to help move them towards employment.

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

- Auto Italia South East's Learning Live! project supported 752 young people from socially excluded groups through portfolio review and mentoring workshops to explore creative careers and university courses.
- 10 trainees on Four Corners Ltd's ZOOM Film School - which supported disadvantaged residents to move into work in the creative industries – obtained employment.
- The Bromley by Bow Centre's Creative Communities project supported 28 beneficiaries to obtain sustainable paid employment of over 26 weeks in the arts sector within three months of completing the programme.

### 3.7 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)**

- 80% of the 62 vulnerable young people on Kazzum Art's Build project reported that project participation had helped them to improve their confidence, with a similar percentage being supported to improve their communication skills.
- Osmani Trust's Schools and Community Resilience Programme delivered a series of one-off awareness workshops to 100's of young people in schools on spotting signs of exploitation and education on the effects of taking Nitro oxide.

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

- Four Corners Ltd's Into Focus Photography project supported 17 children and young people, aged between 14-25, and 15 people over 50, through a variety of experimental photography workshops co-designed by above participants. Participants co-designed three public exhibitions, with over 560 visitors attending their receptions.
- Leaders in Community's Mind the Gap project organised a number of intergenerational trips, including the Thames Barrier Park Eid Party and the O2 Greenwich adventure, which offered unique opportunities for joint adventures, reinforcing the community bonds that had been nurtured throughout the year.

**(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. 96.6% of project's 693 event attendees in its total lifetime reported an improved understanding of Domestic Violence Survivor Assessment and how to seek support on this issue. There were 407 attendees at the project's events in its final funding year and 33 workshops delivered.

**3.8 Infrastructure & Capacity Building**

**(a)** Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Services (THCVS) was the lead organisation in a partnership with Volunteer Centre Tower Hamlets (VCTH) to deliver the Infrastructure and Capacity Building project, which focused on increasing the range and number of VCS organisations in the borough that were 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 213 VCS organisations, with positive feedback received from 87% of these organisations.
- delivered training to 62 volunteer managers (target of 48)
- supported 25 VCS organisations to have improved volunteering practices
- 238 volunteering roles advertised through the Volunteering Hub
- 818 new volunteer registrations with the Hub (annual target of 500 registrations)

**3.9** 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 2022 – October 2023**.

**4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

**4.1** The programme made good progress in October 2022-October 2023 in supporting protected characteristic groups and residents from different areas of the borough. This progress is outlined in **Appendix 1 LCF Programme Annual Report October 2022-October 2023 - 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.

**5.2** Best Value Implications: To ensure best value for the Council we require organisations to complete quarterly and annual monitoring returns which report on the progress organisations have made against their Key

Performance Indicators as set out in their funding agreements. Officers also conduct annual monitoring visits. This helps to ensure the Council is getting best value on the grants provided. If the Council has concerns about performance, then this is made a priority on the risk register and the group will be provided with additional support to achieve their Key performance Indicators. There are no other specific statutory implications relevant to consideration of this report.

## **6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

- 6.1** The noting of the Local Community Fund Annual Report does not have any direct financial implications.
- 6.2** The new Mayor's Community Grant Programme (MCGP) approved by cabinet in March 23 replaces the Local Community Fund which ended on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023. The new programme will be funded through the Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL).
- 6.3** The Council's MTFS includes £4m annual funding for Community grants, including £982k funding from the Public Health grant for services that are eligible for the use of the Public Health grant.

## **7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES**

- 7.1** The terms of reference of the Grants Determination 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 LCF Programme Annual Report October 2022-October 2023 - Profile Of Beneficiaries
- Appendix 2 – Local Community Fund Programme Management Arrangements

- Appendix 3 – LCF Project Summary October 2022 – October 2023

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

- NONE

**Officer contact details for documents:**

N/A

This page is intentionally left blank



## Appendix 1

### Local Community Fund Programme October 2022-October 2023 Profile Of Beneficiaries

#### 1. Protected Characteristics

- 68.7% of the beneficiaries (20,578 people) were from Black, Asian & Multi-ethnic communities. Bangladeshi was the ethnic group with the highest percentage of beneficiaries, with 36.1% (10,830 people), followed by White British, with 22.1% (6,610 people).<sup>1</sup>
- 59.4% of beneficiaries were women (15,305 people) and 40.1% were men (10,333 people)
- The projects supported 18,418 individuals who reported they had a disability. This included:
  - ❖ 7,289 beneficiaries reporting having a long-standing illness or health condition
  - ❖ 5,012 beneficiaries reporting having a mental health condition
  - ❖ 3,092 beneficiaries reporting having a physical impairment
  - ❖ 1,093 beneficiaries reporting having a learning disability
  - ❖ 755 beneficiaries reporting having a sensory impairment
- 9.29% of beneficiaries were 65+ (2,852 people)
- The percentage of beneficiaries from LGBT groups was 3.6%.

#### 2. Council Ward of Residence

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

- |                 |      |
|-----------------|------|
| • Bethnal Green | 8.7% |
| • Whitechapel   | 7.6% |
| • Poplar        | 7.5% |
| • Mile End      | 7.4% |
| • Lansbury      | 6.0% |

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

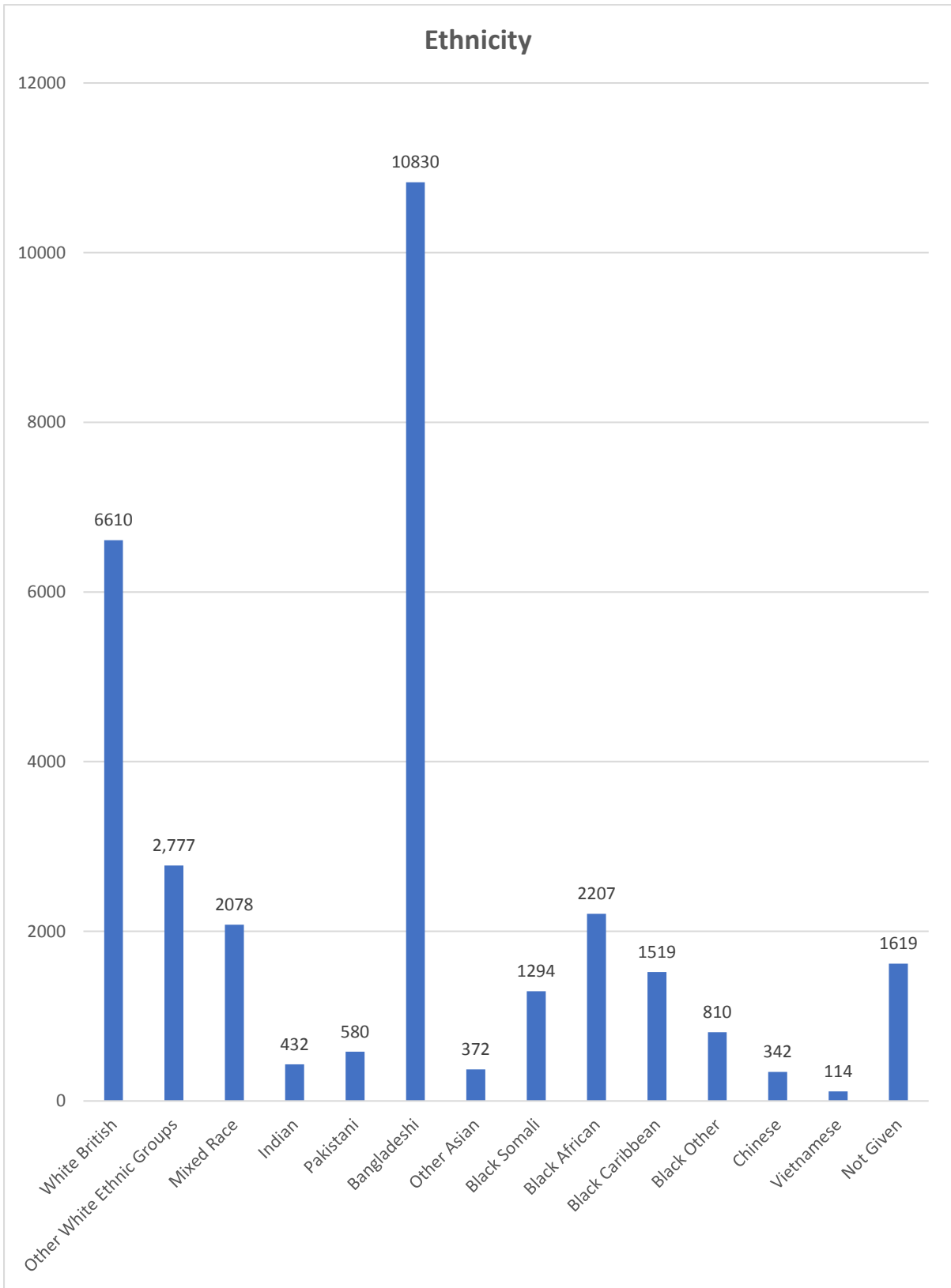
- |                            |      |
|----------------------------|------|
| • St Katherine's & Wapping | 2.0% |
| • Limehouse                | 2.9% |
| • Canary Wharf             | 3.4% |
| • Weavers                  | 3.6% |
| • Blackwall & Cubitt Town  | 3.7% |

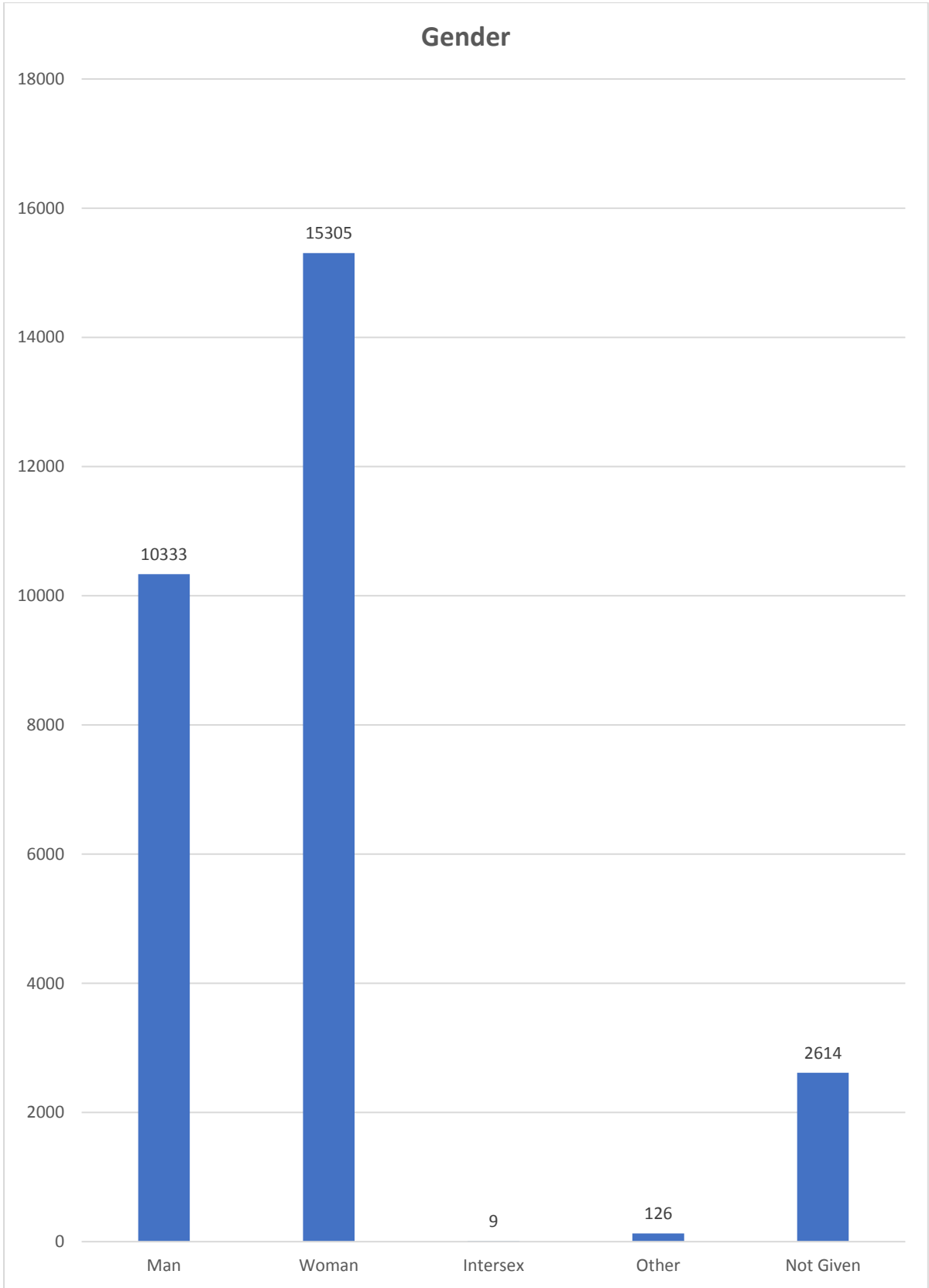
3. The graphs on pages 3 to 7 shows the breakdown of Local Community Fund programme beneficiaries in October 2022-October 2023 by:

---

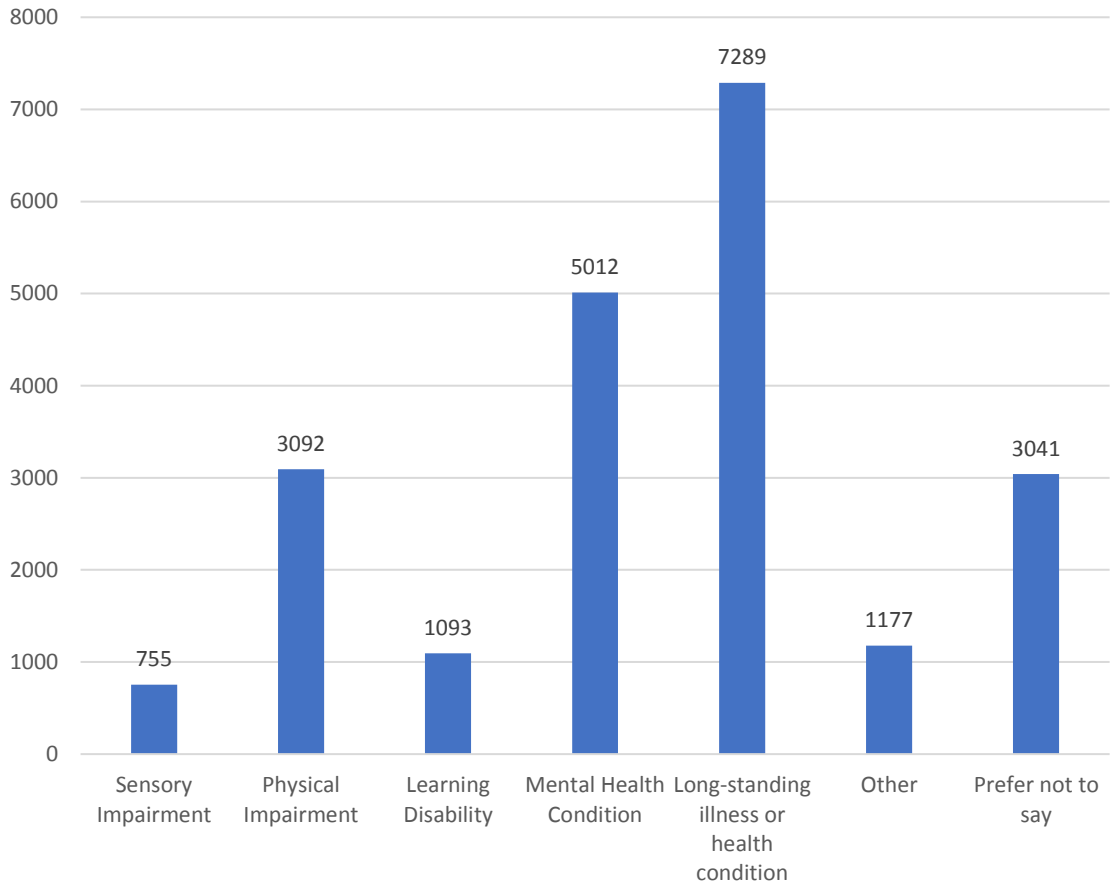
<sup>1</sup> All calculation of percentages excludes beneficiaries who preferred not to provide a response to a question on their protected characteristic. Overall total of project beneficiaries by protected characteristic groups – e.g. ethnicity, gender, age group - can differ.

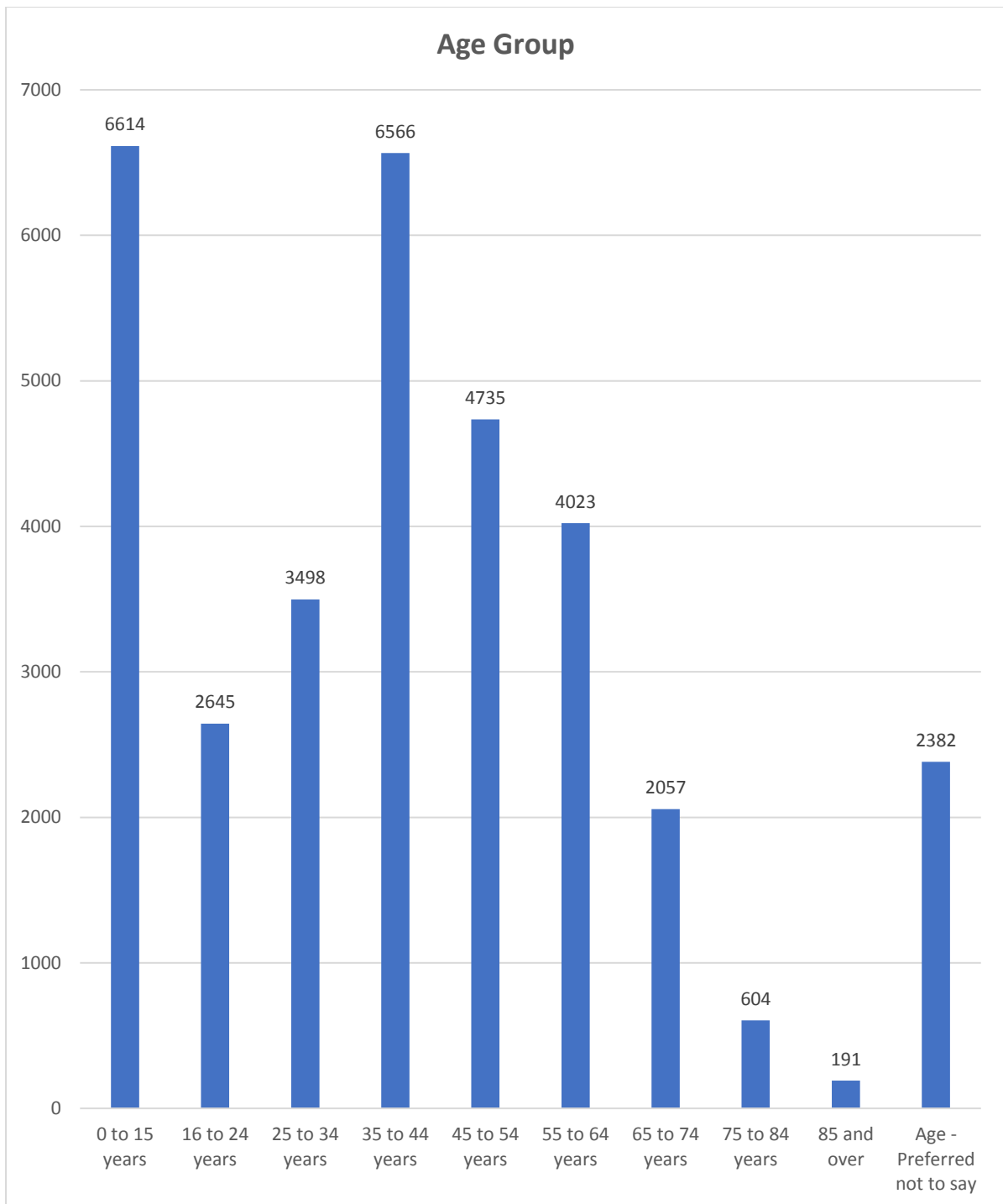
- Ethnicity
- Gender
- Disability
- Age
- Council ward of residence.

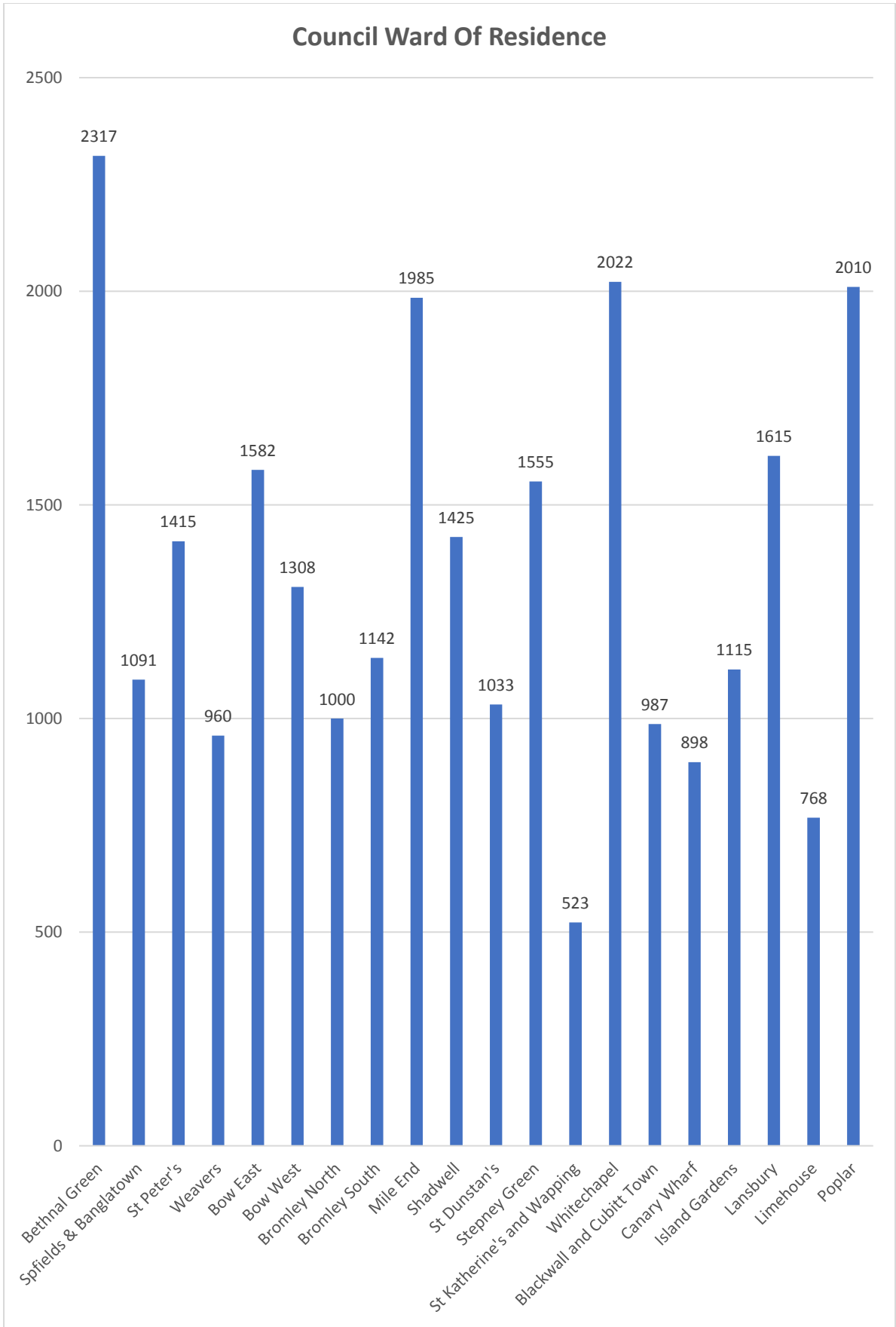




## Disabled Beneficiaries







This page is intentionally left blank



## **Appendix 2 - 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

This page is intentionally left blank

Theme / Scheme	<b>1- Inclusion, Health &amp; Wellbeing</b> <b>1A - Children, Young People &amp; Families</b>				
Priorities:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Increase access to Youth Services</li> <li>2. Provision of Early Help support to families</li> <li>3. Support for young carer</li> </ol>				
Outcomes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Children and young people, in particularly girls and young women:                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. have more confidence in themselves;</li> <li>b. are more resilient, and</li> <li>c. are able to, and do, access a range of spaces, activities and social opportunities across Tower Hamlets.</li> </ol> </li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>4. Children, young people and their families are listened to and their input is considered and included in decision making.</li> <li>5. Young carers are supported and included; their needs and concerns are understood and are taken into account at local and strategic levels.</li> <li>6. Children under 5 grow up in positive family environments and are supported to thrive.</li> </ol>				
Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22– Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
Canaan Project/ Canaan Project - Isle of Dogs	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£ 117,641	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.	<p>The project overachieved on its KPIs and progressively:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• deepened relationships with participants</li> <li>• involved participants in the planning and running of provision for young women in their community.</li> </ul> <p>Project activities in this year were two residentials, 11 daytrips, Young</p>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>This project worked with over 382 different young women across three schools and saw growth of their after-school club at St Andrews Wharf youth hub attended by 78 different young women in the funding year.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22– Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
				Women's Forum, mentoring eight young women.	
Half Moon Young People's Theatre /Professional Theatre and Inclusive Participatory Drama for Young People	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£ 156,037	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>The organisation tracked 45 participants in detail and noted improved personal outcomes for all these young people. This included demonstrated improvements in ability to speak with clarity and to articulate thoughts and ideas, listening attentively and processing information, working supportively and comfortably with others who are not their closest peers, and ability to express oneself creatively.</p> <p>By the end of the project’s Creative Play programme, 87% of parents said that the sessions had helped them to connect with their child; 53% said they felt more confident in their parenting skills. 87% of parents told the provider that they had learnt new ways to support their baby/child.</p>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>Half Moon ran eight Youth Theatres engaging 277 children and young people in the reporting period, 244 of them living in Tower Hamlets. Membership records demonstrated that children from all wards in the borough benefitted. 87% of them attended at least 80% of sessions a term. In addition, Creative Play for pre-school children and their parents/carers, in Children and Family Centres across the borough, delivered 70 sessions and worked with a total of 192 participants from 92 families. Coproduction was in place, via a youth forum attended by a trustee.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>
Look Ahead Care and Support / Domestic Abuse Children's Worker	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£ 165,463	A specialist Domestic Abuse Children’s Worker to support children who are vulnerable due to early exposure to domestic abuse. Providing emotional support	<p>The Children's worker liaised daily with women in the refuge and their children, helping them with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• registering the families with</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The project also supported local statutory sector organisations to have increased understanding of the impact of domestic abuse and</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22– Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
			<p>through age-appropriate engagement to address challenges faced by children living at organisation’s LBTH Domestic Abuse Service and in the community.</p>	<p>doctors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• submitting applications for school uniforms</li> <li>• supporting families to apply for legal documents</li> <li>• supporting access to statutory sector services.</li> </ul> <p>Very positive feedback was received from project beneficiaries. 61 people, including 35 children, were supported by the project in its final year.</p>	<p>of ways to support children who have experienced it by holding training sessions on the above subject. This was attended by 11 people who provided favourable feedback on it.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>
Newark Youth London / Girls in Action	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£ 82,406	<p>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>	<p>Case studies and observation demonstrated that young girls participating on the project have increased their knowledge and experience. Other participant outcomes included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11 achieved Level 2 ASDAN Leadership qualification</li> <li>• 100% state they are more confident.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>36 girls and young women engaged in the project’s final year. 10 participants volunteered with the social action projects as well as other initiatives. Cohort 1 organised two foodbank days, on the Isle of Dogs and Cohort 2 organised sports activities for girls and women during the summer months.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22– Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
Osmani Trust / Family Mentoring Project (FMP) Early Help	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£ 147,000	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 33 families requiring early help were identified</li> <li>• 23 families supported to access various services in the community – e.g. Families Information Services</li> <li>• 28 families felt they were confident in dealing with schooling and parenting issues, as well as knowing where to go for further help.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>Regular weekly mentoring sessions took place for both parents and young people. On occasions when the young person did not engage, parents were willing to take on parenting advice and make changes to benefit the young person.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>
St Hilda's East Community Centre / St. Hilda's Girls Driven Project	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£ 67,228	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.	<p>Distanced travelled survey revealed that 77% of girls on the project experienced a substantial increase in confidence due to this participation.</p> <p>The project provided a wide range of activities to participants in its weekly sessions, from sports and fitness to arts and crafts, along with trips and self-development workshops. Every session empowered young individuals to engage in open discussions, sharing their problems or concerns with their peers. All the girls have exhibited significant improvement in their leadership skills.</p>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>Over the past funding year, the project engaged with 113 girls and young women, hailing from diverse ethnic backgrounds, mirroring the local demographics. Participants showcased notable advancements in both personal and social development.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22– Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
Stifford Centre Limited / Stifford Young Girl's Project	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£ 59,470	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.	<p>Project engaged 48 participants throughout the year who achieved their set goals. They felt less isolated and happier because of engaging with project activities.</p> <p>Its delivered activities combined a wealth of physical, leisure, health and creative activities, which ran in tandem with workshops promoting learning opportunities for personal and professional development. It supported participants to engage in positive sports, creative and practical activities, as well as positive social networks. 40 young girls attended at least 5 sessions per year.</p> <p>The project delivered training for 24 young people that enhanced their employability skills. It held sessions in helping young people with their CVs and ran a business start-up course.</p>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>Project ran one-to-one and group sessions which helped young people to overcome isolation and feel confident about their future life. It delivered many mindfulness sessions which consisted of relaxation sessions, including techniques for participants to use when they find themselves in stressful situations.</p> <p>95% of project participants reported that the quality of service is very good and felt that it had contributed to their well-being. The project delivered its KPI and outcomes.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>
The Yard Theatre Ltd / Tower Hamlets Teens	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£150,729	Free, fortnightly youth leadership workshops, weekly drama workshops, summer masterclasses, and schools' performances for Tower Hamlets teenagers.	71 teenagers from Tower Hamlets took part in Tower Hamlets Teens supported projects in the funding year: Yard Youth, Black Excellence at Nighttime, Schools Programme	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>In the past year the project launched a brand new Yard Young Artists programme and ran a busy year long theatre programme for</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22– Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
			<p>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.</p>	<p>and Yard Young Artists:16-21. 65% of these were from Bow East and Bow West.</p> <p>This year, 86% of Tower Hamlets participants were young women. In Yard Youth. 100% of the young women reported improvements on confidence, feeling that they are taken seriously as creative by other people, and feeling purposeful in everyday life.</p> <p>90% of regular, surveyed participants reported an improvement in their sense of health, happiness and wellbeing as a result of project activities and 100% reported an improvement in their confidence and skills regarding employment and employability.</p>	<p>local teenagers to engage with. Highlights included <i>Unfair Society</i> - created by Yard Youth over the course of 10 months. This original show premiered in The Yard’s theatre to a local audience of 50 people on 10th July 2023.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>



Scheme:	<b>1B – Older People</b>
Priorities:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ageing well and reducing social isolation</li> <li>2. Provision of physical and health-promotion activities for older people</li> </ol>
Outcomes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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);</li> <li>2. Older people are able to continue making a positive contribution to their communities;</li> <li>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;</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22 – Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
Age UK East London / Caxton Hall, a dynamic activity centre led by older people for the whole community.	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£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"> <li>• Number of older people state that they are feeling less lonely by end of each year - 118</li> <li>• Number of older people contributing to running the Hub Café – 36</li> <li>• Number of older people feel more included and integrated as a result of participating in a community cohesion project - 92</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The project delivered various activities throughout the funding year, including craft sessions, storytelling, wellbeing and mindfulness sessions and indoor bowls. Project activity was complemented by Caxton Online, a digital community centre for the over 50s.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>
Age UK East London / Friend at Home	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£252,418	Project matches housebound older people who would like a bit more company at home with volunteers who would like to share an enjoyable hour or two of	Isolated, housebound older people were matched with a Friend at Home and received weekly one-hour visits:	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The project supported people to re-connect, reduced people’s isolation and anxieties and helped people to access support services.</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22 – Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
			conversation and company with them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>75 newly matched older people with a Friend at Home</li> <li>100% of isolated, housebound older people reported an increase or stabilisation of their well-being, as measured by the Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Wellbeing Scale.</li> </ul>	A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.
Community of Refugees from Vietnam - East London / Vietnamese and Chinese Lunch and Social Club	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£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"> <li>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</li> <li>Number of older people attending lunch and social club activities- 49</li> <li>Number of people supported to reduce isolation who live on their own or are housebound - 16.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The project continued its regular activities, while introducing new initiatives tailored to support the diverse needs of its members. It supported older people to increase their participation in physical activities, which had a positive impact on their health and wellbeing. The project strengthened social bonds and reduced isolation of the older Vietnamese and Chinese members.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22 – Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
East London Out Project / Tower Hamlets LGBT Support	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£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"> <li>• 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 – 19</li> <li>• 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 – 80</li> <li>• Number of training sessions delivered to organisations – 9 training sessions over the year. This training was delivered to approximately 170 participants. All participants reported feeling more confident in supporting LGBT people and had increased knowledge of the needs of LGBT people.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The project has provided some support on-line this year, particularly for individual mental health support, although some of this has been face to face in the borough. It has increased the numbers of people who have attended the group sessions and has also reached more LGBT people seeking asylum. The project reached new people each quarter and delivered support to a diverse group of LGBT+ people, including people with a range of needs. This funding year the project delivered training to organisations, both on-line and in person.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22 – Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
St Hilda's East Community Centre / Older People's 'Feeling Good!' Wellbeing Project	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£122,500	'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"> <li>• Number of older people attending the varied 'Feeling Good!' activities programme report feeling less isolated and lonely – 135</li> <li>• Number of people surveyed said they felt more confident going out and living independently in their community – 130</li> <li>• Number of people reported improved physical &amp; mental health- 120.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The Feeling Good programme delivered a wide range of physical and social sessions, including Dancercise, Strength training, Arts &amp; Crafts, Gardening and Jewellery making, which improved the health and mental wellbeing of its beneficiaries. Co-production continued to be an important element of the project. The partnership with Sadler's Wells had another successful term, ending with a group performance at the Older Peoples Party Celebration in October. The group also had the chance to visit Sadler's Wells' Peacock Theatre and watch two shows. The project organised a variety of trips, including to local parks and farms, a seaside trip to Whitstable and an educational outing to the Tower of London. There were many successful events, including two Black History Month celebrations, with over 40 attendees each time. Other events include Older Peoples Day Celebration's, for which St Hilda's collaborated with Link Age Plus partners, and the John Orwell</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22 – Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
					<p>Taster Day, where many of the members got to try out the local leisure centre.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>
Tower Hamlets Friends and Neighbours (THFN) / Older Peoples Befriending Project	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£204,167	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"> <li>• Number of isolated older adults are visited by a befriender advocate on a fortnightly basis per year – 200</li> <li>• Number of older people with dementia are visited on a regular basis by a Befriender Advocate to undertake a range of activities - in excess of 15 dementia clients were supported during the period.</li> <li>• Number of older residents escorted to singing for the Brain during the year – 44.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The project supported 227 individuals during the funding period. Clients felt less isolated, more connected to the wider community and were stimulated through participating in ‘memory’ games.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>
Toynbee Hall / The Wellbeing Centre at Toynbee Hall	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£169,107	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of individuals attending health promotion sessions per year held at the Wellbeing Centre – 67</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The project provided a strong offer of health, learning and social activities from professionals, balanced with peer-led activities by older people themselves. Co-design</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22 – Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
			and to build stronger networks of information sharing and peer-support between users and those not accessing services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of health promotion sessions held at the Centre per year – 143</li> <li>• Number of social activity sessions held at the Wellbeing Centre per year – 288 sessions with 2,187 attendances</li> </ul>	<p>was at the heart of what the project did, with older community members supporting the design and delivery of the service. Project evaluation showed improvement to older people’s sense of confidence, ability to make their own choices, wellbeing and physical health.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>

Scheme:	<b>1C – Access, Information and Self-Management</b>				
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				
Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22 – Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
Globe Community Project / Take Back Your Life	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£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"> <li>87% of people per year with chronic pain and illness have increased knowledge, tools and skills to manage their health condition and live independent lives.</li> <li>93% of people per year with chronic pain and illness experience reduced pain and pain discomfort and increased ability to manage pain through development of mindfulness practise</li> <li>64% 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.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The project directly supported 54 people this funding year, plus an additional 72 reached through Mindfulness Champions workshops. Participants that attended follow-on activities over the long-term demonstrated significant deepening and understanding of pain management tools, increased ability to manage pain and sustained social connection and support from others in pain. The project provided two courses, one 6-week hybrid course at Cranbrook Community Centre and one 8-week online Zoom course. It also provided Mindfulness Champions post-course support/mentoring sessions, three Mindfulness Champion Community workshops and three social events. The project successfully rolled out the Mindfulness Champions training programme, with eight people completing the training. After</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22 – Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
					<p>completing the training, five people offered community workshops, reaching 72 people.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>
Real DPO Ltd / Taking Control of Your Life	01/04/2020 31/10/2023	£255,166	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"> <li>• 53 people with complex needs have been supported to develop a personalised and holistic support plan</li> <li>• 80% of people who have developed a support plan report feeling more independent and having a better quality of life.</li> <li>• 90% of those supported to develop a support plan reported feeling they had more choice and control over their lives.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The project provided high-level support to clients with complex needs. It worked with numerous clients from across the borough and supported many clients with multiple health conditions and disabilities. The project received referrals from a wider network, including Real Advocacy, Tower Hamlets Community Advice Network and social prescribers.</p> <p>The project built relationships with local stakeholders and received positive feedback. Its services were greatly valued, especially as there are not many organizations locally that support clients with grants and action planning. Clients reacted very positively to being supported by a user-led organization and from staff with lived experience.</p>



Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22 – Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
					A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.

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

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22– Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
London Tigers / Exercise for health: BAME women, children and young people	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£174,522	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"> <li>• 200 Children &amp; Young People were engaged in positive activities</li> <li>• 167 children and young people reported an improvement in their health and wellbeing</li> <li>• 153 women were engaged in positive activities during year 3</li> <li>• 130 women reported feeling less lonely and feeling more connected to the community</li> <li>• 130 women reported improved health and wellbeing.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The project delivered a programme of sport and physical activities that supported people to increase their physical activity through regular exercise and empowered individuals to make positive choices in relation to their health and wellbeing. It provided them with pathways to stay connected with the wider community, excel in sports and develop healthier habits for life. The project supported a total of 353 beneficiaries for the funding year (153 woman and 200 children).</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22– Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
MUDCHUTE ASSOCIATION / Playing out at Mudchute	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£81,667	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"> <li>• 4,000 residents have been engaged in regular physical activity, leading to improved health</li> <li>• 100 disabled children and young people participated in the project, leading to a reduction in isolation and improvement mental health conditions and enhanced confidence and social skills</li> <li>• 115 older Bangladeshi girls engaged which lead to greater awareness of self and others, improved their physical health and community cohesion.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The project attracted new and regular participants throughout the year. It provided much needed freedom for children and adults, many of whom had minimum access to natural open space. Activities such as arts and crafts, den building, animal petting and seasonal events allowed the children access to a variation of play types.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>
Newark Youth London / Healthy-Active-Together (HeAT)	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£114,799	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of children, young people and adults participating in sports and physical activity regularly – 256</li> <li>• Number of new participants who have reported that they have benefitted from improved</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The project worked with 256 beneficiaries during the year and registered 96 new children, young people and adults, all of whom were previously inactive. It delivered a total of 227 sessions during the year. These sessions helped residents to stay more</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22– Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
			health and wellbeing and reduce isolation and exclusion.	fitness and mental wellbeing – 96  • 60% of participants have reported that they are less isolated.	active. Taking part in additional physical activities helped increase their confidence; participants reported feeling much better socially, emotionally and physically.  A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.
Stifford Centre Limited / Healthy Lifestyle Partnership Programme	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£326,778	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"> <li>• Number of registered users of health club per annum – 477</li> <li>• 96% of existing Service Users report they know about Health Club</li> <li>• 92% of members reported higher levels of well-being after six weeks of membership.</li> </ul>	<b>GREEN</b> Stifford Centre (lead partner) and delivery partners - Stepney City Farm, Shadwell Basin Activity Centre and Dorset Community Association - worked together as a consortium to deliver the Programme. The Programme delivered a unique suite of activities that engaged people in different ways - through the provision of water based activities, physical based exercises, volunteering in farms - which improved residents' physical and mental wellbeing, reduced their isolation and helped them acquire different skills.

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22– Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
					A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.
The Bangladesh Youth Movement (BYM) / Live Healthy Enjoy Life [the Female Health & Development Project]	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£87,963	‘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"> <li>• Number of women from Black, Asian &amp; Multi-Ethnic communities accessing health support activities – 165</li> <li>• Number of women from Black, Asian &amp; Multi-Ethnic communities/Bangladeshi women raising their awareness on a range of health issues appropriate to leading healthier lives – 165</li> <li>• Numbers accessing the women’s forum – 65</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The project supported 165 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>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>
The Royal Society for Blind Children (RSBC) / Live Active, Live Well Tower Hamlets	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£74,040	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"> <li>• 85% of young people reported an increase in their physical activity levels.</li> <li>• 80% of young people reported that their health had improved. Attendance at wellbeing sessions had a positive impact on their lifestyles.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The project supported 25 young people in this funding year. It delivered monthly face-to-face sessions, alternating between physical activities such as FUNdamentals and sports, to taking trips and taking part in activities with partner organisations to RSBC. The project carried out 50 one-to ones and</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22– Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>85% of young people have reported improvements in their self-confidence and resilience.</li> </ul>	<p>made over 60 check-in supports calls with young people. Project participants attended the annual AQA awards where they collected their certificates and a meal for a social end of year get together, where they shared experiences and what they enjoyed about being on the project.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>

Scheme:	<b>1E – Improved inclusion, health and well-being outcomes for disabled people and people experiencing mental health issues</b>
Priorities:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improved health outcomes for disabled people</li> <li>2. People experiencing mental health issues are better supported</li> </ol>
Outcomes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> <li>2. Adults with complex needs (i.e. who have multiple issues affecting their lives) have better health outcomes</li> <li>3. Disabled people and people experiencing mental health issues;                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) are more independent</li> <li>b) are more aware of and more likely to participate in local services</li> <li>c) have a better quality of life</li> </ol> </li> <li>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</li> </ol>

Page 127

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22– Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
deafPLUS / Improving Health and Wellbeing for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people in Tower Hamlets	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£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"> <li>• 144 service users reported an improvement in their feelings of isolation when accessing events over the past year.</li> <li>• 24 clients participated in sports and physical activities.</li> <li>• 17 clients learnt and understood how to improve their diet and nutritional intake.</li> <li>• 11 clients reported improvements in their mental health.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>52 events were delivered to deaf and hard of hearing people in Tower Hamlets, ranging from arts and craft sessions to guided walking tours. There were 148 project beneficiaries in the last funding year. 56 of these people were new clients to the service.</p> <p>In addition, the project delivered two deaf awareness training sessions for Better Leisure Centre within Tower Hamlets. The project also had an ongoing working relationship with St Barts Health to</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22– Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8 clients participated in exercises that they had not participated in before.</li> </ul>	<p>assist and advise on how to ensure that the healthcare services and systems are inclusive and accessible to Deaf residents of Tower Hamlets.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>
ICM Foundation CIC / CORE Projects Get Active Newspaper - Promoting Healthy and Active Lifestyles	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£53,611	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>In the final funding year, the project produced and distributed four editions of the newspaper with over 40 pieces of content. All of the members of the beneficiary group displayed significant improvement in skills related to the newspaper, such as research, typing, photography, feedback and distribution.</p> <p>Feedback from the newspaper continued to be really positive. The project incorporated feedback that it had gained from other groups to produce video content alongside the newspaper, accessible via the use of QR codes embedded into articles.</p>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>As the project was finishing, and the organisation started working towards the targets for its new Mayor's Community Grant Programme successor project, it was preparing the group in working towards a diploma in skills for employment, training and personal development, using the skills that group members gained from the project to obtain this qualification.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>



Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22– Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
Woman's Trust / Therapeutic Support Groups for women affected by Domestic Abuse	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£78,724	Therapeutic Support Groups providing a safe, moderated space for female survivors of domestic abuse to share experiences and 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.	The project provided four therapeutic support groups exclusively for Tower Hamlets women affected by domestic abuse which completed this year. It also reserved places for Tower Hamlets women in its pan-London groups; a further 16 groups were attended by Tower Hamlets women, alongside other local women. A total of 63 Tower Hamlets women attended group provision in the funding year.	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>Beneficiaries have provided positive feedback on the support that they have received. The project has enabled them to improve their confidence, self-esteem, stress/anxiety levels and sense of control over their future. It has also enabled beneficiaries to reduce their sense of isolation, improve the knowledge of their rights and support services and improve their inter-personal relationships.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>
Working Well Trust / Upskill	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£442,981	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"> <li>• Number of initial engagements with Upskill offered access to peer support – 392</li> <li>• Number of residents with mental health support needs accessing one to one support towards achieving short term goals identifying local services and opportunities to facilitate individual goals – 186</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>This year the Upskill project saw over 390 Tower Hamlets residents accessing the project for a variety of reasons. Wellbeing and Employment were very popular, but there was also an increased demand for cost of living crises support. The project worked in partnership with a wide range of organisations within Tower Hamlets. This was a</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22– Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of residents accessing wellbeing and training opportunities – 147</li> </ul>	<p>particularly successful year for work with the Over 50s Tower Hamlets residents with mental health challenges. The project was able to secure some extra funding to run a summer programme of activities in partnership with Age UK in Bow. This meant the project was able to meet and exceed the targets for engagements with Over 50s and also engage with residents in the wards of Bow East and West.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>

Theme / Scheme:	<b>2 – Digital Inclusion and Awareness</b> <b>2A – ICT Skills and Digital Careers</b>
Priorities:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Access to ICT support and training for older people</li> <li>2. Digital skill development for children and young people                         <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Increase awareness of careers in the digital sector, and</li> <li>b) Provide children and young people with the opportunity to develop the skills for the digital sector.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
Outcomes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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"> <li>a) Have increased confidence in using ICT, especially around security;</li> <li>b) Are able to use digital methods to access services, find information, and communicate with others, and do so more regularly;</li> <li>c) Have increased digital skills.</li> </ol> </li> <li>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</li> </ol>

Page 131

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22 – Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
Limehouse Project / DigiTIES	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£72,680	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"> <li>• Number of older people have learned to use at least 3 ICT platforms – 52</li> <li>• Number of older people are able to access health information on-line - 41</li> <li>• Number of older people able to expand their social networks – 39.</li> <li>• Number of older people have increased level of confidence and skills through volunteering – 6.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The DigiTIES project achieved significant success in bridging the digital divide for vulnerable individuals (aged 50+) within underrepresented communities. It secured 16 phones from the Good Things Foundation and distributed over 200 devices and data through co-production partnerships.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22 – Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
Newham New Deal Partnership / @online club network Tower Hamlets	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£79,707	@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"> <li>• Number of older residents’ reporting increased confidence going on-line - 24</li> <li>• All 39 people who participated in the project were able to do more things online, due to project support.</li> <li>• Number of local residents have increased skills due to engagement in the project as volunteers – 4.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The programme delivered six digital skills programs this funding year and met the lifetime targets for the programme. Sessions were delivered in collaboration with its partner, St Hilda’s Carers Centre. Further funding was secured from East End Community Foundation to run a digital skill for living programmes, reaching 21 additional Tower Hamlets residents. This provided an additional added value to the beneficiaries of the online club network.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>
Wapping Bangladesh Association / Digital First	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£19,254	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	<p>12 out of 13 participants developed better understanding in using computers and navigating around the internet. Participants showed significant improvements in developing digital skills through using computers and smart phone.</p> <p>The digital skills gained by the above participants enabled them</p>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>Project delivered 27 sessions in reporting period to 13 participants, who achieved more than 98% successful results in terms of gaining digital knowledge. Participants were made aware of internet scams and fraudulent on-line activity that are aimed at vulnerable elderly people.</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22 – Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
			with facing key life transitions or challenges.	to participate more in social events and in the community, thus reducing social isolation for them. 9 of the above participants are now able to meet their daily tasks by using internet – e.g. online shopping and mobile banking.	A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.

Scheme:	<b>2B – Online Safety</b>
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

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22 – Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
SocietyLinks Tower Hamlets / E-Safety Champions	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£23,675	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"> <li>• 29 project participants received online safety champion certificates after demonstrating good level of understanding and awareness of the topic.</li> <li>• 77 of 79 women attending the project reported feeling an increased confidence to take action and make changes at home.</li> <li>• 100% of project participants demonstrated good understanding of how to report any cyber bullying and online abuse.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The project attracted newcomers through its food distribution service. It demonstrated to participants how to navigate certain websites, how to recognise a scam and how to keep personal details safe when shopping online. The project held workshops continuously on social media apps, age limits and how parents should monitor them. It trialled safer options for children and also demonstrated some of the things that children can possibly access if the correct restrictions have not been applied.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>

<p>Sporting Foundation / Building Digital Resilience</p>	<p>01/10/2019 31/10/2023</p>	<p>£35,946</p>	<p>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 resources effectively and reduces harm.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 88 parents and 131 children attended workshop on online applications and social media. This resulted in parents having increased confidence and knowledge on the popular applications that young people access.</li> <li>• 88 parents are now confident of safeguarding procedures and are able to communicate safety messages to young people</li> <li>• Both the above parents and young people have increased confidence in understanding the connection between social media and online grooming.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The project was successful in meeting the needs of young people and parents who participated in it. Participants enjoyed activities and appreciated the relationship built up by the tutors, coaches and volunteers during the course of the project. Equality, diversity and safeguarding were always discussed as part of the sessions, together with mental wellbeing. The final months of the project were well attended.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>
--	----------------------------------	----------------	---	---	--

Theme / Scheme:	<b>3 - Advice and Information</b>				
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"> <li>1. Increased access to social welfare advice and income from benefits</li> <li>2. Improved personal budgeting, financial stability and reduction in personal debt</li> <li>3. Reduction in the number of people negatively impacted by welfare reforms and housing repossessions</li> <li>4. Individuals are more informed about their legal rights</li> <li>5. Individuals are more informed about their housing rights</li> <li>6. Increased employment security</li> <li>7. Increased access to immigration/asylum advice and casework</li> <li>8. Increased engagement of older people with social welfare advice services</li> </ol> <p>Capacity building and training within the sector:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improved coordination and cooperation between advice providers</li> <li>2. Increased integration of service both within the VCS advice sector and with services in other sectors</li> <li>3. Increased number of local volunteers achieving a recognised advice training accreditation</li> <li>4. Improved liaison and co-ordination with public sector agencies</li> <li>5. Improved access to information for providers</li> </ol>				
Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22 – Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
East End Citizens Advice Bureaux / Advice Tower Hamlets	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£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"> <li>• 23,019 clients supported via phone, Skype, and on-line provisions</li> <li>• 13,386 residents gained successful benefit outcomes due to project support</li> <li>• 8,667 residents reported on improvement in personal budgeting and financial stability</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>Overall, the project has been a success. It has surpassed many of its lifetime targets and ensured that advice and support was provided to many beneficiaries on a range of different issues.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>



Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22 – Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
			partnership with twelve local advice agencies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2,413 Tower Hamlets Households were prevented from being homeless</li> <li>• 1,113 older residents reported increased confidence in use of digital tools</li> </ul>	
Island Advice Centre / Tower Hamlets Advice Training and Capacity Building Project	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£204,167	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"> <li>• 39 Advice Workshops to 615 participants on benefits issues</li> <li>• 15 Learning to Advise certificates (7 to volunteers)</li> <li>• 5 volunteers found paid work.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>Overall, despite the challenges it faced, including the cost-of-living crisis, the project has been a success. It delivered advice workshops and training sessions, facilitated welfare rights advisor meetings, maintained and updated the Tower Hamlets Community Advice Network website and placed many volunteers into paid work.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>

Theme / Scheme:	<b>4 – Employment and Skills</b> <b>4A - Developing and embedding good practice in the workplace for people with disabilities, learning difficulties and physical and mental health barriers to work</b>
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.

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22 – Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
REAL DPO / THEN & NOW	01/04/2020 31/10/2023	£473,351	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"> <li>66 organisations received one-to-one support and the satisfaction rate was 100%</li> <li>The one-to-one advice service supported 21 disabled people to access paid employment opportunities.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>In the final year of the THEN and Now project, it has extended its reach to a greater number of employers and delivered considerably more hours of tailored advice to these employers.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>

Scheme:	<b>4B - Reducing barriers to employment for disadvantaged groups</b>				
Priorities:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reducing barriers to employment for disadvantaged groups</li> <li>2. Employment and volunteering opportunities for older people</li> <li>3. Employment skills for vulnerable young people and those who are NEET(not in education, employment or training)</li> <li>4. Employment and skills for young people at risk of achieving poor outcomes</li> </ol>				
Outcomes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> <li>2. Older people gain life skills and secure employment and/or voluntary roles</li> <li>3. Potential entrepreneurs/business founders have access to independent support and advice and increased knowledge of business and financial planning</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>				
Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22 – Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
Limehouse Project / Developing Potential	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£205,372	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"> <li>• 125 women were engaged and assessed</li> <li>• 8 individuals progressed into employment</li> <li>• 38 women have completed and gained accredited certifications</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The project engaged with 125 women over the funding year. Despite its Big Lottery match funding coming to an end, the project continued to receive referrals from existing and new partners and maintained those relationships to offer supplementary courses and extend their support.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22 – Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
SocietyLinks Tower Hamlets / Job Club	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£62,459	This project delivers two weekly job club sessions run by its experienced employment support worker. The sessions include access to computers and tailored employment support, including creating a CV, accessing emails, job searching, applications and using Universal Job Match.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 131 individuals accessed employment support</li> <li>• 23 individuals gained accredited outcomes</li> <li>• 14 individuals secured employment.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>This funding year the project delivered extra support to those wanting to develop their IT skills. Several women completed their childcare training and became ready for employment. Many men who previously worked as Uber drivers were supported into other types of employment. Several young people were supported into part-time work, as well as being helped by the project to make career choices.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22 – Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
St Giles Trust / Choices Tower Hamlets	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£231,933	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"> <li>• Number of young people have secured education, training and employment outcomes - 14</li> <li>• 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 – 15</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The project has engaged with several individuals, helping them navigate towards education, training and employment outcomes. The project focused more on soft outcomes and supported individuals with food vouchers, travel fares and laptops to aid their job search efforts.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>
Stifford Centre Limited / BAME Women's Employment Support Programme	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£124,044	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 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"> <li>• Number of socially and economically disenfranchised women from Black, Asian &amp; Multi-Ethnic communities complete ESOL training and feel able to communicate in English – 24</li> <li>• Number of women from Black, Asian &amp; Multi-Ethnic communities with limited educational experiences and certification gain accreditation and skills to move towards employment – 17</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The project continuously worked with individuals furthest away from the labour market and has improved their digital skills. Participants increased their skills in communicating in English, boosted their confidence levels and increased their employability skills.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>

Scheme:	<b>4C - Support focused on increasing access to art and cultural industries</b>
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

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22– Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
Auto Italia South East / Learning Live!	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£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"> <li>Technology workshops at Auto Italia are attended by young people from Tower Hamlets - 57</li> <li>Tours of local galleries and arts organisations are attended by young people from Tower Hamlets – 36</li> <li>Young people in Tower Hamlets, in particular those from Black, Asian &amp; Multi-Ethnic communities and working class young people, attend and benefit from portfolio review and mentoring workshops, 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 – 752</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The project delivered technology workshops and gallery tours to young people in Tower Hamlets leading to many individuals pursuing a creative career and deepening their understanding of art and creativity.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22– Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
Four Corners Ltd / ZOOM Film School	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£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"> <li>• Number of participants successfully complete the accredited training programme - 19</li> <li>• 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 - 24</li> <li>• Number of trainees gained paid employment – 10</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The trainees from this project passed their Open College Network accreditation assessments, made films promoting three local organisations and attended additional masterclasses throughout the year. As a result, many have secured paid work in various organisations as marshals, camera assistants and in a number of other roles.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>
Magic Me / Artworks	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£112,685	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"> <li>• Number of trainees recruited/selected for work placement– 7</li> <li>• Number of trainees reported an increase in their skills and experience in community arts admin and coordination- 7</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The project worked with trainees from Tower Hamlets and recruitment partners to increase their industry knowledge, skills and experience and progressed their careers, leading to one trainee securing a full-time paid role.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22– Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
The Bromley by Bow Centre / Creative Communities	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£235,943	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"> <li>• Number of participants engaged in an arts/culture project for the first time – 57</li> <li>• Local people from target groups secure sustainable paid employment within 3 months of completion – 28</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The project delivered sessions with London College of Fashion and its new cohort to create textiles story cloths for exhibition. It took the cohort to Tate Britain and the new branch of London College of Fashion. As a result, the participants had a greater understanding of arts sector job skills, their barriers to employment were reduced, their confidence was increased and their horizons were broadened.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>



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

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Annual Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22 – Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
Kazzum Arts / Build	01/10/2019 30/19/2023	£71,552	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.	<p>The project supported 62 people in its final funding year. It scored its highest percentage rates in its lifetime for beneficiaries with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• improved confidence: 80%</li> <li>• improved communications skills: 80%.</li> </ul> <p>80% of beneficiaries in the project’s final year also reported improved well-being.</p>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>This project finished in July 2023.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>
Osmani Trust / Schools and Community Resilience Programme	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£146,817	This project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. transforms and changes the attitudes and behaviour of secondary school children; improving their confidence, critical thinking skills and emotional intelligence.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 38 school children were supported to have an improved outlook through detailed mentoring support.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The project delivered a series of one-off awareness workshops to 100s of young people in schools on spotting signs of exploitation and education on the effects of taking</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Annual Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22 – Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
			<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 215 school children were supported to improve their life skills.</li> <li>• 223 young people were supported to increase their knowledge and understanding of the consequences of youth and violent crime.</li> </ul>	<p>Nitro oxide. In addition to its support for young people – enabling them to express their views, reflect on their personal values and find the best version of themselves - it has had a positive impact on many of their peers, siblings, family, and the community at large. The project has supported 23 young people into employment.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>
Streets of Growth / Young Leaders Programme	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£105,415	<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>115 young people supported by the project in the funding year reported increase confidence in moving away from harmful and anti-social behaviours.</p> <p>The young people who benefitted from the project present as positive role models and thus positive young influencers to their peers and community.</p> <p>The project added a Career Mentoring offer for its young leaders, involving 70 mentors from a</p>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The young people on the project helped to plan and deliver a number of social action projects and initiatives, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young People Award Ceremony</li> <li>• painting of a community mural addressing community cohesion</li> <li>• two way exchange trip with a youth group from Belfast, involving sharing of youth leadership skills</li> </ul>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Annual Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22 – Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
				range of sectors such as police, medicine, technology, creative industries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• co-production and development of the short film <i>If Only</i> that addresses issues for young people in relation to criminal child exploitation, including sexual exploitation, , weapon carrying and knife crime.</li> <li>• social action food project.</li> </ul> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>

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

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22 – Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
Four Corners Ltd / Into Focus photography project	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£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.	<p>The project supported 32 participants over its three project groups, each of which participated over 15 weeks. This included 17 people under 25 and 15 people over 50.</p> <p>The project’s beneficiaries co-designed a variety of experimental photography workshops in conjunction with project co-ordinator, artists and photography professionals. Participants also co-designed three public exhibitions at Four Corners. Over 560 visitors attended the exhibiitons’ receptions and 204 completed gallery visitor questionnaires positively.</p>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The project also supported all of its 15 older beneficiaries to be less wary of young people and have more positive perceptions about them due to its inter-generational focus. Similarly, the project also supported all of its 17 younger beneficiaries to fell more confident about interacting with older people, with all of them able to describe ways in which they have enjoyed working with older people.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>
Leaders in Community (LiC)/ Mind the Gap	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£79,790	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	<p>The project had 1,784 attendees involved in its 106 activities in its final funding year.</p> <p>Activities included:</p>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>Over the project's timeline, it has made a substantial impact on fostering understanding and connection between the community's generations. Its events</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22 – Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
			<p>exchanged. The outcomes of the activities are shared with the wider community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a Christmas event attended by over a hundred members from diverse age groups, which served as a foundational step towards fostering lasting intergenerational relationships.</li> <li>• young volunteers regularly engaging with the elderly in exercise sessions and coffee mornings, facilitating an exchange of stories, experiences, and perspectives.</li> <li>• intergenerational trips, including the Thames Barrier Park Eid Party and the O2 Greenwich adventure. These events offered unique opportunities for joint adventures, reinforcing the community bonds that had been nurtured throughout the year.</li> </ul>	<p>witnessed enthusiastic participation and high attendance, demonstrating how it succeeded in establishing a cohesive and inclusive environment. The legacy of the project is a community where every individual, young or old, feels valued and plays an integral role in the local community.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>

Scheme:	<b>5C - Services for people affected by domestic violence or other unsafe circumstances</b>
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– Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
Hestia Housing and Support / Families Safe and Secure in Tower Hamlets	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£94,325	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>There were 407 attendances at the project’s events in its final funding year. 33 workshops were delivered in this period, averaging one workshop every one to two weeks.</p> <p>96.6% of project event attendees in its total lifetime reported an improved understanding of DVSA and how to seek support on this issue. The content of project sessions was pitched to be accessible at all levels, to survivors at various stages of their recovery journey. The project engaged with individuals in a variety of methods, from workshops at local children’s centres, at domestic abuse refuges, in schools and at local community events.</p> <p>The project delivered trauma informed, culturally competent support work through project partner Nour, who work with minoritised communities, and in particular those of the Muslim faith.</p>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The project saw 693 attendances at its events during its lifetime, involving 240 individuals – 127 adults and their 113 children from provider’s Tower Hamlets domestic abuse service. It delivered very positive outcomes over this period, with 95.4% of the children and families who engaged with the programme and responded to project survey reporting feeling safer. In addition to this, 94% children and young people reported improved confidence and self-esteem, 93% felt more positive about their future and 91% felt that they had a say in decisions the affected their lives.</p> <p>A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.</p>


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

Page 151

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22– Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Services (THCVS) / Tower Hamlets Voluntary and Community Sector (THVCS) Infrastructure Partnership	01/10/2019 31/10/2023	£1,061,667	<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"> <li>• 213 VCS organisations received development support.</li> <li>• 62 volunteer managers trained.</li> <li>• 35 VCS organisation staff attended training/peer learning workshops.</li> <li>• 25 VCS organisations supported to develop improved volunteering practices</li> <li>• 88 VCS organisations supported to advertise their volunteering</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>The project’s main focus this year has been providing infrastructure support to VCS organisations applying for the Mayor’s Community Grant Programme (MCGP). 30% of allocated MCGP funds went to applicants who had been assisted by the project.</p> <p>87% of the 213 VCS organisations who received development support reported a positive benefit from this support. The main areas of support were funding and finance</p>

Organisation / Project	Start / End Date	Grant Amount	Project Description	GDSC Progress Summary Oct 22– Oct 23	Overall Project Achievements
				roles through the Volunteering Hub <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of VCS volunteering roles supported to be advertised through the Volunteering Hub: 283</li> <li>• Number of new volunteer registrations with the Volunteering Hub: 818.</li> </ul>	(156 interactions) and governance (79 interactions).  A satisfactory level of KPIs and outcomes were delivered through this project.



<p align="center"><b>Grants Determination (Cabinet) Sub-Committee</b></p> <p align="center">Wednesday, 26 June 2024</p>	
<p><b>Report of:</b> Robin Beattie, Acting Director of Strategy, Improvement &amp; Transformation</p>	<p><b>Classification:</b> Open (Unrestricted)</p>
<p align="center"><b>Mayor’s Community Grant Programme (MCGP) Performance Report – Nov 23 – Mar 24</b></p>	

## Executive Summary

This performance report provides the Committee with an update on the council-funded Mayor’s Community Grants Programme (MCGP) for the voluntary and community sector for the period November 2023 to March 2023, including an overview of activities and performance for the five themes of the programme. The Project Summary (Appendix 3.1 – 3.5) gives an update by each project.

As this report covers the 2023/24 year up to March 2024 (all be it only 5 months) this report will also include an Equalities breakdown that will be included on an annual basis following the March returns. Subsequent Annual updates will also include a focus on Outcomes achieved.

Key elements of the first five months include:

The completion of the mobilisation period. All 110 projects have a Funding Agreement in place including key performance indicator targets.

Following the review of Monitoring Returns covering the Nov 23 – Mar 24 period 103 of the 110 projects classed as GREEN, 6 classed as AMBER and 1 classed as RED

## Recommendations:

The Grants Determination Sub Committee is recommended to:

1. Note the performance of the Mayor’s Community Grants Programme for November 2023 – March 2024, as set out in 3.3 and 3.4 and Appendices 3.1 – 3.5.
2. Note the arrangements for administering the programme as set out in section 3.2 and Appendix 1

## 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 MCGP 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. This is a constitutional obligation.
- 2.2 GDSC could request further information]

## **3 DETAILS OF THE REPORT**

### **3.1 Background**

In March 2023 the Council agreed a programme of funding for voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations from 1st November 2023. This programme is called the Mayor's Community Grants Programme (MCGP) with 110 projects awarded funding totalling £11.96m up to 31 March 2027 to deliver activity across five themes:

- Theme 1 Tackling the Cost-of-living crisis
- Theme 2 Accelerate Education
- Theme 3 Culture, Business, Jobs and Skills
- Theme 4 Invest in public services
- Theme 5 Empower communities and fight crime

### **3.2 Management Arrangements for the Programme - Appendix 1** presents details of the management arrangements for the programme including:

- Reporting – First report covering 5 months, subsequent reports presented quarterly
- Visits – minimum of 1 visit between April – Mar with additional visits depending on circumstances
- Payments – paid quarterly in advance
- Monitoring Returns – one return submitted covering the first 5 months with subsequent returns submitted quarterly

### **3.3 Overview of November 2023 – March 2024**

- (a) Mobilisation: - The decision to award funding to the 110 projects was made on 25 September 2023 by the Chief Executive under delegated authority. This decision was called in and Overview & Scrutiny Committee met on 9 October 2023 to review the decision. The Committee confirmed the decision.

The programme start date of 1 November 2023 did not leave much time to agree the funding agreements setting out the activities and indicators for the projects. Some projects were awarded less funding than applied for which necessitated some refiguration of project activity.

Organisations were able to run at risk prior to signing the funding agreement. Whilst the programme delivery started on 1 November some projects took a few months to have everything in place.

All 110 projects have now signed their funding agreement which have been countersigned by the Corporate Director.

- (b) Project Performance summary (Red / Amber projects)

There is one red rated project, and further details of the organisation and project can be found in **Appendix 5 – RED rated projects**.

#### **RED Project:**

##### **Theme 2 – Scheme A**

- **Limehouse Welfare Association** – LWA Community Language Bengali and Arabic Support Programme – No delivery took place in Nov 23 – Mar 24 as the project was dealing with challenges around budget and venue hire. The project has been reconfigured and a Funding Agreement has been signed with delivery now expected to begin in June. Ongoing support is being provided by their grant officer.

There are 6 Amber rated projects set out below by Theme / Scheme. Officers are working with the organisations and at this stage are confident that issues will be addressed, and projects will be on track for the next report.

#### **AMBER Projects:**

##### **Theme 2 – Scheme A**

- **Young and Talented** - Triple Talent Enrichment Programme – the organisation has had some challenges around the venue for the project and this has had an impact on numbers of participants. They are working with Officers to resolve this.

##### **Theme 2 - Scheme B**

- **Quaker Social Action** - Made of Money - helping carers to increase their resilience to online financial scams – Delivery started in February impacting mobilisation and setting up partnerships compounded by staff sickness. In addition, a KPI was not able to be reported on due to

an unforeseen change in circumstances. The organisation is working with their Grant Officer to review KPIs and get back on track.

### **Theme 3 - Scheme B**

- **Platform Cricket (Tower Hamlets Youth Sport Foundation)** - Platform Cricket Hubs: Bethnal Green, Bow, Isle of Dogs, Poplar, Stepney, Wapping & Whitechapel – Due to issues during the mobilisation phase the project couldn't deliver certain activities. The organisation is working with the Grant Officer to agree a new date to deliver the activity, currently planned for the Summer.

### **Theme 4 - Scheme B**

- **Council Of Mosques** - Tower Hamlets - Council of Mosque Healthy Mind, Healthy Lifestyle Reach – Rated Amber due to project management including late submission of return and delivery issues. Officer to provide support.
- **Positive East** - One-to-one counselling for residents living with HIV and poor mental health – Issues during the mobilisation phase has impacted the project. Once the project started it became apparent that additional work not already identified in the funding agreement was needed as preparation to achieve the planned KPIs. Officer working with the organisation to review actual delivery and ensure original delivery against agreed KPIs gets back on track.

### **Theme 5 – Scheme A**

- **Council Of Mosques** - Tower Hamlets - CoM Community Empowerment Project - further support planned to help in achieving outstanding targets – Primarily rated Amber due to project management issues including late submission of return. Officer has met with the organisation to provide support.

## **3.4 Theme Updates**

An overall summary of achievements by Theme collated from individual project reports. A summary of progress by project can be found in **Appendices 3.1 – 3.5**.

### **Theme 1 Tackling the Cost of Living Crisis**

#### **Scheme A - Advice, information, and crisis support**

VCS advice services delivering services to mitigate and reduce levels of poverty by supporting vulnerable residents and low-income households to access their rights, understand their obligations and maximise their incomes.

6 organisations (6 projects – 6 GREEN) providing services to meet the following priorities:

- Information, advice and representation concerning individuals' legal rights, particularly for vulnerable, marginalised and hard to reach groups, including disabled people
- Immigration/asylum advice and casework
- Debt advice and support with budgeting and financial stability, particularly for vulnerable, marginalised, and hard-to-reach groups
- Support with welfare benefits
- Housing/homelessness advice and casework
- Employment advice
- Income maximisation
- Support for residents in crisis, especially those needing immediate support

No. of participants – <b>7,295</b>	No. of clients accessing social welfare advice and income from benefits – <b>6,387</b>	<b>£618,902.83</b> of debt write offs
No. of successful appeals – <b>4,840</b>	No. of community organisations supported - <b>90</b>	

## Theme 2 Accelerate Education

### Scheme A – Education Attainment and Development of Children and Young People

17 organisations (17 projects – 15 GREEN, 1 AMBER, 1 RED) providing services to meet the following priorities:

- Access to community-based study support
- Access to community language development
- Community-based provision for children with Special Educational Needs
- Wide access to extracurricular activities and after school provision.

No. of participants across the theme – <b>631</b>	No. of children / young people report improvements in their well-being - <b>91</b>	No. of young people accessing youth services / activities - <b>100</b>
No. of SEN children and their families accessing community-based provision - <b>175</b>		

### Scheme B – Lifelong Learning

13 organisations (13 projects – 12 GREEN, 1 AMBER) delivering activities to meet the following priorities:

- Skills for life and lifelong learning
- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
- Digital Inclusion

No. of participants across the Scheme – <b>367</b>	No. of people reporting improved digital skills - <b>77</b>	No. of people reporting improved confidence - <b>93</b>
No. of people reporting improved language proficiency - <b>93</b>		

### Theme 3 Culture, Business, Jobs and Skills

#### Scheme A - Employment and Skills Opportunities for Socially Excluded Residents

14 organisations (14 projects – 14 GREEN), delivering activities to meet the following priorities:

- Supporting people not in education, employment, or training (NEET)
- Targeted youth outreach
- Access to youth provision
- Promoting enterprise and innovation, particularly the greening of the borough
- Job brokerage by supporting people into work.

No. of participants across the scheme – <b>453</b>	No. of people into employment - <b>30</b>	
--	---	--

#### Scheme B - Sports, Local Culture and Heritage

14 organisations (14 projects – 13 GREEN, 1 AMBER) delivering activities to meet the following priorities:

- Promoting local culture and heritage
- Promoting sports activity

No. of participants across the scheme – <b>781</b>	No. of people engaging in physical activities and sport - <b>185</b>	
--	--	--

## Theme 4 Invest in Public Services

### Scheme A - Physical and Mental Health Wellbeing of Older People

15 organisations (15 projects – 15 GREEN) delivering activities to meet the following priorities:

- Supporting older and vulnerable people, including luncheon clubs, meals delivery services and pensioner projects
- Developing community activities aimed at tackling loneliness and inactive lifestyles.

No. of participants across the scheme – <b>881</b>	No. of older people participating in physical activities - <b>555</b>	
---	---	--

### Scheme B - Physical and Mental Health of Residents

15 organisations (15 projects – 13 GREEN, 2 AMBER) delivering activities to meet the following priority:

- Promoting health and well-being through tackling inequality.

No. of participants across the scheme – <b>790</b>	No. of participants reporting improved mental and / or physical health - <b>79</b>	
---	--	--

## Theme 5 Empower Communities and fight crime

### Scheme A - Inequalities Experienced by People and Communities Reflecting Different Equality Groups and Socio-economic Backgrounds

8 organisations (8 projects – 7 GREEN, 1 AMBER) delivering activities to meet the following priorities:

- Addressing inequality for Black Asian & Multi-Ethnic communities and women
- Creating opportunities for people from different backgrounds to come together

	No. of people supported from BAME communities accessing one-to-one	
--	--	--

No. of participants across the scheme – <b>288</b>	No. of people more engaged in the local community - <b>33</b>	support to identify barriers and goals - <b>20</b>
Number of women undertaking leadership training - <b>19</b>		

### **Scheme B - Community Safety**

8 organisations (8 projects – 8 GREEN) delivering activities to meet the following priorities:

- Tackling drug and alcohol issues
- Promoting safer communities
- Supporting ex-offenders
- Gang intervention and prevention
- Victim support
- Tackling and preventing violence against women and girls

No. of participants across the scheme – <b>200</b>		
--	--	--

## **4 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The Mayors Community Grants Programme has been designed to promote equality in Tower Hamlets. It was designed using the following principles:

- Funding that supports a wider range of services and groups to ensure all sections of the community benefit from a grants programme and address the challenges facing Tower Hamlets residents.
- Funding that supports services and activities that are inclusive, promote cohesion and designed and delivered with residents.

4.2 In comparing the recommended projects to the previous Grant funding and the identified need in the borough the full equality impact analysis identified a number of specific equalities risks and proposes mitigation for these.



Appendix 4 sets out the Equality Analysis Action Plan with the recommendations and mitigation.

## **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 **Best Value Implications** - 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. The structure and process pathways of the Mayors Community Grants Programme were developed to meet the Councils best value duty. QC advice was secured confirming that the approach taken complied with the Best Value Duty.

5.3 **Risk Management** - The Mayors Community Grant Scheme is subject to independent external audit and internal challenge by a panel of senior officers resulting in learning and improvement actions as necessary.

5.4 **Safeguarding** arrangements are addressed as part of the grant application evaluation process.

5.5 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.

6.2 The Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) includes the cost of the grants programme. The programme is funded through the Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) and Public Health Grant.

## **7 COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES**

7.1 The GDSC terms of reference require a report to be brought to the subcommittee detailing the use of any delegation of authority from the

subcommittee since the previous reporting period. This report demonstrates conformity with the terms of reference.

- 7.2 The Council is required to demonstrate that the Grants represent Best Value in terms of economy efficiency and effectiveness. The report demonstrates the Council's monitoring process whereby delivery is being measured against the agreed grants terms. The report identifies schemes that are red and amber being schemes where delivery does not match the agreed grant outcomes. This will assist the Council to determine appropriate action in order to ensure delivery achieves the agreed outcomes or any alternative action necessary to protect council resources.

---

## **Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents**

### **Linked Report**

- List any linked reports
- State NONE if none.

### **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – Mayor's Community Grants Programme (MCGP) Programme Management Arrangements
- Appendix 2 – November 2023-March 2024 - Profile Of Beneficiaries
- Appendix 3 – MCGP Project Summary November 2022 – March 2024
  - Appendix 3.1 – Theme 1 Project Summary
  - Appendix 3.2 – Theme 2 Project Summary
  - Appendix 3.3 - Theme 3 Project Summary
  - Appendix 3.4 – Theme 4 Project Summary
  - Appendix 3.5 – Theme 5 Project Summary
- Appendix 4 – Equality Analysis Action Plan update
- Appendix 5 – RED rated projects – Organisation and Project details

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

- NONE

### **Officer contact details for documents:**

N/A

## **Programme Management Arrangements**

### **Reporting**

The first report will cover 5 months – November 2023 – March 2024 – with subsequent reporting on a Quarterly basis.

Each report will include an update on each project and will include a RAG rating. The Red, Amber, and Green (RAG) rating is used to give an 'at-a-glance' rating of project performance and can be summarised as Green = On track, Amber = Issues that can be resolved with support and Red = serious issues that pose a risk that the project will not meet its lifetime aims, objectives and targets. Below are some areas that can lead to Red, Amber or Green rating. Note that these are not exhaustive and any one of the points below can lead to the rating. It is not a case that all bullet points will necessarily apply when a project is RAG rated.

#### **RED**

- The organisation has not signed their funding agreement
- Significant planned delivery has not taken place
- There are serious project management issues – for example: unable to contact organisation, performance reports are not submitted, organisation not able to provide evidence of activity
- There is a high risk that the project will not achieve planned outcomes

#### **AMBER**

- Significant under performance against planned targets – is expected that the organisation can get back on track, action plan to be created and followed
- Some planned delivery has not taken place – will need explanation and plan to get back on track
- Project management issues – for example: late returns, slow to follow up on requests for information

#### **GREEN**

- On track to achieve project objectives
- Delivery has taken place
- Any performance issues are resolved
- Satisfactory project management

### **Visits**

Each project will receive at least one visit in the year April – March.

Additional visits / meetings will depend on circumstances which could include:

- Follow up from the quarterly monitoring returns – clarify / discuss issues that have arisen
- A visit to look at the activity / talk to beneficiaries / attend an AGM
- An organisation development visit – to work with the organisation to build capacity, explore external funding opportunities

## **Monitoring Returns**

Monitoring Returns are submitted each quarter covering April-June, July-September, October-December and January-March (apart from the first return covering November 2023 – March 2024).

The Jan-Mar return will include additional information on equalities breakdown, a project evaluation report including updates on the outcomes achieved, finance update. This will enable an annual report covering Apr-Mar to be presented to Grants Determination Sub-Committee.

## **Payments**

Payments should be made quarterly in advance subject to the following conditions:

First payment – signed Funding Agreement by the organisation, meets Premises conditions, meets Debtors condition

Subsequent payments – meets premises, debtors, project and performance conditions

### **Premises Condition**

The grant recipient organisation occupy or use premises owned by the Council and they have not entered into a satisfactory premises agreement when the Council requires them to do so.

### **Debtors Condition**

The MCGP organisation should not be a debtor to the Council where the debt is over a month or is more than £1,000.

The MCGP procedure is to check what is showing on Agresso as a debt at the quarter end and if the condition is met then the payment in advance can be raised.

### **Project Conditions**

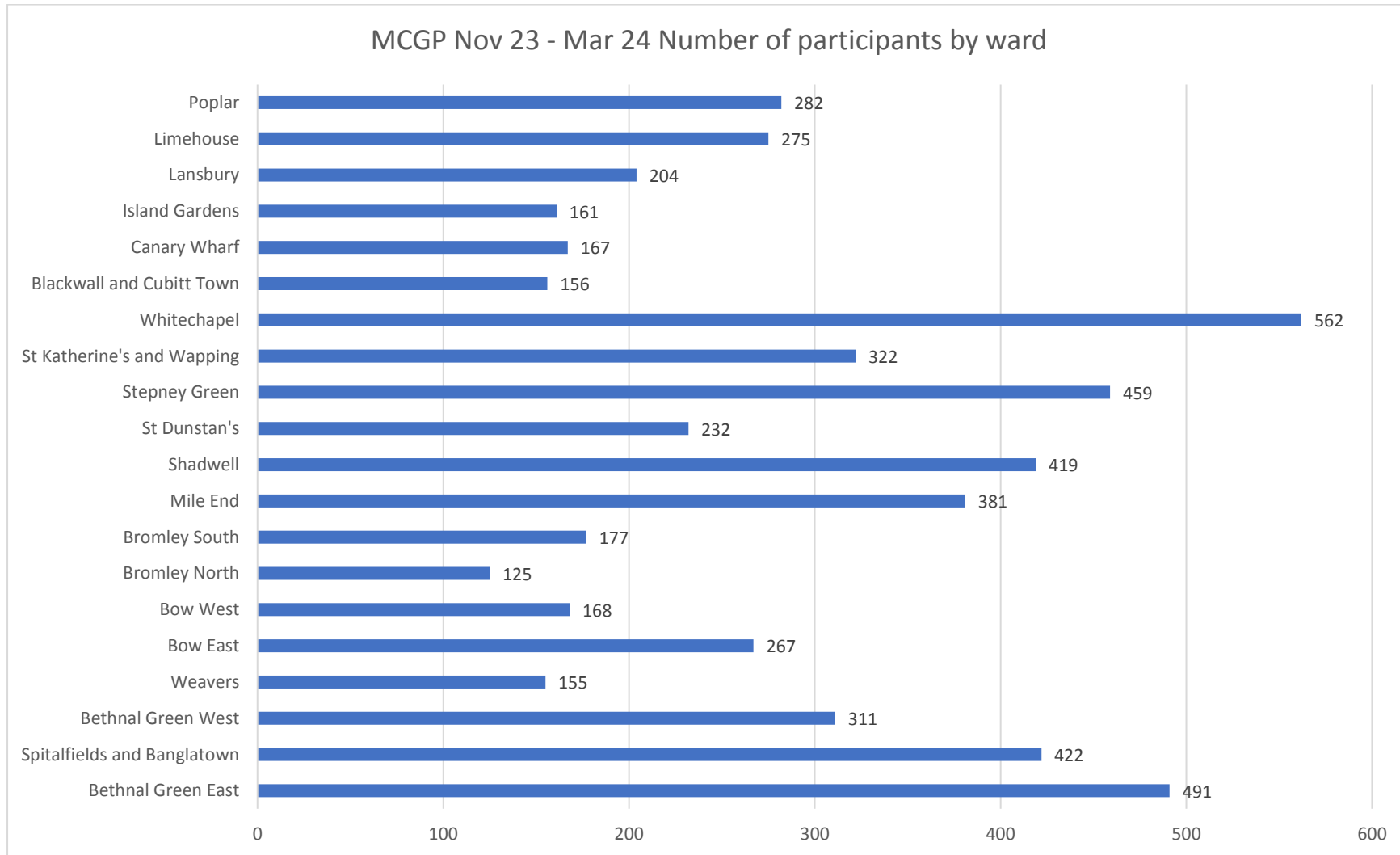
Conditions set out in the Funding Agreement both general conditions and project specific should be met prior to payment.

The named VCS Development Officer should confirm that all conditions due to be met in the quarter have been met before the advance payment for the next quarter is raised.

### **Satisfactory Performance**

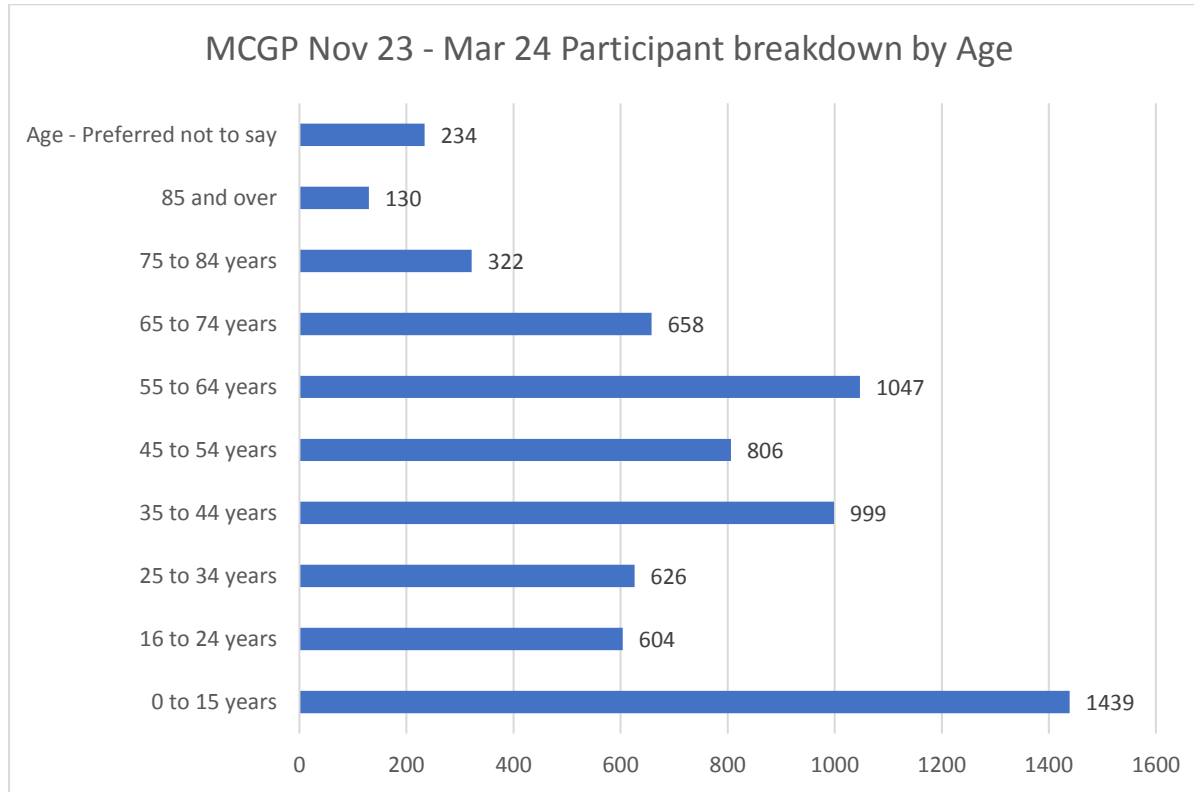
The named VCS Development Officer should confirm through their contact with the project – visits, monitoring submissions, emails, phone calls etc. that the project is performing satisfactorily.

Geographical Breakdown by Ward

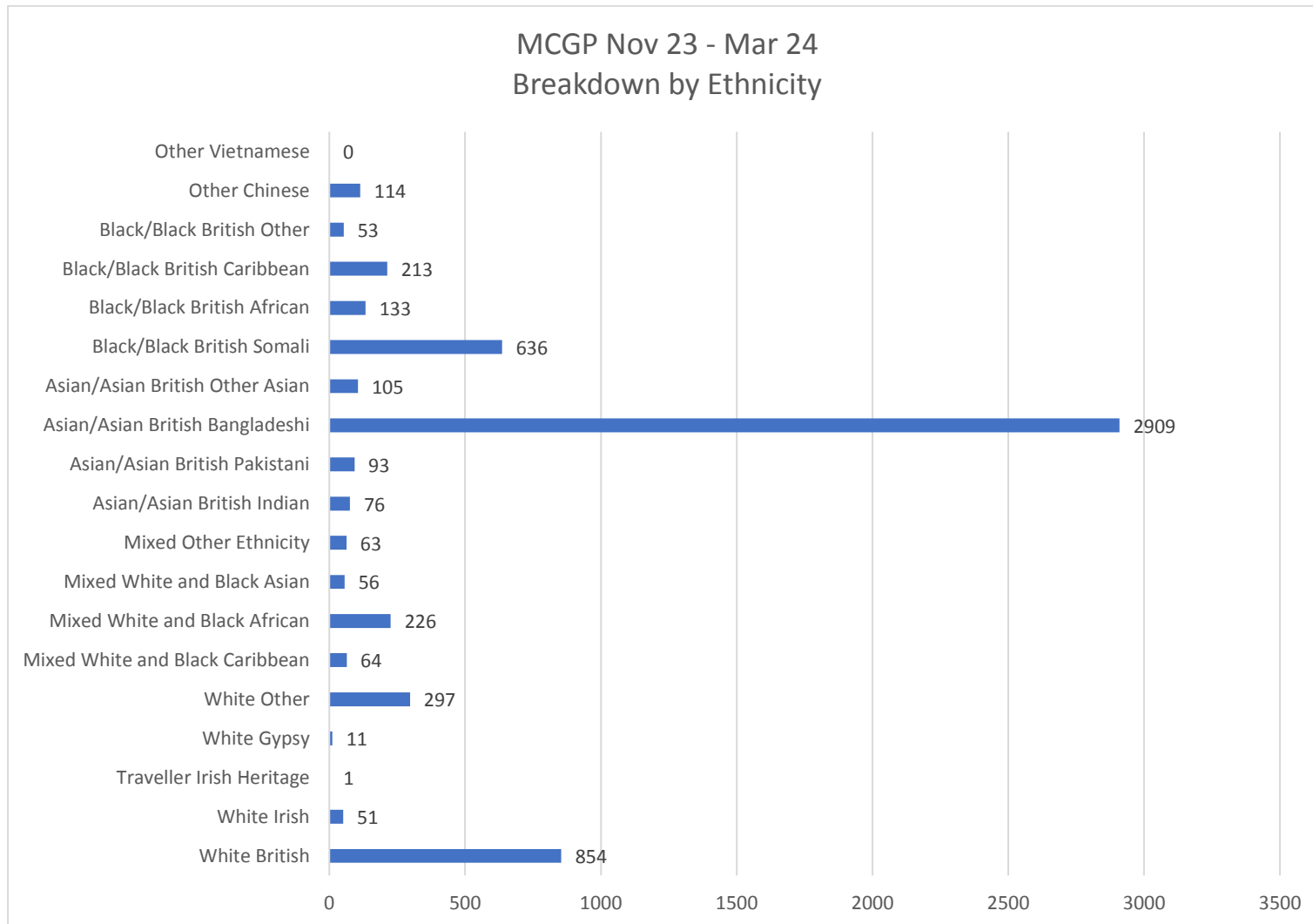


Equalities Breakdown

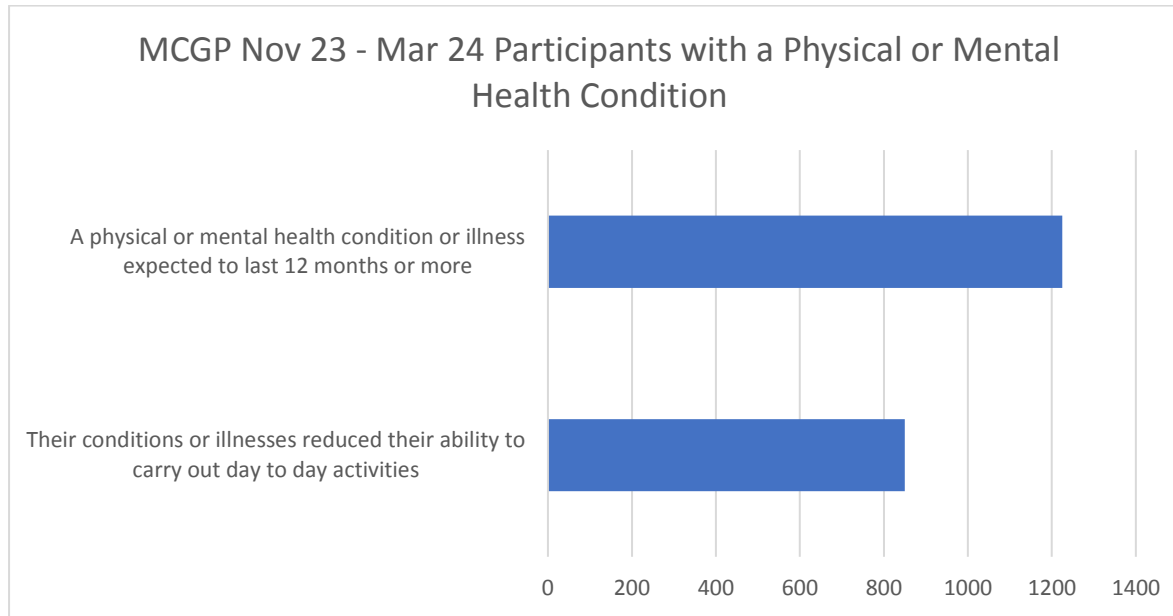
Age



Ethnicity



Disability





# Mayor’s Community Grants Programme (MCGP) - Nov 23 – Mar 24 Project Summary Appendix 3

## Appendix 3.1 Theme 1 - Tackling Cost of Living Crisis

### Scheme A - Advice, information and crisis support

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG Rating
8662	The Felix Project	Supporting residents of Tower Hamlets who are in Crisis to get access to nutritious food	Boroughwide	£30,000	Monitoring demonstrates that project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Providing nutritious food and meals for 40,000 people in Tower Hamlets – each year – who are currently facing food insecurity and hunger. Working with 80 community partners in the borough to help people in crisis.					
Progress Update	Project has made good progress and outperformed against its KPIs. Between November 2023 to March 2024 (five months) it has delivered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* 730,730 meals against an annual target of 1,200,000 (achieved 61% of annual target)</li> <li>* Supported 60 community organisations against a 5-month target of 27 community organisations (222% achievement rate)</li> <li>* Provided food of estimated value of £1,220,319 (61% of £2,004,000 annual target)</li> <li>* Supported an estimated 15,887 individuals (106% against an annual target of 15,000)</li> </ul>					

**Mayor’s Community Grants Programme (MCGP) - Nov 23 – Mar 24 Project Summary Appendix 3**

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officer’s Notes	RAG rating
8705	East End Citizens Advice Bureau	Advice Tower Hamlets	Boroughwide	£720,000	Monitoring demonstrates that the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Advice Tower Hamlets provides free, confidential, independent, quality assured-advice to help Tower Hamlets residents resolve their cost-of-living issues relating to welfare benefits, housing, money/debt, employment, immigration, consumer, education, community care, family and personal issues at a generalist/specialist level. Citizens Advice Tower Hamlets leads the partnership with 12 local advice agencies.					
Progress Update	<p>Over 4 million benefit entitlements including in work benefits and under claiming benefits. Written off debts over 600,000. MCGP project has helped over 2725 clients improve their income through claiming benefits. All the partners are also working very hard with clients on the move to universal credit which has and will affect most Tower Hamlets residence. The rise in the cost of living is becoming evident as clients are seeking debt advice, concerned by their ability to pay ongoing liability, especially utility bills.</p> <p>The overall demand for debt advice is for support with a mixtures of priority debts (council tax rent arrears and utility) as well as non-priority, such as credit cards, loans and overpayments.</p> <p>Universal Credit and Personal Independence Payment (PIP) issues remains top enquiry especially regarding entitlement to additional Elements and financial implication of missing out on certain Element which may become retrospectively due following reconsiderations and appeals.</p> <p>We continue to see a demands from residents requiring help with applications to disability benefits (PIP, DLA, Aa and Limited Capability for Work). due to awards becoming due for review.</p> <p>The overall demand for debt advice is for support with a mixtures of priority debts (council tax rent arrears and utility) as well as non-priority such as credit cards, loans, and overpayments.</p> <p>Overall, the MCGP project is going to plan and will continue to get stronger. All the partners are engaged and working very hard to provide help and support to all residents of Tower Hamlets although demand and need of advice is outstretching actual what we can truly provide, all partners unmet needs are higher than MCGP targets most partners are booked up 4 to 5 weeks in advance and we are not sure how stainable this is in the current cost of living crisis.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8854	First Love Foundation	Foundation Advice and Advocacy Service	Boroughwide	£30,000	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Tower Hamlets residents will have access to our AQS-accredited welfare rights advice and advocacy service in person, by telephone and through community outreach. We will explore why each individual and their household is in financial difficulty, what other challenges or crisis they face, and work with them to effect solutions.					
Progress Update	<p>In delivering this project, we have learned that residents greatly appreciate having help close at hand. Many are unable to afford transport to seek help, and for instance, a parent with school-age children will not be able to attend an advice centre and queue early in the morning in order to be seen.</p> <p>Through this project, we have started to understand how certain presenting issues are concentrated within certain areas. Since the onset of the project, the number of debt-related cases has multiplied up to 14 times, with the highest increase being in November. The same trend has followed for housing-related issues, where housing cases have multiplied up to 7 times since the introduction of the outreach sessions. With such figures, we can be certain that our service is reaching sectors we haven't been able to target as of yet.</p> <p>During the period managed to accrue a total of £96,976.13 in ongoing and backdated outcomes. If split equally, this would result in a minimum uplift of £1,102 per household.</p> <p>Have supported 88 clients throughout this period. Factoring in the composition of the households, we supported a total of 164 adults and 97 children. Due to the complexity of many clients, we opened a total of 145 cases during this time and summed a total of 300 hours and 30 minutes of dedicated casework across the team.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8998	Stifford Centre Limited	Advice and Crisis Support Project	Limehouse	£30,000	Monitoring demonstrates that project will achieve expected outcomes	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	The Stifford Centre will deliver a comprehensive 'Advice and Crisis Support Project', offering welfare benefit, debt, housing, employment & financial advice, emotional support, and peer-mentoring to local residents. Additionally, the project will manage a 'Crisis Support Fund' for emergency assistance, actively addressing the cost-of-living crisis.					
Progress Update	Project has performed well in its first five months, slightly over-performing on all of its three KPIs. During this period the project has engaged and supported 384 clients. Due to the demand for advice services additional sessions have been run.					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
9072	Community of Refugees from Vietnam - East London	Support and Advice for Older People in Vietnamese and Chinese Communities	Bethnal Green East (formerly Bethnal Green)	£20,000	Monitoring demonstrates that the project will achieve expected outcomes	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	The "Older People Vietnamese and Chinese Project" offers crucial support and guidance to the Vietnamese and Chinese communities in Tower Hamlets. We provide comprehensive assistance to individuals aged over 50, delivering valuable advice and information. Our services are available five days a week at Old Poplar Library, London E14 6RN.					
Progress Update	<p>Drop-in advice sessions are held:</p> <p>Every Monday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Dockland Settlement, 4 Saunders Ness Road, E14 3PS (except on Bank Holidays, Christmas, and New Year's Day).</p> <p>Every Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Old Poplar Library, 45 Gillender Street, Poplar, London, E14 6RN (except on Good Friday, Christmas, and New Year's Day).</p> <p>Advice provided by appointment, with specialist assistance available for welfare benefits and housing. An escort service is offered for users with limited mobility to hospitals and home visits for housebound individuals. Volunteers conduct weekly befriending visits to alleviate isolation.</p> <p>Digital and IT classes cater specifically to elderly service users, offering guidance on phones, laptops, and digital accounts to enhance their digital literacy. Drop-in sessions twice a year for eight weeks at Dockland Settlement, where users can seek assistance with technology and devices anytime between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
9054	Wapping Bangladesh Association	Tower Hamlets Bangladeshi & BAME-Led Advice Forum	Shadwell	£70,000	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Tower Hamlets Bangladeshi & BAME-Led Advice Forum is a consortium of trusted and embedded local charities, led by Wapping Bangladesh Association, working together to bring quality information, advice, guidance and support to people at risk during the Cost-of-Living Crisis. Our work focuses in the south-west locality of Tower Hamlets.					
Progress Update	The Bangladeshi & BME Advice Forum is running very well. Have so far successfully delivered the advice and information services from November 2023 to March 2024. As a consortium have delivered the services collectively as follows: Total number of individual clients 411 with resolving the case matters of 549 and ensured income maximization of £83,187.27 towards addressing the cost of living for the vulnerable people living in the borough.					

Appendix 3.2 Theme 2 – Accelerate Education

Scheme A - Education Attainment and Development of Children and Young People

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
9020	Ashaadibi Education and Cultural Centre	Aim Higher ~ Edify	Boroughwide	£20,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	The Aim-Higher Edify project aims to promote community-based study support and language development for children and young people in Tower Hamlets, delivering boroughwide. This project will accelerate education and growth through after-school clubs, language classes, and youth-work opportunities, leading to improved academic achievement and future success for participants in LBTH.					
Progress Update	<p>During the first two months of the reporting period, the organisation focused on recruiting (staff and students). Upon successfully recruiting a Tutor, their initial priority was to devise lesson plans including launching an open day (launched in December 2024) which also included consultation with parents and prospective students to help shape lessons and outcomes.</p> <p>The Somali language started on the first week of January 2024, with weekend classes of 4 hours per week, during this time the organisation also delivered 3 workshops to young people, covering meaningful topics as outlined in the funding application. The organisation has been meeting, and on some KPIs, exceeding targets. Expenditure report shows spend on track and in line with budgeted amount.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8807	Conductive Music CIC	Music Beyond Imagination	Boroughwide	£30,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Music Beyond Imagination (MBI), is a cutting-edge music-technology-led educational project for 1475 Y4-Y8 SEN students across 8 Special, Mainstream and Alternative Provision schools and in Tower Hamlets. MBI supports music creation by empowering children, bridging educational gaps, showcasing career pathways, and enabling growth for Tower Hamlets' youth.					
Progress Update	<p>During this quarter the organisation started working on integrating music technology into the curriculum of 4 Special Schools. They initiated the project in early January, conducting online Continuous Professional Development (CPD) sessions with teachers from each participating school. Organisation officially launched the sessions in February. In this period 46 students at Phoenix and Ian Mikardo started to compile their portfolios for the Arts Award certificate.</p> <p>128 participants took part in regular project activities in the period from Ian Mikardo and Phoenix Upper School. Organisation did highlight that at Stephen Hawking School and Beatrice Tate School, majority of students have physical disabilities, and therefore, attendance can be inconsistent as students often change schools or are unable to attend lessons depending on their physical condition. Consequently, the number of participants is likely to vary. Organisation informed that number of SEN students taught by trained non-specialist schoolteachers can be measured from year 2. In this quarter 93% of students rated the activity as either 'Excellent' or 'Pretty Good.' Furthermore, 76% of students reported that they enjoy creating their music with technology, and 70% enjoyed making new instruments and sounds. 43 students from Phoenix Upper School and Ian Mikardo High School have started preparing portfolios for the Arts Award. This quarter 80% of students reported improved wellbeing.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8896	Four Corners	Cameraworks: Young People’s Photography Workshops	Boroughwide	£20,000	Reporting indicates the project is on track to meet expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	“Cameraworks” provides young Tower Hamlets residents with the opportunity to take part in photography workshops and creative projects, improving their educational attainment and also supporting their wider personal development.					
Progress Update	<p>Recruitment and Marketing has taken place resulting in the expected 10 participants recruited onto the first project. In addition, recruitment proved successful resulting in 11 places already reserved for participants to take part in Projects 2 and 3 in 2024 and Project 1 in 2025.</p> <p>Project 1, (Camera and Darkroom), started on the 21 February with 10 participants: 80% female; all aged under 25. The project indicates borough wide reach with the 10 participants coming from 8 of 20 Tower Hamlets Wards: 3 from Bethnal Green East Ward and one from each from Bow West; Bromley North; Limehouse; Poplar; Spitalfields and Banglatown, Weavers; and Whitechapel Wards.</p> <p>Outcomes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No dropouts.</li> <li>• Positive feedback from participants with 100% reporting they have acquired new skills.</li> <li>• 94% attendance</li> <li>• Several Project 1 participants can now use the darkrooms independently and will be given access outside of scheduled workshop times to develop their personal projects.</li> <li>• Their exhibition is scheduled to run 25-29 June 2024.</li> </ul>					



ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
9035	Hornafrik Integration Projects Ltd	E14 BAME Children and Young People Educational Attainment Project	Blackwall and Cubitt Town	£13,250	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	E14 BAME Children and Young People Educational Attainment Project will support Children and Young people from disadvantaged households for timely intervention in access to extracurricular activities and after school provision.					
Progress Update	<p>In this quarter the project started in November 2023. Organisation provided extracurricular activities and after school provision that has supported school-aged children and young people to access structured educational support in order to facilitate for better educational attainment. Hornafrik started the project by organising a structured weekly study support for school children and young people who are at risk of not falling behind with their schooling educational performance.</p> <p>48 participants took part in regular project activities in the period. 42 children attend weekly educational support classes on a regular basis. Out of 4 parents that were engages 3 parents specifically mentioned that programme is positively supporting their families and they're in a better position understanding the UK's educational system. Another 2 parents also reported that they now have better understanding about their children’s performance and behaviour at school. This quarter organisation had referred 5 young people under the age of 19 years to earn an accredited SIA training and as a result now got their SIA batch to get into paid employment.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
9024	Limehouse Welfare Association	LWA Community Language Bengali and Arabic Support Programme	Poplar; Limehouse; Lansbury; Mile End Shadwell; Stepney Green; St Dunstan's	£22,400	Monitoring indicates that there are risks that need to be addressed in partnership with their officer to ensure expected outcomes will be achieved	<b>RED</b>
Short Description	Provides Community Language, Bengali and Arabic classes, in term time, enhancing the achievement of students in Key Stages 1,2 and 3. These classes improve students' self-confidence, cognitive development, educational attainment and Community cohesion.					
Progress Update	The project reports that it has undertaken outreach and now have most students registered on the project. In person and phone contact has been made with parents. Ongoing negotiations with the Harford Centre resulted has resulted in them arranging a meeting to book a room for the project for 4 two-hour sessions for activities each week. A teacher is ready to start the classes and be engaged formally. They aim to start the provision in June. <b>See Appendix 5 for more information.</b>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8990	Newark Youth London	Girls in Action	Boroughwide	£20,000	Project on track with expectations.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Girls in Action widens access to extracurricular activities for girls and young women so they develop their confidence and life skills and increase their resilience. The project enables participants to participate in social action projects and other learning opportunities to enable them to develop their leadership, communication and organisational skills.					
Progress Update	During the period the project held 17 three-hour workshop/sessions with 10 young women/girls participating. For their social action project participants worked with Just Smiles Homeless project to produce winter warmer packs and distributed them to Homeless people in London. A range of training related to the work was provided, alongside personal development opportunities and fun activities. Outcomes included all participants achieving an ASDAN Volunteering certificate. Evaluation and feedback demonstrated 100% of participants reported they had positive project experience resulting in outcomes including: 100% feeling more confident in themselves; 100% engaging more in other youth club activities; 100% increased understanding of self and others.					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
9028	SocietyLinks Tower Hamlets	Rainbow Links	Boroughwide	£30,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	A SEND focused programme of activities providing stimulating activities for children and young people, support and peer network for parents, and family trips to enhance the opportunities available for SEND children.					
Progress Update	<p>RainbowLinks is funded to provide a project that consists of three elements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Integration project that annually enables 30 children, 5-12 years, with intellectual and developmental disabilities experience a range of existing children’s community facilities, activities, and events of interest to them, available at Society Links or at partner organisations, through experienced dedicated worker support.</li> <li>2. Online forum and website with monthly online open workshop sessions, targeted at everyone with an interest in SEND support, especially parents/carers.</li> <li>3. Workshops to support parents and carers.</li> </ol> <p>The monitoring form indicates the project has provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project development activities including co production work with key stakeholders and outreach.</li> <li>2. Assessments and development activities to raise the confidence of 12 children participants.</li> <li>3. Evaluation with parents.</li> </ol> <p>The organisation has put a plan in place for activities in the next quarter. They are working in partnership with their officer, parents and children to develop the project.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8866	St Hilda's East Community Centre	Young People's Development Programme	Bethnal Green East (formerly Bethnal Green)	£33,180	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	St Hilda's East Young People's Programme is an inspirational initiative designed to support children and young people to reach their full potential. Through weekly activities including sports, arts, and reflective sessions; the programme focuses on improving young people's mental health, resilience and steering them away from anti-social behaviour and crime.					
Progress Update	<p>Since November, the project provided 44 sessions, engaging 87 individual young people. Regular sessions have revolved around promoting positive mental health, boosting confidence, and fostering leadership skills through a diverse range of activities, including sports, arts, crafts, music, self-care, and field trips. Talking circle sessions feedback demonstrated activities have enhanced participants confidence and developed new skills.</p> <p>Through focus groups and individual feedback undertaken in March, 100% participants reported improvements in their wellbeing and resilience. Observations and self-feedback from the young participants themselves, shows 100% improvement in their leadership abilities.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8862	St Margaret's House	The Children's Making Tree	Bethnal Green East (formerly Bethnal Green)	£5,156	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	The project empowers Tower Hamlets children to take part in enriching holiday activities in a variety of arts disciplines (circus, art, drama, spoken word). Sessions improve children's confidence in their abilities and increase their cultural capital to help them pursue diverse activities outside of school to support their academic achievement.					
Progress Update	In line with expectations 3 circus skills sessions took place in the February 2024 half term at Tramshed Community Hub. 50 participants engaged resulting in 90% of participants stating they felt more confident at the end of the sessions.					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
----	--------------	---------	--------------------------	---------------------	----------------	------------

8937	Tower Hamlets Parents Centre	THPC Saturday Study Support Programme	Spitalfields and Banglatown	£10,369	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	This Project delivers weekly Study Support Session on a Saturday morning in term times that help improve the attainment of disadvantaged local young people at Key Stages 1 and 2.					
Progress Update	<p>The project provided 17 weeks of Study Support Session delivered by a qualified teacher. Children were provided with one-to-one support from a classroom assistant as needed. Twenty children Participated and seventeen attended regularly. Evaluation undertaken by participants demonstrated 100% of participants had a positive engagement with project activities. Assessment of their progress demonstrated that all had also made progress towards their Key Stages 1 and 2 attainments.</p> <p>An evaluation report will be submitted after the end of the Academic Year.</p> <p>Outcomes are demonstrated through case studies. This demonstrated that teacher assessment resulted in more appropriate maths work being provided resulting in one student being entered for the higher papers in Maths for his SATs.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
9009	Toyhouse Libraries Association of Tower Hamlets - Toyhouse	Accelerating Education for Pre-School aged children via Community Toy Library involvement.	Boroughwide	£14,992	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Toyhouse supports a network of community-based Toy Libraries facilitated by a mix of parent volunteers and staff, that enables parents and pre-schoolers to benefit from weekly Play Learn sessions, enabling children to develop speech, communication, social interaction and Early Learning skills before they enter formal educational settings.					
Progress Update	<p>Delays in payments and receiving a signed funding agreement has made the initial months challenging for this organisation. Despite this Toyhouse undertook work to maintain contact and provided bespoke supportive development work with their existing Member Group Toy Libraries. This has included supporting one long-standing member group who had to close their Toy Library March 2020. The project is now supporting the Toy Library to reestablish.</p> <p>Between November and March, the project visited 11 Toy Libraries during their session time each term (36 visits). During the visits they observed activities, consulted with parent/child users, and offered support to Toy Librarians experiencing challenges.</p> <p>The project has achieved some expectations resulting in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 member groups receiving support in the period.</li> <li>• 92% member groups indicating they have had positive engagement with the project.</li> </ul> <p>However, some elements of the project were not enabled prior to first payments in mid-March. They have proactively used this time as an opportunity to do preparation work for launching the project Newsletter and preparing for other project activities.</p> <p>The project plans to deliver its first training session in April with several Librarians booked. During this session the project will provide an opportunity for participants to co-design subsequent sessions.</p> <p>The organisation’s monitoring indicates continued good governance. In this period, they have reviewed, refreshed, and confirmed a range of organisational policies and procedures.</p> <p>Funding has been used wisely with some funds taken over to be used on future project delivery.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
9063	Udichi Shilpi Gosthi	Bengali Mother Tongue Project	Bethnal Green East (formerly Bethnal Green)	£18,768	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Project provides mother tongue study support and community education for 300 disadvantaged Bengali children and young people in Tower Hamlets who will learn to read, write and speak Bengali and achieve Tower Hamlets Community Language Certificate. Boosts community cohesion via arts and cultural activities broadcast on Bengali media (TV, radio)					
Progress Update	Delivery began in Whitechapel Idea store in November after recruiting two qualified Mother Tongue teachers and two support teachers (Volunteers) to deliver the activities. 71 participants were registered. After initial assessment participants were divided into 3 different groups according to their abilities. An event was held on 24 February, the children performed poetry recitation and took part in discussion, Essay Competition. The Mother tongue Children also took part in the victory day of Bangladesh celebration. Number of participants engaging with local Bengali culture and heritage. Participants can attend multiple years and be counted each year. More than 90% of students test were undertaken by the tutors to assess the improvement in educational attainment (base line in KS1 and KS2). This will be measured at the end of the summer term. 85% of the learners were positively engaged with the mother tongue learning provision.					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
9056	Wapping Bangladesh Association	A Bright Future - Wapping After-School Children Education Project	St Katherine's and Wapping	£25,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	After School Children's Education Project raising the educational achievements of academically underachieving Bangladeshi children from poorer and disadvantaged backgrounds through a programme of activities and learning interventions that includes Mother Tongue Education and Study Support Learning.					
Progress Update	30 students registered on the project in this period. Since November 2023- March 2024, the project delivered 45 mother tongue classes to 20 students, and 19 supplementary classes to 10. The project held a parents evening on 18th December 2023. The organisation reports that parents feedback about the project was very satisfactory. The organisation reports 27 participants have made positive engagement in terms of learning the lessons and attending the sessions regularly resulting in improved communication skills. Participants have also received support in maths, English and science to get their homework done. The organisations is undertaking outreach activities to increase participation to supplementary education classes.					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
9044	Weavers Community Forum (WCF)	Active Youth Project	Bethnal Green East (formerly Bethnal Green)	£21,903	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Active Youth Project is to help inspire, activate & motivate young people to learn about themselves, others, and Society, through non-formal education activities which combine enjoyment, challenge and learning.					
Progress Update	<p>The active Youth Project is a continuation project that started in 2013, which was funded by Tower Hamlets council. The purpose of this project is to deliver community base sports and recreational activities that enhance the well-being of local disadvantaged young people. In October 2023, the project successfully onboarded three dedicated part-time youth workers. Organisation reported that they have successfully registered and engaged 13 young individuals during the period.</p> <p>They also reported that each participant received tailored support and collaboratively developed action plans for their ongoing journey. Organisation to provide more detail on what the action plan contains and how will it be monitored.</p> <p>They have gathered feedback from participants through surveys and through 1-1 sessions to understand their satisfaction levels, perceived benefits, and areas for improvement.</p>					



ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8758	Westferry Community Organisation	Education Matters	Canary Wharf	£20,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Education Matters is a community-based initiative, which will deliver educational/learning activities to children and young people in the Canary Wharf area. This will consist of after-school/evening and/or weekend clubs for children, to assist in reading/writing, maths/arithmetic, and other curriculum/extra-curriculum-based learning. Also, weekend sessions for young adults providing life skills.					
Progress Update	<p>The project consists of weekend clubs for children, to assist in reading/writing, maths/arithmetic, and other curriculum/extra-curriculum-based learning. Organisation reported that that they have achieved 70% success rate in reading level attainment, 62% success in writing levels, 64% success in soft/life skill attainment, and career development, and 83% success in wellbeing improvement.</p> <p>Organisation reported that in total 24 participants took part in regular project activities in this period. Organisation has reported that from a current total of 13 children aged 6-14 years old, 8 children have had their writing levels assessed and are currently achieving at the national standard OWCS standard for their age. The other 4 children are still working towards their target. They have also reported that from a current total of 11 young adults aged 14-19, 7 of them have learnt 8 soft and life skills. The other 4 young adults have learnt between 4-6 skills. They have reported that 16 young people have achieved improvement in their wellbeing and have achieved a 6 point increase in their WEMWBS score.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8913	Women’s Inclusive Team	Maangaar (Young People - SEN Support)	Boroughwide	£20,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	This project will target children aged 6 to 10 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in LBTH boroughwide, who have limited after-school provisions. Maangaar (meaning 'unique child' in Somali) will create positive learning opportunities to enrich their development and their parents, ultimately improving their education and mental well-being.					
Progress Update	<p>Maangaar project aims to help families with Special Educational Needs children by providing culturally sensitive, expert support, to help them to better understand their child’s condition, how to support them and the family.</p> <p>Organisation reported that during the first quarter, the Maangaar project reached its full number of target registered participants. They have also held SEND sports sessions in collaboration with Disability Sports Charity. Organisation states that their CRM system captures details of some members, however, due to stigma some members did not want to be registered. They have 35 registered participants but have engaged with many more individuals.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
----	--------------	---------	--------------------------	---------------------	----------------	------------

9013	Young and Talented Ltd	Triple Talent Enrichment Programme	Bethnal Green West (formerly St Peter's)	£25,000	Monitoring indicates that the project is mostly on track, but additional support is planned	<b>AMBER</b>
Short Description	Weekly, high-quality, performing-arts training for 6-16-year-olds. The free sessions will enable children from marginalised backgrounds to have long-term engagement with activities which support good mental health and wellbeing; develop personal and practical skills; enrich curriculum learning; and provide access to the infrastructure required to progress into arts/culture-related education and employment.					
Progress Update	<p>In November and December 2023 Y&amp;T delivered 5 masterclasses. 28 students attended masterclasses in Musical Theatre, Dance and acting. Each week the students explored different topics which enhanced their understanding of the performing arts industry.</p> <p>The students also performed at the Christmas sharing which took place in December at Oxford House. They performed in front of 80 audience members made up of family members, friends, industry experts and local community.</p> <p>From January to March 2024, Y&amp;T delivered the Triple Talent programme, 3-hour performing arts training sessions every Saturday. They engaged current 28 students and recruited a further 8 students.</p> <p>Their key achievements included their Acting tutor and Creative Director won the Leader Award Jack Petchey. Three of their students were selected as the Jack Petchey Achievement award winners for their role in their Teens group. They recruited new members of staff to be in line with the funding requirements. One of their students has been selected to be part of the cast of Michael Jackson the Musical.</p> <p>Organisation has faced some challenges with venue and being shifted to different room which has impacted the project. Y&amp;T have already started outreach work to increase number of students to meet the target. They have also met with Council officers and have developed an action plan to increase number of students and promote the project.</p>					

**Scheme B – Lifelong Learning**

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8967	Age UK East London	Digital Buddy	Boroughwide	£39,997	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Digital Buddies will build the skills, confidence and motivation of digitally excluded older people, using a proven model, enabling them to get to grips with new technologies and use them safely and skilfully. It represents the best opportunity to build their confidence, skills and ultimately resilience in a digital-first world.					
Progress Update	During this period, the project has supported 45 older people with digital support services. The project has had a successful start with: 82.2% of participants (37 people) report that they are more confident using digital technology and getting online. 100% of participants (45 people) report that they have developed at least one skill to use digital technology 75% of participants (34 people) report that they have greater awareness of online risks and feel better able to manage them and, 47% of participants (21 people) feel better able to manage cost of living pressures.					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
9021	Ashaadibi Education and Cultural Centre	Aim Higher e~Adult Lifelong Learning	Boroughwide	£20,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	The e-Adult Lifelong Learning project aims to promote digital inclusion, language skills, and lifelong learning in Tower Hamlets to the BAME community. Through English language classes and digital skills training, it will reduce digital exclusion and improve the confidence and aspirations of marginalized and underrepresented residents of LBTH.					
Progress Update	Nov-Dec, the project was planned and designed. Roles for the project were advertised, as well as the classes, the computer class, and the ESOL creative English on WhatsApp groups. A good sign-up of very keen adult learners. Mixed genders, the men were interested in the computers class and the women were interested in the ESOL class. The premises in LEA that we were meant to start on had a double booking, so premises changed for the women's class and started a partnership project with a local Somali community partner, WIT. First week of January the weekly ESOL Creative English for women on every Wednesday and the drop-in session for the computers class for men.					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8906	Bromley By Bow Centre	BOOST North East	Bow East	£25,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Through Boost North East, the Bromley by Bow Centre is providing non-accredited English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), and digital inclusion classes alongside social mixing activities. The project will support people to become confident engaging with the local community, and services using English. 280 learners will be supported.					
Progress Update	Delay to the start of the project due to a substantial reduction in the awarded funding, which amounted to half of the requested amount. A tutor and an outreach support worker have been successfully recruited. The recruitment of learners is currently underway, and the project anticipates being on track with the KPI reporting by the next quarterly return. Additionally, BBBC have secured match funding, enabling them to expand the recruitment of learners for this program.					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8929	deafPLUS	Improving deaf and hard of hearing residents English, Maths and digital skills	Boroughwide	£30,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	A borough wide lifelong learning project that will improve deaf and hard of hearing residents English and Maths and digital skills, reducing socio-economic deprivation in Tower Hamlets					
Progress Update	<p>During this period the project successfully recruited a member of staff to take on the role of Lifelong learning skills coordinator and has engaged with 15 service users via workshops/forums, coffee mornings and sign language week events. In this period the project has devised a course structure with service users and is confident that in the subsequent quarters it will be able to demonstrate meeting the KPI targets. The project has developed upcoming sessions which are set to run from April 2024. Project outcomes will be assessed, evaluated, and reported as the D/deaf BSL and Hard of hearing service users approach the end of their English, Maths, and Digital sessions.</p> <p>Project monitoring indicates engagement of D/deaf BSL and Hard of hearing service users in line with application expectations on geographical and equalities monitoring.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8700	East London Advanced Technology Training	BOOST (Building On Our Skills Together) South West	Shadwell	£40,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	BOOST South West provides accessible, entry-level ESOL classes to develop English language skills, digital inclusion, and preparation for lifelong learning for 300 migrants and refugees in SW Tower Hamlets, 2023-2027. Courses will be tailored to learners’ lives and include classroom activities, visits to places of interest and community engagement activities.					
Progress Update	<p>The project has demonstrated good progress against the KPIs and therefore achieving the project outcomes. During this period, the project has supported 46 refugees and migrant participants who have completed an Entry level ESOL course and achieved a qualification in this period (Nov23-March24). The project has achieved positive outcomes for its service users including students who have reported an increased knowledge of identifying progressions routes at the end of the course and students who reported progression to volunteering, work or further study at the end of their course.</p> <p>The project supports refugees and migrants to integrate into their new communities by providing them with English language qualifications, enhancing their understanding of progression routes and facilitating their transition to volunteering, work, or further study. The project recruits students through either an online or in-person application process. The majority of participants demonstrate remarkable improvement in their English language proficiency, as evidenced by successful completion of exams to achieve their qualifications.</p> <p>Between October and March, participants participated in the Health Festival in December 2024 where they benefitted from a talk on Diabetes Awareness and Prevention by Dr Patricia Smith from the UEL. Another valuable workshop was given by an educator from UK Parliament about Democracy and the importance of registering to vote. Other well-being activities included trying a free Yoga class to celebrate International Women’s Day and visiting a local Sports Centre. The project encourages students to get used to taking the public transport during class trips to gain confidence in exploring their local area, meeting new people, develop friendships and enhance a sense of belonging to their local community.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8934	ICM Foundation CIC	CORE News Community Newspaper	Boroughwide	£30,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Adults with learning disabilities will develop skills and work towards a qualification to design and produce a tri-annual community newspaper, informing people of and reviewing activities to be distributed to community groups in London with the focus on reducing social isolation and increased participation through low cost or free activities.					
Progress Update	<p>During this period the project has supported 13 participants. The project started later than anticipated so the delivery of the course content was delayed. The project has delivered content for 3 units and is ready to assess on one of the units. The participants have responded well to the course and have been engaged even though they have found aspects of the content difficult.</p> <p>Through observation staff have noticed a significant improvement in levels of confidence especially in relation to the course content and how the participants are able to process the information given to them and all have learnt new digital skills and this will be reinforced throughout the duration of the course.</p> <p>The newspaper is ready to be distributed; all articles have been written and videos done and the project is in the early stages of planning for the next edition. The project is currently planning its first workshop and how it will present to one of the disability groups in the borough.</p> <p>Project outcomes will be assessed, evaluated, and reported as the participants approach the end of the diploma/course.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG meeting
8974	Island House Community Centre	DIGITAL DAY	Boroughwide	£25,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Digital Day will develop the existing SKILLS project, providing 3 levels of support to digitally excluded clients. Teaching basic digital skills and providing computer/internet access for necessary for life tasks that have moved online, supporting the digitally excluded, improving skills, reducing digital exclusion, and enabling access to health and social care.					
Progress Update	<p>During this period the project ran DIGITAL DAY on 16 occasions over the 5 months. This was significantly less than planned for, but was due to a slow start in November, and then closures during Christmas, Easter and Ramadan. The project has supported 94 clients in this funding period. These new sessions have been steady, although started off slowly, but from publicity and by word-of-mouth clients have increased. Project staff have found that clients are presenting with varied types of issues, some with multiple issues, thereby needing more than 1 appointment to be resolved. Some clients are totally digital excluded, with no digital knowledge or device-data-access or confidence. The project also supports clients who have literacy and/ or language barriers.</p> <p>The project has achieved some positive outcomes during this period which include 29 individuals reporting reduced digital exclusion and improved confidence, self-esteem, and resilience as a result of accessing the DIGITAL DAY services.</p> <p>Feedback from clients attending the DIGITAL Day sessions have been positive, and the project is making a difference to people's lives.</p>					



ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8677	LifeLine Community Projects	Creative English	Mile End	£25,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	<p>Creative English is a volunteer-led English language programme that teaches everyday English speaking to people from marginalised and minority groups who do not speak English as a first/main language.</p> <p>Delivered by faith and community groups, Creative English uses applied drama techniques to engage learners in a fun and welcoming environment.</p>					
Progress Update	<p>During this period the project has engaged two delivery partners (East London Mosque and Wapping Bangladesh Association). The project was delayed at the beginning as the project was waiting for confirmation of the contract, and then further delayed training the volunteer facilitators due to school holidays and Ramadan. The first part of the training took place on the 16th April, and the 2nd day is scheduled for the 8th of May. The project fully expects the hubs to start delivery immediately after the second day of training. The project has not registered any new learners but is confident that both East London Mosque and Wapping Bangladeshi Association have sufficient footfall to engage the learners as per the milestones during the next seven months.</p> <p>Creative English uses role play and scenarios to create learning and enjoyment for the participants. The training required is to enable volunteers to deliver the course. The training takes 2 days and predominantly aims at reducing loneliness and having fun to create friendships within the classroom.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8715	Limehouse Project	ESOL & Digital Training	Limehouse	£25,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Limehouse Project’s ESOL & Digital Training programme is a supportive coaching initiative funded by the Council which helps residents improve their command of the English language and basic digital skills. We hope to empower residents to improve their lives by learning new skills for life and life-long learning.					
Progress Update	<p>During this period from November to March, the project activities focused on creating lesson plans for topics relevant to English, digital, personal and professional growth to reduce the gap of social and digital exclusion. The course focusses on "Real-life English" with the practical use of English language skills in daily life, including conversing in social settings, navigating public environments and issues, and engaging in community activities, with this enabling us to support the student led and decided conversations clubs to include relevant workshop support sessions.</p> <p>Following the action planning period for each engaged individual and English assessments, the first 16-week cohort commenced in January 2024. Since then, participants have been involved in 3x workshops during the conversation club sessions, including those 'Money management and debt', cervical screening awareness' (aimed at addressing low uptake from underrepresented communities in Tower Hamlets and led by community volunteer champions engaged at Limehouse Project), and an employability session. Along with this, the class participated and engaged with consultations for the Ethnic Minority Network to ensure community representation, and to share their voice around community issues. Additionally, each participant has had or being scheduled for one-on-one sessions with an employment adviser to ensure continued progression beyond the initial 16 weeks. The students attended the International Women’s Day event which showcased previous learners development to empower the attendees.</p> <p>The start of the cyber cafe experienced a slight delay as the focus was on completing the Digital Development sessions. To complement the course, an external partner will be conducting additional IT sessions in-house, addressing identified support needs of clients. These sessions will be open to all in addition to the cyber cafe, which will cover a variety of topics aimed at promoting empowerment and independence. The cyber cafe is scheduled to commence on April 17, 2024, with catch-up sessions and will involve student volunteers.</p> <p>There is a growing waiting list and currently an active class of 14 individuals. Regular meetings have taken place with the Employment and Training coordinator, Tutor, and project worker to enhance the delivery of the course and identify any issues and need from the group, lessons learned and improvements. The next phase is to conduct trips.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8652	Quaker Social Action	Made of Money - helping carers to increase their resilience to online financial scams.	Boroughwide	£25,000	Monitoring indicates that the project is mostly on track after a few initial challenges and unforeseen changes.	<b>AMBER</b>
Short Description	Quaker Social Action's 'Made of Money' financial education and financial wellbeing team, partnering with Carers Centre, Tower Hamlets, will devise and deliver digital inclusion sessions for local people, predominantly carers, focussing specifically on helping people be aware of and have a much-reduced risk of falling victim to online scams/fraud.					
Progress Update	<p>During the first few months of the reporting period, the organisation's activities focused on mobilisation and by early February the organisation was able to schedule work with their delivery partner - Carers Centre Tower Hamlets (CCTH). Given the delay in starting the project, only two sessions were delivered this FY (Friday 15th March and 22nd March), and a third session was delivered on 5th April. As such, the numbers were slightly below target. Key activities during the mobilisation period include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Liaison work with partners to set up the work.</li> <li>*Development of the initial publicity plan.</li> <li>*Development of publicity materials for clients, including design.</li> <li>*Delivery of two sessions.</li> <li>*During the initial two sessions, co-creation discussions took place around content and emphasis for the third session.</li> </ul> <p>Despite the late start to the project (resulting in limited time for promotion of the project and consequently lower numbers/attendance) and challenges such as staff sickness, the organisation is delighted with the positivity of the sessions and initial feedback as the cohort learnt about social media scams, verifying photos, and checking for secure websites as outlined in the application activities and demographics.</p> <p>As per conversation with staff, the organisation did not use this KPI 2, as they needed to change the activity due to the change in the tool made by Google. In addition to this, an annual report was sent instead of an expenditure breakdown for the project. Going forward these issues will be addressed; however, the organisation did make the Officer aware of technical difficulties with the online form.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8803	Social Action For Health	Bengali Women's ESOL Walking Group	Bethnal Green West (formerly St Peter's)	£24,945	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	This project brings together Bengali women for a weekly walking group to enjoy some gentle movement, and practice conversational English, thus reducing isolation, improving physical and mental wellbeing and enabling more positive interaction with the wider community and services such as GPs and other health professionals.					
Progress Update	<p>The project is going very well. The project has supported 21 women from the target demographic group over the past 6 months. The project has made a positive impact on the women through establishing a regular meeting space enabling women who may not otherwise get out and about to meet and support each other, increasing physical exercise – when the group has not gone for a walk (for example because of poor weather), the group has nevertheless completed indoor exercises, regular attendance – which indicates satisfaction and engagement and people reporting that their confidence using English has increased.</p> <p>The group meets at Collingwood Children’s Centre every Tuesday morning (except when paused for Ramadan and holidays) and is imminently starting a new group on a Wednesday morning at the same place to widen availability. Additional tutors have been trained in running informal ESOL conversation classes to support the Wednesday sessions.</p> <p>In this first 6 months of the project, 100% of participants anecdotally report that their levels of spoken and written English have improved. This will be followed up with more specific capturing of this information in the up-coming year.</p> <p>Project outcomes will be assessed, evaluated, and reported as the women approach the end of their ESOL sessions/programme.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8996	Stifford Centre Limited	BAME Women’s Empowerment Programme	Shadwell	£29,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes. Satisfactory Report.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Stifford Centre's BAME Women’s Empowerment Programme empowers BAME women in Tower Hamlets through comprehensive ESOL classes, employability work and digital skills training. Our goal is to bridge socio-economic gaps and boost integration, confidence, and participation in the local economy.					
Progress Update	<p>During this reporting period the project successfully carried out outreach activities to engage and recruit eligible participants, established a Project Users Group (PUG) in December 2023 to plan, design and develop the project activities and then started project delivery.</p> <p>During this period BAME Women’s Empowerment Programme has achieved positive outcomes for its beneficiaries. The project has supported 71 women during this period who attended the various sessions. Over 90% of these participants report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- improved levels of digital skills.</li> <li>- increased confidence, resilience and self-esteem.</li> <li>- improved levels of spoken and written English</li> <li>- feel they've gained skills to enable them to move into volunteering, education and employment</li> </ul>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8936	Tower Hamlets Parents Centre	THPC Digital Inclusion Programme for BAME Women	Spitalfields and Banglatown	£12,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes. Satisfactory report.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	This Project will deliver a 36-hour Computer Training Programme that will improve the Skills, Employment Readiness and Inclusion of 140 local disadvantaged women from BAME Communities.					
Progress Update	<p>During this period project has successfully supported 18 beneficiaries with Digital skills training to improve their skills and employment readiness despite the Centre being closed during the Christmas break, Ramadan (10th March - until 10th of April) and the Tutor taking an extended leave due to unforeseen circumstances.</p> <p>The project delivered 15 hours of Computer/Digital training. Each training course consisted of 3 sessions; each of those sessions was 2.5 hours long. The course was delivered twice; first cohort included 10 women and second cohort included 8 women.</p> <p>During this period staff have observed that participants that have attended the Digital inclusion classes have shown some improvements in their levels of digital skills, increased confidence to access online services and feeling less socially isolated.</p> <p>Project outcomes will be assessed, evaluated, and reported as the women approach the end of their Digital inclusion sessions.</p>					

Appendix 3.3 Theme 3 – Culture, Business, Jobs, and Skills

Scheme A - Employment and Skills Opportunities for Socially Excluded Residents

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
9080	Account3 Ltd	Jobs for the Girls - Employability for Marginalised Women of Tower Hamlets	Boroughwide	£20,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	This project will provide unemployed women including returners with multi lingual support to plan their futures through offer of MATRIX accredited career guidance, training and support to better understand the jobs market and make the right decisions to get into paid work that offers career progression and stable employment.					
Progress Update	<p>The project has been running as designed since 1st November 2023 . The activities have been: Marketing and client engagement; Participation in local for a; Delivery of one-to-one IAG session (how many) on Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesdays through the period up to and including March 24</p> <p>The project have worked with: 32 women, all resident of Tower Hamlets</p> <p>KPIs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The project have produced 32 IAGs and Action plans for the client journey towards employment</li> <li>- the project have supported 9 women into volunteer placements</li> <li>- 10 women have moved into training (incl ESOL conversation club)</li> <li>- 5 have participated in employability CV workshop</li> <li>- 3 have moved into paid employment</li> </ul>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8816	Circle Community	Circle Community's Back Your Future @ Canary Wharf employability programme for young people	Boroughwide	£20,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Back Your Future @ Canary Wharf will provide holistic employability support to 495 NEET young people. Access to work experience, job-seeking skills, sector knowledge, wellbeing support and entry level jobs with Canary Wharf employers will provide them with the knowledge, networks and confidence to find, sustain, and progress in work.					
Progress Update	The project has had a great period of activity at Circle with a new Job Coach who started in November and is fully embedded in their delivery project and due to their partnership with Canary Wharf Group, they have now been introduced to a number of their employers had a number of success stories in filling these vacancies. The project has not changed in this period but with the addition of staff and the referral of new partners it has improved their opportunities for young people.					



ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8701	East London Advanced Technology Training	Tower Hamlets Community Works	Bethnal Green West (formerly St Peter's)	£30,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	TH Community Works is an innovative, holistic programme of employability skills training, personal development, one-to-one support, volunteering and work experience to support unemployed refugees and migrant residents of Tower Hamlets into work. It will empower participants to build a career and navigate the UK job market independently.					
Progress Update	<p>The project has taken part in outreach recruitment events (such as at John Smith’s Family Hub) to engage with potential students and encourage them to feel confident to join in the project.</p> <p>The project makes sure that every student leaves their course with a clear idea of their next steps and feeling positive about their future. The project can meet with students regularly on a one-to-one basis to check that they are making progress, whether it is finding a volunteering opportunity or continuing to find and apply for jobs online.</p> <p>The Community Works Project has had an important impact on its participants, most notably in their confidence to apply for jobs using digital technology. In an era where digital skills are essential, this project has successfully demystified the digital job application process for many students. Feedback from participants highlights an increased skill in navigating online job portals, engaging with potential employers through digital platforms, and presenting themselves professionally online.</p> <p>As a result of taking part in the project, students grow in confidence in everyday life, and we have supported students about learning the transport system and planning for journeys which helps them to navigate their local communities where students planned a journey to develop skills that are needed for planning for journeys to interviews or volunteering opportunities. Students have gone on to volunteer at their children’s primary schools, as well as volunteering at local community centres. Some have continued their professional development by taking vocational courses. Others have successfully found jobs for example at supermarkets or schools.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
9036	Hornafrik Integration Projects Ltd	E14 BAME Skills Development and Employment Project	Blackwall and Cubitt Town	£20,670	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Our project aims to work with the hard-to reach, excluded BAME, mainly Somali and other African communities who live in 3 wards in Tower Hamlets, who are long-term unemployed and/or economically inactive, including individuals with no formal or limited educational qualifications					
Progress Update	<p>During the past 5 months the project provided an accredited SIA training, CSCS training, tailored &amp; personalised employability support for local disadvantaged BAME communities who are Tower Hamlets residents where some aspects of the project were oversubscribed. For example:</p> <p>A huge number of leaflets were printed and dropped to targeted places including local mosques, community centres etc.; WhatsApp &amp; other social media outlets were used to disseminate information about the project.</p> <p>An SIA accredited courses for 26 local community members was organised which helped many of them to get paid employment to work in the Security industry, by linking them with local employment agencies and employers.</p> <p>A CSCS accredited training for 5 local community members was organised helping them to work in the construction industry.</p> <p>A skills match workshops for 49 project users was organised, some of whom have already done accredited training with the organisation.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8742	Leaders in Community	Youth and Community Social Action Hub	Lansbury	£20,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	The project will create a safe and inclusive hub for youth and community social action work placements, which will help develop campaigns on equity and employment by addressing barriers to progress and raising aspirations for young people and older community members, particularly for people from Black, Asian, and Multi-Ethnicity backgrounds.					
Progress Update	<p>Reflecting on the period spanning from November 2023 to March 2024, the project has seen significant progress and impactful outcomes. Throughout this quarter, the project has diligently pursued their objectives while adapting to various influences that shaped their project delivery.</p> <p>Mentoring sessions and drop-ins played a pivotal role in fostering connections and understanding amongst young people. These interactions facilitated meaningful relationships and contributed to a cohesive working environment.</p> <p>A highlight of their quarter was the collaborative effort with Care Providers Voice and Leaders In Community to organise a Care Sector Career Fair on December 13th, 2023. This event provided invaluable opportunities for networking and career development within the care sector.</p> <p>Further enriching their engagement initiatives, they participated in the West Ham Employability Insight Day on February 5th, 2024, offering pathways to employment delivered by West Ham. This event broadened horizons and empowered participants with essential skills and knowledge.</p> <p>The Sky Careers Day on February 15th, 2024, and the National Conference on Strengthening Education to Employment Pathways for Black, Asian &amp; Mixed Heritage Young People on February 22nd, 2024, expanded their reach and fostered dialogue on crucial topics.</p> <p>Lastly, they celebrated diversity and unity at the Youth Iftar event on March 25th, 2024, exemplifying their dedication to inclusivity and cultural exchange.</p> <p>In summary, their project during this quarter has been marked by achievements, significant outcomes, and impactful engagements.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG ratings
8716	Limehouse Project	More New Horizons	Limehouse	£25,000	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Limehouse Project’s ‘More New Horizons’ project seeks to support local women to gain the skills to get into work and/or to begin to run their own online businesses which can be managed around a work-life balance and household responsibilities.					
Progress Update	<p>During the period from November to March, the project successfully recruited and engaged 41 individuals who identify as women. This was achieved through their existing co-production partnerships and the efforts of their project worker, who conducted outreach activities such as delivering employability advice, Time management and Budgeting and managing money workshops at WIT and Limehouse Project. Additionally, the project recruited through school coffee mornings, ELATT, and Variety Club outreach sessions, accessing those furthest from the labour market and at risk of social, economic and digital exclusion. The project also provided internal signposting through their advice services for individuals facing employment challenges and financial constraints.</p> <p>During this period, the project delivered both one-to-one and group employability sessions to address the barriers faced by the group. They also referred individuals to internal and Harca services for pre-entry ESOL and functional skills support to overcome barriers.</p> <p>The project has scheduled two cohorts for E Commerce and Digital Skills course delivery in May and June to cover this quarter's delivery, as employability was focused on and overcoming a range of barriers for the individuals recruited with little to no work experience and lack of qualifications.</p> <p>Furthermore, the project are exploring other co-production partnerships with company Thesalians to develop free data science and AI courses. These courses would serve as a valuable supplement to their programme, enabling individuals who may not otherwise have access to such opportunities to further develop their skills and ELBA to run basic digital skills courses for further support.</p> <p>Other unintended outcomes of the current period include encouraging the women engaged to participate in community events to build their skills, confidence and knowledge. This includes International Women's Day dedicated to the successes and leadership of women. Nine women attended the Ethnic Minority Community consultation day to provide their voice and lived experience to shape services, in turn supporting the shaping of community services and building their confidence.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
9017	Mind in Tower Hamlets, Newham and Redbridge	Mindful Barista Project	Boroughwide	£20,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	The Mindful Barista Project will support people living with mental health to access employment training and experience to become a Barista and gain work experience in local cafes. We will support up to 20 people per year to gain experience of working in a cafe and becoming a Barista.					
Progress Update	<p>The Mindful Barista Project will recruit 11 Barista Volunteers over a 12-month period (36 Total people recruited over the project grant period). Organisation will offer training, experience, and work placements to support people to access placements and vocational opportunities.</p> <p>In this period, the organisation conducted a co-production session to solicit input from visitors on how the café could better serve their needs. As a result, the café now hosts the Just Say Hello initiative, offering a variety of hot food and beverages while providing valuable training opportunities for individuals.</p> <p>Two male and one female Barista Volunteers have started The Mindful Barista Volunteer Programme spread over a 12-week training period and they are currently completing week 4.</p> <p>In regard to project clients reporting feeling more confident and having a greater self-esteem as a result of participating in the project, organisation will be able to share progress mapping on this after completion of 12-week training and also at 6 months contact point. Organisation will provide update at the end of the 12-week training on feedback and progress.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8885	Osmani Trust	Pathway to Employment	Boroughwide	£20,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	We are seeking to deliver an education, employment and training-focused project to reduce barriers to employment for NEET young people in Tower Hamlets. We will develop their confidence and employability skills, help them gain qualifications and work experience and support them with progressing into education, employment or training.					
Progress Update	<p>The Osmani Employability project has supported and provide IAG to 37 Individuals who have been engaging pro-actively with 1-2-1 engagement sessions. They have been supported via OT programs by reinforcing learning and development. During their IAG sessions, referrals to peers at Osmani Centre and other local professional organisations have been discussed and explored with suitable courses, education &amp; employment identified. The OT team then have been proactively supporting the young person with individual CV development, advice with interviews and support with motivation while the individual undertakes training and placements. Referring them towards tailored training, employment and or voluntary work to steer and empower them into a positive direction by utilising all opportunities as well as the internal Osmani Trust Directory of service which includes Professionals across sectors and services which has been developed by the OT team.</p> <p>Thus far 12 young people have achieved L3 emergency first aid Certification, 3 young people are Certificated First responders with St John's Ambulance and 2 young people are Food Hygiene Certificate, 2 young people have started a CBT course with Ride to Motors and 2 young people have been supported to up skill with Math &amp; English L2. As the OT Employability program develops, it is hoped to achieve further employment support and training for the young people being engaged with employer/placement partnership organisations and continuing with IAG 1-2-1 to ensure a tailored approach.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8671	Providence Row	Employability & Progression (E&P) programme helping homeless people get closer to, or into, employment	Boroughwide	£25,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Our Employability & Progression (E&P) project will support 110 extremely vulnerable, disadvantaged and excluded homeless people in Tower Hamlets, annually. Through our numerous tried-and-tested learning, training, peer mentoring, work-placement and employment opportunities we will help people get off, and stay off, the streets and begin leading more independent, self-sustaining lives.					
Progress Update	<p>The project was able to deliver their Employability &amp; Progression (E&amp;P) project to 64 homeless people in Tower Hamlets during this five-month period. They received 78 client referrals, 64 of whom engaged with them in a more meaningful way through their variety of learning, training and work-readiness activities. As well as self-referrals and referrals from Providence Row's numerous homelessness support teams, the E&amp;P project also received client referrals from seven homeless hostels in the borough; four of which we also deliver elements of the project on-site at in order to boost client engagement.</p> <p>While the project has gone well, there have also been some complications. These have ranged from:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Their clients being more complex and with greater levels of need (mental health and substance use issues being the most common) than they have experienced over previous years. This results in it taking longer to engage clients in their work which can mean their outcomes are lower than expected.</li> <li>2. A member of the E&amp;P team left their organisation to take on a new role in October 2023 and so they were recruiting to fill that vacant post which set them back slightly in terms of their work with their clients when this funding started in November 2023. The project managed to fill the role fairly quickly on this occasion which was great news but it took a few weeks for the new member of staff to start providing out full package of support to their clients.</li> <li>3. The project only just started running their Peer Mentor project again in late-February 2024 having paused it during the pandemic. As a result, the numbers are lower than expected during this first pilot-phase of their new Peer Mentor project and they expect the numbers to rise with the following client cohorts from May 2024 onwards.</li> <li>4. It's difficult for them to run their Garden Trainee Scheme during the winter as the garden doesn't need much maintaining. Now that Spring has arrived this will pick up momentum again and the numbers on their Trainee scheme will increase as a result.</li> </ol>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8952	Stepney Community Trust (SCT)	“Employment Pathways”	Boroughwide	£25,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	“Employment Pathways” will develop training and support programmes for local people, farthest away from the job market, to improve employability and become better able to compete for jobs; the programme will comprise skills training, 1-1 mentoring, practical job search activities and work experience to progress along ‘employment pathways’.					
Progress Update	<p>Much of this quarter was dedicated to setting up administrative systems and building partnership links with other community organisations and services, essential to the delivery of the project.</p> <p>The project has 4 clients registered with the project (2 males and 2 females). They delivered 6 one-to-one sessions in which clients received careers advice; support with job application and writing up personal statement. 1 male is in voluntary work placement in Admin and Graphic design, with their own organisation, Stepney Community Trust. Having access to their service has greatly boosted their confidence and moral as previously they did not have access to this type of support.</p> <p>the project have carried out outreach work locally and attended the TH Connecting Communities’ event to promote our service to borough wide organisations and agencies. They have subsequently established formal partnership working with TH Family Hub and East London Business Alliance and are in the process of building a working relationship with Darul Ummah Mosque Women's group.</p> <p>They have designed and produced the initial poster to promote the service and have created data capture forms to ensure they log all necessary information required for service delivery. These include: Client Registration Form; Equalities monitoring Form; Health Form; Client History Form to capture details of circumstances in the clients life, both past and present, which have resulted in barriers to securing employment, training or education;</p> <p>In Q2 the project aim to deliver skill building and coaching workshops: workshop 1: ‘ My 10 Year Vision - Motivational Workshop’, This aims to empower each client with a positive 10 year vision and plan for their life which includes personal development, finances, mental and physical health. Workshop 2: ‘Skills Identifying &amp; Skills Building Workshop’ . Both of these workshops will inform the Individual Action Plan/ Personal Development Plan for each client. They will also start IT classes in Q2. The project will continue with outreach and promotion of the project, and continue with one to one support</p>					



ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
9077	Streets of Growth	Inspire Talent: Youth employability programme	Boroughwide	£20,000	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	We will support 16-25s Young adults who face complex barriers to work – showcasing their abilities and ensuring successful employment/training transitions. Engaging participants through outreach, we will develop their skills through strategic employer partnerships and a vibrant programme of life skills/work training, career mentoring, work experience and viable career pathways.					
Progress Update	Over this funding period Streets of Growth (SG) delivered the programme to young people aged 16-24 years through 3 cohorts, with a total of 51 young people engaged. All 51 young people engaged to develop key employability along with career insight sessions, work experience placements and transition into employment and apprenticeships. In this quarter 7 young people progressed into employment, with 4 securing part -time employment, 2 securing full-time apprenticeships in Form Work (with Berkeley Homes) and Motor Mechanics. A further 2 young people are awaiting confirmation of apprenticeship placements. This will start in April 2024. Across the cohort all 51 young people have expressed an increased confidence in their career goals. In Feb 2024 half Term held a Young People Award event in which all 51 young people attended to receive awards in various achievements inclusive of accreditations, social action projects, progression etc. A video of the event was attached to the report. 30 of the 51 young people had planned and executed 1 social action initiative within the Nov-March period. The remaining 21 young people will deliver a social action project in the next quarter. 22 young women engaged in the programming in November. All 22 young women were of BAME heritages (predominately of Bangladeshi heritage).					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8957	The Bangladesh Youth Movement (BYM)	“Opening Doors” [The Ethnically Diverse Women’s Engagement Initiative]	Shadwell	£20,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	“Opening Doors” is an initiative customised to support those residents furthest from the labour market i.e. females from Bangladeshi and ethnically diverse communities who are regularly excluded from development opportunities; they will build confidence, work-related skills and experience through employment-driven training and work development activities to become ready for work.					
Progress Update	This period Bangladesh Youth Movement (BYM) had 20 participants who took part in regular project activities. They have reported that 4 female participants are progressing into work experience in this period and 1 female is progressing into employment. They have provided case studies of two female participants one of whom is looking to gain employment by this year.					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
9047	Volunteer Centre Tower Hamlets	Improving Employability Through Volunteering	Boroughwide	£39,250	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Our project will support socially excluded residents from across the borough, including those who are further away from the labour market, to volunteer in local voluntary, community and statutory organisations, where they will gain workplace experience, training, references and improve their employability, skills and confidence.					
Progress Update	<p>The main focus of their work between 1 November 23 and 31 March 24 has been on mobilisation of the Improving Employability Through Volunteering (IETV) programme. They have done this by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making contacts and building relationships with partners and referrals agencies that support our target groups</li> <li>• Developing publicity material and enrolment documentation for the programme</li> <li>• Working with numerous VCS and public sector organisations to develop a wide range of appealing volunteering roles that provide training and skills development opportunities</li> <li>• Promoting and raising awareness of volunteering to residents via stalls and presentations</li> </ul> <p>In particular the project has been working very closely with Workpath colleagues. On 12 October 2023, just before their IETV programme began, they held a stall promoting volunteering at the Workpath Jobs and Skills Fair. Since then, they have been planning the delivery of sessions specifically for Workpath clients, to start in May 2024, and for a large-scale Volunteering Fair on 3 June 2024. They have also secured a commitment from Workpath to provide help with reimbursing travel expenses for Workpath clients who volunteer, when their expenses cannot be reimbursed by VCS organisations. This will remove a significant barrier to volunteering for people on low incomes.</p> <p>They have been busy promoting volunteering to local students and unemployed people. They have held stalls at number of events and delivered bespoke presentations, selling the benefits of volunteering and raising awareness of volunteering roles currently available (see attachment uploaded for details).</p> <p>During the 5-month period, 367 individuals have registered with Volunteer Centre Tower Hamlets to express an interest in volunteering. During April-June, they will be contacting them, sifting them to assess their eligibility and appetite for joining the IETV programme (participants will be unemployed, under-employed or in unsatisfactory employment). The project will then enrol them, implement baseline questionnaires, identify any barriers, and tailor support to help them secure and start in suitable volunteering roles.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8964	Working Well Trust	Upskill Works	Boroughwide	£25,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	We will support people with lived experience of mental health, learning disabilities and/or neurodiversity to address the barriers to progressing towards employment, to improve their employment prospects, to achieve and sustain their employment goals.					
Progress Update	<p>This quarter Upskill Works was able to engage with a number of referral partners, developing marketing material and attending a number of community events, residents wanting to achieve employment goals were able to access the project from mid-November. They have been able to work with a number of residents to identify long term employment goals and to support people to move closer to those goals in a step by step approach. Accessing a range of activities courses and volunteering opportunities including Esol, Confidence Building and vocational courses meant a number of residents were able to enhance their CVs.</p> <p>15 residents actively engaging and have worked with Upskill to identify long term goals via action planning and working towards long term employment goals. 3 people have secured paid employment in this quarter.</p>					

**Scheme B – Sports and Local Culture and Heritage**

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
9086	Bromley By Bow Community Organisation	BBBCO Sporting Community	Bromley South	£15,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	BBBCO Sporting Community will provide sporting sessions to young people to improve their physical and mental health; develop their personal skills and social connections; act as a diversionary hook away from negative activities.					
Progress Update	The project has reported that they had an excellent registration and on boarding of the project. This included feedback and personal profile measurements of wellbeing and BMI scores from the participants that has been assessed again in February 2024. Various fitness and sports session plans covered by the sports coach and volunteers that has led to a slight increase in well-being and also BMI index. This will be worked on again for the next quarter. The project also had new participants after the sessions had started and publicity material was circulated. Achievements are the improvement in well-being and physical measurements. Using communication tools the project keep the users updated on their results and engagement after the sessions to maintain full attendance. Feedback from users suggest varying the session plans week on week to keep users engaged.					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8897	Four Corners	East End Stories	Boroughwide	£20,000	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	“East End Stories” will provide seventy-two Tower Hamlets residents with the opportunity to participate in a programme of training and cultural activities which will culminate in them making films about their local community’s history and culture.					
Progress Update	<p>This project will be delivered in collaboration with Oxford House, which is celebrating its 140th anniversary this year. Oxford House has been a community hub in Bethnal Green since its inception in 1884, housing many types of community groups involved in local activism, arts, music and dance.</p> <p>Oxford House has digitised a vast amount of its archive spanning its fascinating history. For this project, Oxford House will open up its archives to the public for the first time. The project will work with local volunteers to explore decades of change in Tower Hamlets and share important stories from the local, diverse community. Volunteers will delve into the archives and make three short films about local history, learning new skills such as Premiere Pro editing during the project. The films will be screened at a celebratory event later in the year and will become part of Oxford House's permanent digital archive, accessible to anyone.</p> <p>The project are currently recruiting volunteers through websites and social media. They have had an encouraging level of interest and plan to interview potential volunteers shortly. They have not yet delivered any activity but expect to be able to provide much more information about participants in the next quarterly report.</p> <p>The project has recruited a Premiere Pro tutor, who will accompany the volunteers on their 'Meet the Archivist' research visits to the Oxford House archives beginning in April and will formulate a teaching schedule based on these meetings.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
9050	Half Moon Young People's Theatre	Professional Theatre and Inclusive Participatory Drama for Young People	Boroughwide	£25,000	Monitoring indicates the project has achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Professional theatre shows and inclusive participatory drama opportunities in an accessible venue and in Children and Family Centres around the borough. Activity is for ages 0-18 (or 25 for disabled young people) from all backgrounds and abilities from across Tower Hamlets, with free access support for anyone with needs/disabilities.					
Progress Update	<p>During the first reporting period (November 2024 - March 2025), HMYPT had 198 members, 52 of whom are disabled or have additional needs. Additionally, HMYPT were visited by 14 different theatre companies who performed to over 2000 audience members.</p> <p>In terms of activities the different group groups spent most of their spring term learning how to make a piece of theatre from scratch by writing short scenes for the younger groups to perform. The group wrote scripts, designed their own costumes and props, and planned lighting and set design. In terms of geography, participants were evenly spread from across the borough with Mile End having a slightly larger representation than the other wards. Financial reporting shows spend on track with budget.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8860	Kayd Somali Arts & Culture	Tower Hamlets in Focus: Somali Arts Project	Bethnal Green East (formerly Bethnal Green)	£20,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Celebrate and showcasing Somali arts and culture in Tower Hamlets through a series of engaging events during the Somali Week Festival. Featuring a family weekend, a captivating documentary highlighting the historical significance of Somalis in East London, and a commissioned British-Somali play. Preserving cultural heritage & promoting artistic expression and storytelling.					
Progress Update	<p>In this quarter, Kayd launch their first event in collaboration with Galool, Home of Somali Education Resources, and Oxford House,. Kayd organised a fun family weekend event which included many activities, such as storytelling, games, cultural exhibitions, watching cartoons in the Somali language, interactive workshops, face painting, sing-alongs, cultural dances, and poetry recitation. The launch of this event was vital for Somali parents and their children as it gave them the space to learn a lot from their cultures and heritage. For example, for some sessions, cartoon programs that spoke the Somali language were shown to the children so they could learn some Somali words. This session was also helpful to the parents because it allowed their children to learn more about Somali culture through the children's entertainment industry.</p> <p>Furthermore, this event fostered community cohesion among Somali families. Kayd also organized workshops regarding parenting methods and coping mechanisms. Around 170 families came for the event; 40 were parents, and the rest were children. Over 70% came from the Tower Hamlet area. However, some came from different locations, including west and north of London. Hence, some of the significant outcomes of this event included increasing community engagement in cultural activity among Tower Hamlets residents</p> <p>They have also been introduced on the parents' apps and other social media channels they can use to teach their Somali languages.</p> <p>Furthermore, Kayd organised the steering group committee for the documentary production of "Untold Stories of Somaliland Community in East London," and have also recruited filming crew including producer of the documentary, and filming and interview sessions will start in the upcoming months.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8983	Magic Me	CREATIVE MIX	Bethnal Green East (formerly Bethnal Green)	£39,958	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	CREATIVE MIX: a year-round programme of relationship building, arts workshops and creative events in and around Bethnal Green that will bring older and younger residents together, increasing individuals' confidence and wellbeing, building connections across different faiths, cultures and backgrounds, through creativity and the arts.					
Progress Update	<p>During this period the project delivered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5 taster sessions at 3 Sheltered Housing Schemes (Rochester Court, Vic Johnson House, Ted Roberts House)</li> <li>- 2 Project introductory sessions at Mulberry UTC</li> <li>- 5 Project workshops at Ted Roberts House</li> <li>- 1 Intergenerational Gathering</li> </ul> <p>The project worked with: 16 young people in total; 19 older people attended taster workshops; 5 older people attended project workshops</p> <p>Project Achievements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gateway Housing confirmed partner for older people engagement. They are keen to be part of this project after lower engagement of residents following the pandemic.</li> <li>- Mulberry UTC confirmed younger people partner after original partner (Mulberry School for Girls) were no longer able to take part. Health &amp; Social Care students are taking part as part of their course.</li> <li>- Bringing older residents from different Gateway Housing Schemes together - this is unusual post pandemic as social activity across Gateway schemes has diminished, and residents less open to new opportunities.</li> <li>- Bringing older and younger people together for the first time at the intergenerational gathering. Participants fed back that it was great to exchange stories and "it was lovely" talking to (5 of which attended regularly) each other.</li> </ul> <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Relationship building and building trust with older participants has taken longer than expected, due to structural changes in the Sheltered Housing Schemes since the pandemic. The project therefore extended the time assigned to recruitment and older people only sessions, and delayed delivery at Pott Street as it didn't feel appropriate. Intergenerational sessions at Pott Street are scheduled from late April onwards.</li> </ul>					



ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
9087	Ocean Youth Connexions	Physical Health and fitness programmes	St Dunstan's	£20,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	We want to continue deliver a Taekwondo Session for young girls from the BAME communities, a BAME men's cycling activity and a weekend football programme that addresses social exclusions					
Progress Update	The project registered 28 young people for their football sessions and 5 adults for the cycling. They have been holding regular football sessions at George Green's Astro Pitch and organising cycling sessions on a fortnightly basis.					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8882	Osmani Trust	OC Active – Community Sports & Health Project	Boroughwide	£40,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Our project will provide access to regular sports provision for BAME communities including young girls, women, young adults and men over 45; meeting their family, cultural and religious needs and enabling them to participate fully. The programme will support local people to become Volunteer Champions promoting sports and healthy living.					
Progress Update	<p>The OC Active Sports project has been very well received and welcomed across Tower Hamlets and beyond LBTH.</p> <p>Women in particular have identified substantial gaps in provisions in sport in their local areas and as a result the project has also engaged 13 Women interested &amp; attended an OT Active taster session. The LBTH OC Active Sport club's sessions has seen a wonderful uptake from across TH and from across all demographics of the community. The project has seen rapid development within the first quarter, with 60 service users registered and attending a sports club regularly. On average each participant has attend 3 sessions with the intentions to attend all 5 and or as many sessions as they can.</p> <p>The project hope to grow the OC Active project further with volunteer Health champions, the introduction of Mental Health champions and a sport survey from the whole community to support identifying the demand/need/type of sports provision wanted locally. The project shall have volunteers supporting the summer Tower Hamlets cup and also hope to host a number of collaborations to incorporate health &amp; sport in the community.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8875	Outside Edge Theatre Company	East London Drop-in Drama and Write Now	Boroughwide	£25,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	East London Drop-in Drama and East London Write Now will provide free, accessible arts-based activities for vulnerable Tower Hamlets residents affected by addiction that will help improve their health and wellbeing and prevent relapse.					
Progress Update	<p>During this period, the project focused on delivering their Drop-in Drama to participants. These weekly 2-hour sessions offered fun, fast improvisation games and drama activities that help people to build confidence, reduce loneliness, improve wellbeing and develop commitment. The project has had a successful start with 20 sessions being delivered to 35 participants who attended 188 times during Nov 2023 to Mar 2024.</p> <p>Seven participants of the East London Drop-in Drama who have attended consistently for at least three months took part in the January-March module of intermediate acting group Edge Two, which focussed on ensemble storytelling and used faerie tales and children’s stories as a prompt to devise a piece which was performed to an audience of 46 at the Brady Arts Centre in Tower Hamlets. For two of these participants who had been attending East London Drop-in Drama consistently, it was their first time participating in this intermediate group. Two regular attendees of East London Drop-in Drama progressed in Outside Edge’s participation pathway, and are now becoming a Peer Volunteers who then co-lead this year’s first sessions of online peer support group, Peer-led Check-in. This group is co-produced with the Participation and Operations Manager, with the co-leads deciding the monthly schedule including one in-person meet-up.</p> <p>As the project developed, it was noted by the organisation of a high attendance of men to their session. As a conscious effort to improve the attendance of women and make it a welcoming environment the organisations made efforts to encourage local services to bring their females, identifying service users to this particular session, organising Outreach Taster Sessions in the local area, and arranging network shares and flyer distribution with local services, arts organisations and community centres. This situation has improved, with 4 new female-identifying Service Users joining the group between November 2023-March 2024. With great progress they will continue their outreach work to bring a consistent gender balance to these sessions.</p> <p>In additions to this, they delivered three Drama/Drama and Creative Writing Taster Sessions in three services in the borough. These 1-hour long sessions use fun exercises that target improvements in the Five Ways to Wellbeing (connect, take notice, keep learning, be active, give) to demonstrate to participants how arts activities can help to improve wellbeing. These Taster Sessions were co-facilitated by East London Drop-in Drama service users who are offered volunteering opportunities as part of their Participation Pathway engagement with the organisation. Between November 2024 to March 2024, the organisation delivered three of these sessions for 36 people who would not otherwise have access to arts-based interventions.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8644	Platform Cricket (Tower Hamlets Youth Sport Foundation)	Platform Cricket Hubs: Bethnal Green, Bow, Isle of Dogs, Poplar, Stepney, Wapping & Whitechapel	Boroughwide	£25,000	Monitoring indicates that the project is mostly on track, but additional support is planned	<b>AMBER</b>
Short Description	Establish "pop up" cricket clubs at 7 locations across the borough, providing access for all children but particularly under-represented groups such as girls, ethnic minorities, and those from low-income backgrounds. Sessions will utilise cricket to support personal and social development outcomes.					
Progress Update	<p>During this period, the project focused on starting the engagement with the children from local schools, this was really successful and great feedback was received from both participants and parents. Just before the Easter break, the organisation delivered the program with a focus on healthy nutrition as well as our normal cricketing activities, again the feedback from this indicates that this is something children and parents want to see more of, so in the summer months of delivery there will also be healthy nutritional workshops in the delivery.</p> <p>Summer months of delivery will focus more on using outdoor greenspace and because of weather get activities outside running the festival which welcome everyone.</p> <p>There will be additional support for the group to progress.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
9016	Shadwell Basin Outdoor Activity Centre (Also Known as ELMV Shadwell Basin Project)	Discover Adventure Sport Project	Boroughwide	£9,294	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	The ‘Discover Adventure Sports Project’ will use outdoor and adventure activities as a vehicle to, both increase the engagement of girls in sports and improve health outcomes for inactive young people. It will target under-represented communities to address the inequalities that exist in the access to adventure sports.					
Progress Update	<p>Girls Sessions                      10 girls were enrolled onto the programme and there were 17 sessions that took place on Wednesday evenings over the five-month period. Attendance was very good, despite the cold weather and dark evenings, with an average of just over 8 girls attending each session. A mixed activity programme took place, varying from week to week depending on the weather. Activities included climbing, high ropes, team building challenges, raft building, rowing, stand up paddleboarding, mountain biking, open canoeing, orienteering, indoor bouldering, building improvised shelters and campfire cooking. Many of the girls taking part were aged 9 or 10, which is the lower end of the age range. It was very rewarding to see them building confidence and friendships and the growth in their skills throughout the sessions. Over the period there were 18 awards in total gained by 8 of the participants.</p> <p>Inactive / Healthy Activities                      There were 5 boys and 5 girls engaged in this programme, who took part in a total of 13 sessions. There were 119 attendances in total over the 13 sessions, with an average attendance of just over 9 young people per session. A mixed activity programme took place, varying from week to week depending on the weather. Activities included climbing, high ropes, team building challenges, orienteering, indoor bouldering, mountain biking, building improvised shelters and campfire cooking. Over the period there were 32 awards gained in total by 10 participants.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8703	South Poplar and Limehouse Action for Secure Housing (SPLASH)	SPLASH Sports and Play clubs	Limehouse	£20,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	In England's most densely populated borough, where 41.8% of kids face weight challenges, and 88% live in flats. SPLASH Play offers free supervised play and sport provisions for children aged 5-13. Our dedicated playworkers nurture creativity, empowering kids to explore their imagination, learn, and flourish in a safe, friendly space.					
Progress Update	<p><b>Achievements and Outcomes</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Community Integration and Ownership - The project has become an essential part of the community landscape.</li> <li>2. Diverse Play Activities - Arts and Crafts: Making collages for Easter, Ramadan and Eid using recycled materials to display in the community rooms. Children’s imaginations run wild as they transform everyday items into works of art. Weekly Sports: From table tennis to 5-a-side football, we’ve created a dynamic sports program. Children engage in friendly competition, hone their skills, and build camaraderie.</li> <li>3. Introducing New Sports                         <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Basketball: The rhythmic bounce of the ball echoes through the play area as children learn the fundamentals of this exciting sport.</li> <li>2) Kite Flying: Against the backdrop of the open sky, colourful kites dance, teaching patience and control.</li> <li>3) Hull Hoops: The challenge of aiming hoops keeps children engaged and energised.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Cooking sessions have become a highlight: Increased participants: The project have noticed a steady rise in attendance during cooking days. Some children exclusively join us for these sessions, eager to explore flavours and techniques.</li> <li>5. Growing Confidence - Trying New Things: In the kitchen, they experiment with ingredients, and outdoors, they dive into team activities like cops and robbers. Positive Feedback: Participant questionnaires reveal increased confidence and a greater willingness to participate in physical games such as basketball, hull hoops, and kite flying. Mainly by the girls. The project have taken a confidence baseline for 4 participants.</li> <li>6. Community celebration - Children from the surrounding estate descended upon their vibrant Open Day and Eid Party like a burst of confetti ready for adventure. The project provided range of activities indoors and outside to give the children the opportunity to take part with their siblings. Children enjoyed playing competitive team games and winning prizes. All the children had food and sweet treats on the day.</li> <li>7. Recommendations                         <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Expand Cooking Sessions -Given their popularity, the project are considering more frequent cooking activities. The aroma of sizzling food outdoors is attracting more children to the session.</li> <li>2. Strengthen Community Ties -Collaborate with local schools and organisations. Extend our reach to more children who can benefit from our play sessions.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
9064	Udichi Shilpi Gosthi	Udichi Performing Arts and Festival Project	Bethnal Green East (formerly Bethnal Green)	£19,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	UDICHI Performing Arts/Festival Project works with Tower Hamlets Bangladeshi community increasing access and participation in cultural events focusing on Bengali & other cultures/heritages. Project provides quality teaching in music, dance, literature to 420 children/young people over 3.5 years and also delivers X 18 Festivals for 7,000 Tower Hamlets residents.					
Progress Update	Udichi has started to deliver Udichi Performing Arts and Festival project in November 2023. We have recruited 2 music qualified music teachers, 2 qualified dance teachers, coordinator, admin staff and volunteers to deliver the project successfully. We are on track of our target and output. We have delivered two mid-scale events during from November 2023 to March 2024. we have delivered victory day of Bangladesh on 16 December 2023 and International Mother Language Day Celebration on 24 February 2025. 650 total audience from the local community attended both events. The children and adults student of Udichi School of Performing arts took part in music, dance, poetry recitation.					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8673	Vallance Community Sports Association	SEND Health & Wellbeing Project (Adults)	Boroughwide	£25,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	A programme of weekly sports and physical activities and a social club for Adults (18 years and above) with special educational needs and disabilities for the purpose of increasing sports participation, improving health and wellbeing (including mental health), and reducing loneliness, isolation and exclusion.					
Progress Update	During this quarter, the Physical and Mental Health programme for adults with disabilities participating in sports activities has made substantial progress and achieved significant outcomes. They have progressed in the following areas: Increased Participation: The project saw a noticeable increase in participant engagement, with more adults with disabilities actively taking part in sports activities; Skill Development: Participants demonstrated improvements in physical fitness, sports skills, and overall well-being through regular training and sessions; Community Integration: The programme played a crucial role in fostering social connections and community integration for individuals with disabilities; Positive Feedback: Continuous positive feedback from participants, indicating high satisfaction levels and the beneficial impact of the program on their physical and mental health.					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8752	Wapping Youth Services	FitLife: Wellness Through Sports	Bethnal Green East (formerly Bethnal Green)	£25,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	FitLife: Wellness Through Sports initiative is a project that promotes improved health and well-being of residents. Through targeted activities, the project aims to foster engagement, physical and mental wellness, and a sense of pride in the diverse cultural community for all the residents of Tower Hamlets.					
Progress Update	<p>Wellness Through Sports, was to organise community events such as regular football and BJJ sessions. However, due to delays in the receipt of the grant funds from the council, no events were able to be organised during the specified period.</p> <p>While the project was unable to deliver any events during the period of November 2023 to March 2024, the project made significant progress in securing resources and facilities for future activities. Their achievements during this period include the pre-booking of football pitches for block bookings and securing premises for Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu (BJJ) sessions. Additionally, they have received considerable interest from the community regarding mountain treks, and they are currently in the process of booking a coach for participants. The bookings for these activities will be finalised shortly.</p> <p>Regrettably, no project activities took place during the period of November 2023 to March 2024. However, the project remained engaged with stakeholders and community members to communicate updates regarding the project status and the delays encountered. Their focus during this period was on securing bookings and resources for future events.</p>					

Appendix 3.4 Theme 4 – Investing in Public Services

Scheme A - Physical and Mental Health Wellbeing of Older People

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8969	Age UK East London	Activity Buddy	Boroughwide	£25,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes. Satisfactory report.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Our tried and tested, volunteer-led Activity Buddy scheme uses both 1:1 and group sessions to support older people to build the trust and confidence to get out into the community, connect with others and become more active and informed.					
Progress Update	During this period the project has supported 11 beneficiaries. The project has demonstrated progress against its KPIs and Outcomes. Only 5 of the 11 had 2 SWEMBS scores to measure with as the rest were too early in the service to obtain a 2nd score. 100% (5 of 5) of participants report: feeling less isolated and lonely by end of year 1; they feel more included and integrated in their community each year; 91% (10 of 11) of all participants access wider support and services; 45% (5 of 11) of all participants are more physically active. The rest of the clients have although matched with a volunteer, have yet to start attending their in-person physical sessions. Project monitoring demonstrates engagement of older people in line with application expectations on geographical and equalities monitoring.					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8826	Asian People's Disability Alliance	Can you See Us - Standing Up for Older People	Bethnal Green East (formerly Bethnal Green)	£20,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	This is a Daycare & Development Project for Older women with Disabilities and long-term Health Conditions. By supporting their physical, emotional, social, and environmental needs, we may improve the quality of life for older persons with impairments and health issues.					
Progress Update	42 sessions have been undertaken throughout this period from 01/11 to 31/03, even during the Period of Ramadan sessions were well attended. On average 60-70 women attended per week in the two sessions held in Hason Raja & Minerva Community centres. The participated in exercise, dance and movement sessions, arts and crafts & health information workshops. Users were also supported to feed into the Tower Hamlets consultation on leisure centres and Disability access needs.					



ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
9073	Community of Refugees from Vietnam - East London	Vietnamese and Chinese Lunch and Social Club	Bethnal Green East (formerly Bethnal Green)	£25,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	The Vietnamese & Chinese Lunch Club (VCLC) provides healthy food, a lunch club, a range of social activities and promotes healthy living in all forms for older people in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.					
Progress Update	<p>During this period the project has supported 60 beneficiaries. The Vietnamese and Chinese Lunch and Social Club has delivered a comprehensive range of services to older Vietnamese and Chinese people from providing nutritious meals, opportunities to learn cooking healthy and affordable meals, to engaging in social and health-focused activities that promote health and mental wellbeing and combat loneliness and social isolation. Some of the sessions that have been delivered include: dexterity games, Tai Chi sessions, table tennis and ballroom dancing. During this period the project has supported people by quipping them with knowledge and resources to lead healthier lives. Through informative sessions, health screenings, and workshops the project has provided opportunities for its members to learn about the different health conditions that affect them. For those that live on their own or are housebound, the project has established a volunteer outreach programs, social activities, transportation services, technology training, and home visits to ensure that no member feels alone or disconnected.</p> <p>Though the project was only running for 5 months it has managed to achieve some positive outcomes. Out of the 60 people that are registered to the project 35% of these participants have reported improved physical wellbeing; 33% reported improved psychological well-being and 38% reported improved diet and healthy eating habits.</p> <p>Project monitoring demonstrates engagement of Vietnamese and Chinese older people in line with application expectations on geographical and equalities monitoring. Financial reporting shows spend on track with budget.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
9004	East London Mosque Trust	The Senior Citizens Project	Bethnal Green East (formerly Bethnal Green)	£25,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	The Senior Citizens Project at East London Mosque supports elderly men and women over 50 to tackle loneliness and isolation and improve their health and well-being through social activity, exercise, and awareness sessions in a culturally sensitive space and gives access to a healthy meal through a health cafe.					
Progress Update	<p>During this period, the project supported 64 older residents both male and female. The Project was designed using the 5 ways to Health and well-being tool kit looking at connection, being active, taking notice, keep learning and giving. The project started the session with Co-Production with the participants designing the sessions. The Project is in two parts: one for men and one for women at the Maryam centre. The project recruited a female coordinator to oversee the project in the MC and that delayed the Project start date from officially January 2024 but designing the trailing of the project started from November 2023 with the volunteers. The project has also recruited volunteers to assist the staff as the project has a large number of people in each group.</p> <p>During this period staff and volunteers spent a lot of time listening and learning together inviting professionals like the End-of-Life team and Diabetes UK to talk and raise awareness. The co-production element has been great, and it means that the participants decide on when they want to attend and the duration and what they want to learn and where they want to go.</p> <p>The project has demonstrated making good progress against KPIs. In this period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 25 elderly men report feeling less lonely and isolated and report improvements in their physical and mental health wellbeing</li> <li>- 39 elderly women report feeling less lonely and isolated and report improvements in their physical and mental health wellbeing</li> </ul> <p>Project monitoring demonstrates engagement of men and women in line with application expectations on equalities monitoring.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8868	English National Ballet	Dancing East	Bethnal Green East (formerly Bethnal Green)	£25,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Dancing East is English National Ballet’s programme of creative ballet classes for participants aged over 50 living in Tower Hamlets and is designed to improve physical and mental wellbeing through dance in community centres across the borough.					
Progress Update	<p>Activities and achievements in the period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 8 weekly sessions took place in three centres: Neighbours in Poplar, Sundial Centre and Toynbee Hall and approximate number of participants across three centres has been 30 dancers.</li> <li>- The focus for the term was on ENB repertoire, David Dawson's Four Last Songs and Andrea Miller’s Les Noces, with a focusing on each work for four weeks.</li> <li>- We established a new relationship with Custom House and Canning Town Community Group, a community group based in St Luke’s in Canning Town, approx. 15 minutes from ENB's building (MCD), which has continued to grow and develop. We initiated contact with the group in summer 2023, and invited the group to visit ENB in September 2023, welcoming the group into our building. We led a building tour and delivered a short introduction to the company and the Engagement team. We showed the group a few clips and costumes from some of the company’s productions too, and offered refreshments. 17 participants attended.</li> <li>- From conversations across our Dancing East community centres, the need for this activity was apparent as many participants described the programme as "a lifeline", and "a chance for them to meet and speak to likeminded people". We have streamlined activity where appropriate in meeting the demands of the centre’s timetables and we have looked at artistic content and set-up to ensure the programme remains relevant, artistically challenging for the participants and creatively innovative.</li> <li>- The focus on connecting the participants to a professional performing company, was continuously strengthened by introducing the company’s repertoire within sessions and providing free tickets to ENB working stage rehearsals at the London Coliseum. Approximate numbers of participants who took up the ticket offers: 28 dancers for December 2023 (Nutcracker) and 30 dancers for January 2024 (Mary Skeaping's Giselle).</li> <li>- Based on evaluation with participants and centre managers across Dancing East, participants have reported that the dance classes have improved their physical, social, and emotional wellbeing. Additionally, participants have noted the improvement to their energy levels, coordination, and muscle strength through taking part in our programmes.</li> <li>- Dancers from one of our Dancing East centres, Sundial Centre, completed an evaluation wellbeing scale earlier in the year where they were asked to answer a series of questions based on how much they agreed that the ENB dance classes impacted their wellbeing. There were 6 statements, including ‘I feel confident’ and ‘I feel connected to other people’ and the questionnaire was completed by 10 dancers. The average score across all 6 statements was 4.3, with 5 being the highest value of ‘All of the time’.</li> </ul>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8942	Globe Community Project	Wellbeing for Elders	Bethnal Green West (formerly St Peter's)	£39,903	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	A powerful mindfulness-based programme serving over-60s at risk of severe loneliness and isolation in Tower Hamlets supporting them to increase connection with others and themselves and lead richer, more active and fulfilling lives. Participants improve their resilience using proven tools to improve awareness and agency over thoughts, emotions and behaviour.					
Progress Update	<p>During this start-up period the project focused on project initiation, including: detailed research mapping Tower Hamlets loneliness hotspots, researching partnership potential in hotspot areas, recruiting a Bangla-speaking Outreach worker (male), using a rigorous process including language tests, to ensure the project can reach as many people in the target group as possible, exploring potential to contract a Bangladeshi female outreach worker for courses and events specifically for Bangladeshi women. Project staff organised partnership and networking meetings with Age UK East London, Ocean Regeneration Trust, Breathing Space, Tower Hamlets Carers Centre, St Joseph’s Hospice / Compassionate Neighbours scheme, Neighbours in Poplar, ELOP, Tower Hamlets Family Hubs. The project advertised its service at Tower Hamlets Connection Coalition, Age UK East London, community centre open days and project staff attended Social Action for Health launch event of research on minoritised men’s health in Tower Hamlets</p> <p>During this reporting period the project has supported 11 people. Some progress has been made against the KPIs which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 7 people aged over 60 reported increased psychological resilience</li> <li>- 7 people aged over 60 reported increased high-quality connection with others and feel a tangible experiential sense of belonging.</li> <li>- 7 people aged over 60 reported increased know-how to access the available spaces, activities and services that they want and need to mitigate loneliness</li> </ul> <p>The organisation has hired a new Outreach &amp; Engagement Lead, at a benchmarked salary rate and with excellent benefits, in line with GCP goal to be a really good organisation to work for. GCP have been awarded a 3-year core grant of £104K from the Henry Smith Charity, and a £25K project grant for work with female refugees from the Postcode Society Trust. These grants mean GCP are beginning to build their sustainability as an organisation,</p> <p>Project monitoring demonstrates engagement of participants in line with application expectations on geographical and equalities monitoring.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8973	Island House Community Centre	SENIORS	Boroughwide	£25,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	The Seniors Project addresses loneliness and isolation in older people within Tower Hamlets through regular initiatives covering physical and mental health, social needs, and practical skills. Extending our existing programme will increase the range of social and health activities available to improve mental and physical health amongst the over-fifties.					
Progress Update	<p>During the Nov - March period Island House Community Centre provided 79 sessions of overall support to local SENIORS and recorded 569 attendances. As per the application (both in terms of demographic and stated activity), support for older people included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* 13 Choir sessions</li> <li>* 18 Craft Club sessions</li> <li>* 7 lunch club sessions</li> <li>* 38 exercises classes (of two levels)</li> <li>* 3 health workshops.</li> </ul> <p>The project continues to thrive, however, challenges during this period include closure of the luncheon club to retirement of a long-term volunteer as well as long-term sickness of the long-standing Chair Exercise tutor (2 months), during which attendance temporarily deteriorated despite successfully recruiting cover.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
----	--------------	---------	--------------------------	---------------------	----------------	------------

8903	Neighbours In Poplar	Bengali Womens Holistic Project	Blackwall and Cubitt Town	£25,000	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Following extensive research by NIP, we have discovered that there is a lack of community provision for local elderly Bengali women. We therefore, propose to outreach to local elderly Bengali women residing in the E14 area to attend and take full advantage of the many services and activities from NIP.					
Progress Update	<p>During this quarter, the Bengali Women’s Holistic Project has made significant strides to support Bengali residents aged over 50 in the E14 area, with a particular focus on those in Isle of Dogs and Poplar. Through a range of interventions, significant achievements and outcomes were realised, positively impacting the lives of Bengali women within the community.</p> <p>The current outcome achieved:</p> <p>Financial Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- They have supported seven individuals in securing PIP benefits, providing vital financial relief and backdated payments totalling over £1,700 monthly.</li> <li>- Assisted six clients with online Universal Credit applications, ensuring accurate submissions and easing financial burdens.</li> <li>- Successfully completed two carer allowance applications, providing £81.90 per week to beneficiaries. This was after I completed and they were successfully awarded disability benefits for their partners/ parent.</li> <li>- Aided in resolving rent arrears and accessing housing benefits/council tax reductions online for three clients, mitigating economic challenges during the Cost-of-Living Crisis.</li> <li>- Guided one person through claiming pension credit, offering crucial financial support after their Universal Credit had been stopped.</li> <li>- Enabled two clients to obtain disabled freedom passes and 60+ bus passes, enhancing mobility and community engagement.</li> </ul> <p>In the Digital Inclusion support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provided essential digital assistance, including setting up emails and aiding with various online forms, such as attendance allowance and universal credit, particularly for those facing language barriers.</li> </ul> <p>Impact:</p> <p>The support, specifically in aiding financial stability through our welfare benefits support, significantly reduced mental distress and loneliness amongst clients, fostering improved wellbeing and community engagement.</p> <p>During this quarter, the organisation has actively built relationships with other organisations for collaborative workshops, laying the groundwork for future endeavours. The first quarter was used to leaflet and market the project, engage with residents in outreach work so as to gather input and feedback on desired sessions and activities for the future.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8632	Shadwell Trust	Bridging the Gap	Shadwell	£25,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes. Satisfactory Report.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Bridging the Gap will provide access to physical activity and mobility sessions to older people. The activities will be delivered from Tarling East Community Centre in partnership with Sonali Gardens, Linkage Plus and Tower Hamlets Community Housing. We also plan to run social club and activity classes for older people.					
Progress Update	<p>During this period the project has supported 20 participants through providing a range of health and wellbeing activities which include physical and mobility sessions, art classes and social club sessions.</p> <p>The project started in December 2024 and it has captured initial registration, attendance and baseline information for each client. The project will be able to report on the KPIs by the next monitoring period. Through anecdotal evidence staff have observed that the project is beginning to make a positive impact on people's lives by reducing isolation; increasing social networks and promoting wellbeing.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
9032	SocietyLinks Tower Hamlets	Growing Together	Shadwell	£40,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	A health and mental wellbeing improvement programme targeting older people through tackling loneliness, inactivity and isolation. The project will reduce digital isolation to give older people greater access to services and convenience and imbed strategies to improve intergenerational relations through a volunteering scheme with local young students.					
Progress Update	<p>During the first few months of the reporting period, the organisation was focused on mobilising the project, developing a project plan and design, recruitment, as well as developing a comms plan. Activities delivered during this period include:</p> <p>* herb box growing; making wind chimes; spring crafts; crocheting; painting on canvas; board games; bingo; quizzes and competitions.</p> <p>The organisation reports 'regular and high' attendance of the sessions, with an average turnout of approximately 12- 15 attendees. For the coming 6 weeks the organisation has plans to spend more time outdoors in the orchard and will be organising trips to the Tower of London and local walkabouts and trails. In total 6 young volunteers participated on the project as well as 6 local residents who have been supporting the sessions.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8956	Somali Senior Citizens Club	“Granby Hall Seniors’ Club”	Bethnal Green East (formerly Bethnal Green)	£25,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Granby Hall Seniors’ Club will promote health and well-being of vulnerable local elders, particularly, but not exclusively, from the Somali community living in Tower Hamlets experiencing social isolation, economic deprivation and reduced independence by providing a programme of health and developmental activities at our Granby Hall Centre.					
Progress Update	The project has supported 96 residents during this period by providing them with a range of health and wellbeing services which help beneficiaries to engage in self-management behaviours by providing them with the knowledge and resources they need to make informed decisions. The project delivers outreach, access to health information, including emotional and mental well-being, communicating living well post-Covid and social connection through social and cultural events. In collaboration with local community organizations and NHS health, the project designs and delivers culturally sensitive series of sessions for elderly participants.					



ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8864	St Hilda's East Community Centre	Over 50's Feeling Good	Boroughwide	£25,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes. Satisfactory report.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	The aim of Over 50s Feeling Good is to provide a programme of activity for older people which allows them to experience joy through taking part in exciting and challenging activity, fostering social connections, and improving their physical and mental health in an environment that is comfortable, safe and inclusive.					
Progress Update	<p>During this period of funding the project has seen its partnerships continue to blossom with the introduction of new and exciting projects. The project has increased the number of regular activities that meet the needs and wishes of the local community, therefore increasing wellbeing and social cohesion. In this funding period the project held 10 weeks of walking 4 netball sessions and added Yoga to the timetable and held workshops such as 'Money and Mental Health'. The over 50s feel good programme has been able to work with some larger organisations and offer participants new and exciting opportunities. Sadler's Wells Theatre have been running dance classes and offer the group a chance to perform at the theatre. Participants have also completed an 8- week project working alongside Historical Royal Palaces team at the Tower of London. These opportunities are fantastic because they allow our older people to explore new places.</p> <p>During this period the project has supported 45 older people. The project has demonstrated good progress against the annual KPI targets which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 99% of 42 participants surveyed reported improved physical health and wellbeing</li> <li>- 93% of 42 participants surveyed reported improved social connections and sense of community.</li> <li>- 90% of 42 participants surveyed reported improved mental wellbeing.</li> </ul> <p>The organisation demonstrates strengthened governance through engagement of new board members to address needs. In addition, the organisation has appointed a new Head of Programme Development and new Head of Operations to strengthen delivery of its strategy and programmes.</p> <p>Project monitoring demonstrates engagement of older in line with application expectations on geographical and equalities monitoring.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
9002	Tower Hamlets Friends and Neighbours	Befriending for Isolated Older People	Boroughwide	£25,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	A free befriending and advocacy service for older people experiencing loneliness and social isolation in Tower Hamlets through one-to-one befriending visits in people’s homes, group outings enabling people to meet others in a similar situation, and telephone befriending for additional support particularly at times of crisis.					
Progress Update	<p>During this period, the project has supported 192 Tower Hamlets residents and received 51 referrals. The project has continued to escort older residents to outings organised by third parties like the Alzheimer's Society. The project distributed over 160 goodie bags as Christmas presents. This included toiletries, shawls, gloves, hats for physical warmth, as well as puzzle books for mental stimulation and sweet treats (where appropriate).</p> <p>During this period, the project has achieved some positive outcomes which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 47 older people surveyed reported a reduction in loneliness</li> <li>- 58 older people surveyed report feeling more confident in dealing with everyday situation.</li> </ul> <p>The period November 2023 to March 2024 has been one of significant change for the organisation. The introduction of a new CEO has been met with a positive response from a cross range of stakeholders internally and externally. Work has begun on better networking the organisation with local partnerships. During this period the organisation has secured 2/3 of its funding for the year 2024/25 with a pipeline in excess of £80k worth of applications pending. It is the intention that the organisation will reopen its volunteering programme to new volunteers in June 2024 to coincide with the Big Help Out. During the period the organisation has begun a monthly newsletter for stakeholders, updated its social media channels and reinvigorated its website.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
----	--------------	---------	--------------------------	---------------------	----------------	------------

9052	Wapping Bangladesh Association	Active Plus - Wapping BME Older Person's Day Club	Shadwell	£25,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	WBA's Older Person's Healthy Living Club is a community-based day club run at the Wapping's Youth Club that will a Lunch Club Programme and a variety of social and cultural socialisation activities that bringing improvements to the physical and emotional well-being to vulnerable Bangladeshi and BME older people.					
Progress Update	<p>During this period, the project has supported 80 residents during this period through providing a range of health and wellbeing activities that have reduced isolation and improved peoples physical and mental health. The project has achieved positive outcomes during this period which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 90% of Older people from black, minority ethnic communities report improved physical wellbeing</li> <li>- 95% of Older people from black, minority ethnic communities report improved mental and emotional wellbeing</li> <li>- 95% of Older people from black, minority ethnic communities report feeling less lonely.</li> </ul>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8979	Zacchaeus - Methodist Church in Tower Hamlets	Zacchaeus Health and Wellbeing for Older People	Bethnal Green East (formerly Bethnal Green)	£25,000	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Zacchaeus aims to provide a range of wrap around/holistic offers of advice, information, access to benefits, support groups and health, social and therapeutic sessions to reduce isolation for older people. Aiming to promote healthy lifestyles, increase opportunities for physical activity participation, working towards a better mutual understanding of different cultures.					
Progress Update	<p>During this reporting period the Zacchaeus project has delivered a range of health and wellbeing activities to reduce isolation and promote healthier lifestyles. The sessions were advertised through the Zacchaeus networks including the social prescribing teams in Tower Hamlets and through project newsletters which were emailed and posted to over 500 members in December 2023 and March 2024.</p> <p>The project has supported 62 beneficiaries during this period. The work of the project has made a real difference to the individuals attending by reducing isolation; increasing social networks and promoting wellbeing. The users have shown increased self-esteem and confidence and now recognise the benefits of physical activity as well as healthy eating.</p>					

**Scheme B - Physical and Mental Health of Residents**

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8857	Body & Soul	You Are Not Alone	Boroughwide	£25,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	A suicide-prevention programme for young people (aged 16-30) most at risk of suicide in Tower Hamlets, addressing increasing demand and complex needs, particularly among marginalised communities that have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic and rising cost of living.					
Progress Update	The outreach element begun in this period, reaching out to health care providers and relevant local organisations. However, the delay in receiving the grant agreement and payments has resulted in a delay in the project developing the specific offering to Tower Hamlets. Despite this the project has supported 10 suicidal young people from Tower Hamlets in this period. However, it is too soon in their recovery journey to be able to report on outcomes from this cohort. As the project was expected to have a slow start, as well as the effort it is making to increase self and organisational referrals, it is expected that 120 Tower Hamlets individual participants supported over the 41 months of funding will be achieved.					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8905	Bromley By Bow Centre	Connect for Health	Bow East	£25,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Working alongside local self-employed sessional leads (physical activity coaches, artists, and facilitators) to support residents to participate activity sessions. Sessions are designed to improve health and connection, and include both broad open access activities and those targeted at specific audiences.					
Progress Update	Coordinator recruited and joined the Centre Dec 2024 and they quickly connected with local coaches and the community to start research services and interested community members. In this period the project has supported 71 residents, through 36 sessions, resulting in 384 attendances. Sessions range to meet participants needs and interests. Their black history month activities resulted in a new social and wellbeing group being created. Coproduction activities have taken place with all stakeholders through existing forums and bespoke events.					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8947	Canaan Project	Canaan Project: Young Women's Mentoring	Blackwall and Cubitt Town	£25,000	Project exceeding targets with additional financial support from Children in need to enable this.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	A mentoring programme offering 1-1 support for young women with the aim of seeing them flourish, have broadened horizons and raised aspirations.					
Progress Update	The project exceeded participant targets by engaging fourteen young people resulting in six young women being supported through one-to-one mentoring. In addition, the project piloted a 6-week group mentoring course in Canary Wharf College with the other eight young women engaged. Working in partnership with the school has resulted in a clear pathway for the young women attending, working with Barbados who are launching their therapy and well-being service in the College from September. Outcomes evaluation demonstrated that 100% of participants reported increased hopes and aspirations for their futures because of support from a mentor. Thirteen young women either increased engagement with Canaan's other activities or accepted a referral to another organisation. Other outcomes reported included that 100% of the attendees feeling more confident and better about themselves, stating they better understand what others need, and have improved awareness of how to stay safer in relationships.					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8858	Carers Centre Tower Hamlets	Building Resilience and Resourcefulness for Unpaid Carers	Boroughwide	£25,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Carers provided with a range of therapies, respite, and learning opportunities including, wellness days; art and creative activities; practical workshops on how to maintain a healthy lifestyle; and courses delivered by professionals to develop the skills required to effectively manage their caring role; and look after themselves.					
Progress Update	Eighteen drop-in sessions took place at the London Buddhist Centre (LBC) benefiting twenty registered participants. Participant feedback included demonstration of improved coping mechanisms for dealing with the challenges of their caring role, leading to potentially increased resilience and reduced burnout. Attendance at the well-being sessions resulted in an improved quality of life for carers, allowing them to better balance their caring role responsibilities with their personal needs and interests.					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8736	Council Of Mosques - Tower Hamlets	Council of Mosque Healthy Mind, Healthy Lifestyle Reach	Boroughwide	£25,000	Monitoring demonstrates that the project is mostly on track, but additional support is planned	<b>AMBER</b>
Short Description	This healthy living project aims to improve the physical and mental health and wellbeing of BAME residents through a programme of community events, practical workshops and one-to-one health support, advice and information that will raise awareness of health risks, illnesses and diseases most profound amongst the borough’s BAME communities.					
Progress Update	<p>This Project had a delayed start, as it took longer than expected to complete the Grant agreement and as a result the Project work and financial spend commenced from February 2024.</p> <p>The Project commenced its work undertaking the following activities during the month of February and March 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Engaging with 11 Mosques through the outreach face-to-face work, telephone and some online meetings to promote this health driven subject of this project.</li> <li>- Talks with Mosques Trustees has begun to raise the health issues, health matters, health conditions affecting the Mosque congregation.</li> <li>- General feedback on health conditions has been noted to identify most commonly affected and this will be used to develop a programme of activities on which areas of health and healthy living should be targeted next.</li> <li>- Potential health activities has been discussed and consulted with the Mosques to get the programme going.</li> <li>- Project staff have spent time on putting a series of learning materials on a number of health themes to circulate and distribute to the Mosques Congregation.</li> </ul> <p>The project will be receiving additional support to meet the targets.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8932	deafPLUS	Improving the Health and Wellbeing of the deaf and hard of hearing community	Boroughwide	£40,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	A borough wide health and wellbeing project that addresses health inequalities for deaf and hard of hearing residents, addresses their mental health issues and enables them to make healthy lifestyle choices.					
Progress Update	The project has had a change of worker during this period. This has meant that the not all expected activities took place. However, fourteen participants engaged in a range of project activities, including a Sign Language Week Workshop. Feedback from participants undertaking evaluation, through forms and feedback to the worker, demonstrates that 100% report improved health and wellbeing by engaging in project activities. It also shows that 100% had a positive engagement with project activities. In addition, there has been coproduction work with participants that has resulted in a new programme being designed to bring about grant outcomes for participants. The organisation plans to work with their grant officer to agree and amend the grant agreement in line project development brought about through coproduction.					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8940	elop (East London Out Project)	Tower Hamlets LGBT+ Support	Boroughwide	£25,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	LGBT+ Community Support to enhance peer networks, lessen isolation and provide mental health crisis prevention support. Two facilitated social support groups targeting older people, people with mental health needs or other disabilities, and LGBT asylum seekers, and one to one mental health support providing individual mental health crisis prevention support.					
Progress Update	During the period the organisation has run 40 group sessions at Toynbee Hall, 20 of each 50 plus group and social support group, benefitting 22 participants. They have recruited and inducted 3 new volunteers who work alongside 2 existing volunteers supporting the groups and providing additional support for those that need it. The project has also provided individual mental health support to 5 participants. Outcomes reported by participants include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% reported Increased social connection &amp; feel less isolated; 100% Increased wellbeing and mental health</li> <li>• 85% Improved life satisfaction &amp; quality of life; 87.5% Increased wellbeing and mental health</li> <li>• 87.5% Increased confidence and empowerment</li> </ul>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8966	Mind in Tower Hamlets, Newham and Redbridge	Our Voices Sakinah	Boroughwide	£25,000	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	A co-produced, community-based project for diverse Muslim women to come together to support each other’s mental health and wellbeing through creating a network of safe spaces. The project supports women to have a greater voice and access services that promote positive mental health.					
Progress Update	<p>Our Voices Sakinah has run two groups benefitting 23 women, one located in Whitechapel and the other in in Bow, in this reporting period. Sessions provided peer support, access to tailored interventions, and learning to gain knowledge about mental health and well-being. They recruited and trained two new peer leaders to join the team. They are in the process of developing and initiating new groups.</p> <p>Despite the delayed mobilisation period of signing off the project funding agreement and late grant payments, the project successfully recruited a support worker. Case studies submitted evidence positive outcomes for individuals. However, the 5-month reporting period has meant the stage of outcome evaluation with all participants has not aligned with the deadline of this this report. This will be completed in line with the project application, at a time that is best for clients, and reported on at a later stage. The organisation is approachable and willing to work with their officer to correlate evaluation and reporting as much as possible in the future.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8663	Positive East	One-to-one counselling for residents living with HIV and poor mental health	Boroughwide	£16,222	Monitoring indicates that the project is mostly on track, but additional support is planned. Further review on the additional information that they have provided.	<b>AMBER</b>
Short Description	People living with HIV in the UK are at increased risk of anxiety and depression compared to the general public. Poor mental health can lead to non-adherence to antiretroviral therapy and reduced retention in HIV care. We will provide one-to-one counselling supporting people living with HIV in Tower Hamlets.					
Progress Update	Presently, nine individuals from Tower Hamlets are engaged in one-on-one counselling sessions. The project has 12 certified counsellors ready to assist individuals living. Over the last quarter, five of these counsellors underwent supplementary training to enhance their support, these included: Chemsex; Law training; HIV and Workplace Discrimination offered by National AIDS. A total of 163 hours of one-to-one counselling has been provided to date. Preliminary evaluations using the GAD-7 and PHQ-9 tools indicate moderate levels of anxiety and depression among PLWHIV. Initial assessments through the Core 10 reveal moderate levels of psychological distress. The organisation demonstrates a commitment to support their clients and seek additional training when needed.					



ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8843	Sister Circle	Healing Conversations	Boroughwide	£36,403	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Healing Conversations provides minoritised mums of pre-school children/survivors of gender-based violence with complex needs with specialist, culturally competent, trauma-informed counselling delivered in community settings, in multiple languages. The project improves mental health, connects women to wider sources of support essential to health and wellbeing, and reduces health inequalities.					
Progress Update	During this period, the project focused on recruitment of trainee counsellors resulting in two new counsellors, who reflect the communities served, to strengthen the team. The project has had a successful start with thirteen referrals, mainly from health care professionals, received during Nov 2023 to Mar 2024. Nine assessments have been carried out resulting in four women starting on the project. Three of these have completed their baseline data and engaged in counselling. 100% of these participants report improved mental health because of Healing Conversations. All participants reported satisfaction with the provision.					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8747	The Shadwell Community Project	Grow, Eat, Cook! Children's Café Project	Shadwell	£25,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	We will provide access to free healthy meals for children especially from low income and ethnic minority backgrounds in Tower Hamlets. We will provide weekly sessions where children grow, cook and eat meals together in a supportive, active environment and increase their health, fitness and wellbeing.					
Progress Update	<p>During the first quarter the organisation delivered 33 full activity sessions with 479 visits by registered children and young people at the adventure play ground. These sessions included gardening, arts and crafts, bush crafts, fire pit cooking and free play on the structures. They provided freshly 479 cooked meals for 189 different children, 14 children of which were regular visitors who had at least visited 10 times over this period.</p> <p>They conducted a baseline survey to gauge the levels of improvement into mental and physical well being and found that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 75% of 180 (135) individual young people report improved health and wellbeing per annum. of 180 (135) individual young people report improved health and wellbeing per annum.</li> <li>- 80% of 180 (144) participants report feeling less isolated per annum</li> </ul>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8939	Tower Hamlets Parents Centre	Women’s Health Matters	Spitalfields and Banglatown	£25,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	The Women’s Health Matters Project in Tower Hamlets will improve the Physical and Mental Health of over 1050 disadvantaged Women in Tower Hamlets, by developing their knowledge, providing Fitness and Nutrition Activities and enhancing their Access to Services.					
Progress Update	Having assumed her position on the 19th March 2024, the Health Support Worker, initially undertook extensive Outreach with local Community Groups, Local Schools and outside the School Gates and distributed leaflets to local people around the local Parks, Idea Store and other Community Centres. She also emailed and telephoned Community Groups to publicise the Services, which she was planning to deliver. However, she had to start the delivery of the activities; Drop-In Advice and Information Session, Tea/ Coffee Mornings and a Walking Group from the 22nd April 2024, when the Fasting Month was over. Having started the delivery of the activities, she has been delivering an hourly Walking Session per week for 4 weeks (attended by 10 beneficiaries), a two hourly Tea/Coffee morning Session per week for 4 weeks (attended by 8 beneficiaries) and a two hourly Drop-In Advice and Information Session on Health Issues per week for the last 4 weeks (attended by 9 beneficiaries). She will continue to deliver these activities for the duration of the weeks/sessions as proposed in the Funding Application. The attendance in the activities, being delivered, will increase gradually. Additionally, the Worker has been undertaking more Outreach and Publicity work, along with a Volunteer and wish to start the delivery of a Fitness and a Yoga & Mindfulness Sessions in early July 2024.					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8667	Toynbee Hall	Playful Tower Hamlets - Nurturing Bodies and Minds	Spitalfields and Banglatown	£25,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Creating edible gardens in underused areas of East London, the project connects children to nature, tackles food poverty, and improves physical and mental wellbeing. The project provides outdoor play activities, forest school and weekend gardening sessions for children and their families.					
Progress Update	<p>The project delivered a range of term time and holiday activities. These included weekly outdoor adventure play sessions benefitting 48 children and twenty-five parents or carers. Outdoor forest school sessions at Canon Barnett School, engaged 54 children. In addition, a weekly art club was held for 8 children of parents who attend and volunteer the Food Bank.</p> <p>Ninety-three percent of adult participants engaged in feedback activities that demonstrates they all believe the programme has improved the life quality of their children, with 92% reporting their children have improved mental health. 93% of parents/carers believe the programme has improved their own quality of life. Other outcomes included 78% stating have an improved relationship with their child. Parents of neurodivergent children also reported increased calmness in family dynamics on activity days, with children being more regulated in the evening.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8850	Vallance Community Sports Association	SEND Health & Wellbeing Project (Young People)	Boroughwide	£25,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	A programme of weekly sports and physical activities and a social club for young people (8-25 years) with special educational needs and disabilities for the purpose of increasing sports participation, improving health and wellbeing (including mental health), and reducing loneliness, isolation and exclusion.					
Progress Update	<p>The Weekly activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Dedicated weekly Multi-sports sessions for young people (12-16 years) with disabilities (Wednesday 1pm to 3pm) at Swanley School.</li> <li>(ii) Inclusive* Football Session for 8–15-year-olds – (Fridays 5:30pm to 7pm) at Mile End Leisure Centre &amp; Stadium</li> <li>(iii) Inclusive* Multi-sports session for 8–16-year-olds – (Sundays 10am to 12pm) at Mile End Leisure Centre &amp; Stadium</li> </ul> <p>*disabled and non-disabled young people participating together.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8962	Working Well Trust	Upskill Choices	Boroughwide	£25,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	The project engages and supports people who have been affected by emotional or mental health issues to take steps towards improving their own health wellbeing and community involvement. Clients will work with project staff to identify pathways within the community to wellbeing, training and volunteering opportunities and to develop skills essential for wellbeing and future employment.					
Progress Update	Emphasis in this period has been engaging and action planning referrals and signposting to activities and opportunities. Outreach and partnership work has resulted in 26 clients accessing support through remote support and face to face appointments, as well as a few community initiatives. 14 of these have accessed education on self-care, healthy lifestyles peer support crises and cost of living support. 100% of these 14 report a positive engagement with project services and 57% reporting improved mental health. The first co production meeting with client groups is a priority for next quarter. Feedback forms and ongoing evaluation will also be conducted by client volunteers to evaluate the experience of clients from the period.					

Appendix 3.5 Theme 5 - Empower Communities and Fight Crime

**Scheme A - Inequalities Experienced by People and Communities Reflecting Different Equality Groups and Socio-economic Backgrounds**

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8722	Account3 Ltd	Dare to Lead - leadership development for Minoritized women of Tower Hamlets	Boroughwide	£25,000	The monitoring report shows the project is on track to achieving the expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Dare to Lead is a customised and approved BAME Women focused leadership programme, which is accredited and externally verified and validated by the national examination board OCN, London. The leadership programme is designed to support BAME women who are in or aspire to leadership roles through a development programme.					
Progress Update	<p>Between November 2023 and March 2024, the Dare to Lead project's mobilisation plan was completed by the organisation. The project team adhered to established timelines and finished all documentation tasks. As per the reporting requirement for this period, 19 women representing the borough's diverse community were recruited for leadership training.</p> <p>However, the project did not receive the full funding requested. During the mobilisation of the contract, the organisation stated that they would need to fundraise for additional funding to support the Social Action aspect of the project. This involves empowering learners to undertake and deliver social action projects after the Dare 2 Lead training. The organisation applied to EECF for funding and is currently awaiting the outcome.</p> <p>Furthermore, the organisation received dedicated support from a VCS officer during this period. This support included a comprehensive funding search conducted through the council's grant portal. This search yielded several promising leads for potential grant applications, allowing the organisation to pursue further funding opportunities.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8631	Council Of Mosques - Tower Hamlets	CoM Community Empowerment Project	Boroughwide	£25,000	The project is on track with some of its targets for this period and will need further support in achieving outstanding targets.	<b>AMBER</b>
Short Description	CoM’s Community Empowerment Project is new structured service designed and developed by CoM to address racism, faith-based abuse such as Islamophobia and discrimination faced by particularly by the borough’s Muslim Communities areas of health, the criminal justice system, education, employment, immigration and politics experienced by the borough’s BAME communities.					
Progress Update	The project started delivery in January due to delays in mobilisation, once they started delivering the Community Empowerment Project they engaged 80 participants during this period. Although the project is on track in achieving most of their KPI's they will need further guidance and support during this period to enable them to successfully achieve the outstanding targets for the next quarter.					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8994	East London Advanced Technology Training	Tower Hamlets Voices	Bethnal Green East (formerly Bethnal Green)	£25,000	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Tower Hamlets Voices will foster community cohesion by bringing together people from diverse backgrounds in six local West Tower Hamlets hubs. The project aims to improve inclusion, access to support, and overall equality and will support 220 participants, mostly from Black, Asian, and multi-ethnic backgrounds and other marginalised groups annually.					
Progress Update	Between November 2023 to March 2024 the Tower Hamlets Voices project involved several initiatives, such as weekly in-person and online conversation clubs to share stories and challenges. Social events were organised, including a Winter Celebration, where students actively participated in planning and execution. Educational trips to various landmarks in London offered cultural enrichment and historical context. The project also encouraged civic engagement with a visit from a UK Parliament educator on Democracy Day. Through various activities and initiatives, participants are encouraged to actively engage with their communities, contribute their unique talents and perspectives, and forge meaningful connections with fellow residents. Despite its successes, the Voices Project faces challenges such as limited funding, language barriers, and cultural differences. Although opportunities are provided to join conversation clubs or go on class trips, students do not always take up these chances.					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8908	Real DPO Ltd	All Inclusive Advice	Boroughwide	£30,000	The monitoring report shows the project is on track to achieving the expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Tailored and evidence-based advice and support for disabled individuals in Tower Hamlets. Offering holistic assistance, including guidance on independent travel, financial independence, community engagement, and access to local services. It will cater to clients from diverse ethnic, cultural, and faith backgrounds and collaborate with other organizations for referrals.					
Progress Update	<p>The organisation have had a strong start to their All Inclusive Advice project, mobilisation was successful and the project engaged with a diverse number of clients from across the borough and age groups with many being supported with multiple disabilities. Other key highlights for this period include;</p> <p>The project successfully served 10 new clients referred during the quarter, demonstrating its reach within the community. Eight cases were successfully concluded with most clients served having multiple impairments. Highlighting the project's effectiveness in assisting those with complex needs.</p> <p>The project's success in reaching a diverse clientele across different age ranges and addressing their multifaceted challenges. Two new staff members were recruited in January 2024 who bring valuable experience in working with disabled individuals from their previous experience.</p> <p>Information officers actively participated in various training courses on income maximisation and safeguarding practices. They are also currently pursuing their NVQ Level 3 qualifications. Regular team meetings and reflective practice sessions are scheduled to discuss training experiences, share client work insights, and address challenging cases. These sessions provide a platform for knowledge sharing, acquiring new skills, and fostering a collaborative learning environment, as staff consider them highly beneficial.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
9029	SocietyLinks Tower Hamlets	Stay Smart Stay Safe	Shadwell	£25,000	The monitoring report shows the project is on track to achieving the expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	The Stay Smart, Stay Safe project focuses on empowering girls and women to make positive choices in their personal lives that allow them to prosper and lead fulfilling lives.					
Progress Update	<p>Despite receiving a budget lower than initially proposed, the project successfully adapted its design and budget details during the mobilisation of the contract. This resulted in one weekly session each for women and girls, supplemented by an easily accessible online presence and resources.</p> <p>The project mobilisation phase involved setting up delivery and communication plans, target setting, role allocation, and recruitment. Logistical arrangements, risk assessments, and outreach activities were also completed. Partner collaboration, monitoring systems, and promotional materials were established. The Stay Smart Stay Safe project exceeded its expectations for this reporting period.</p>					



ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
9008	TOYHOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS	Empowering Communities:- Coming together, sharing their cultures, food and experiences	Bow West	£14,983	The monitoring report shows the project is on track to achieving the expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Toyhouse will facilitate a series of short courses for people from diverse backgrounds and 3 generations across equalities strands. 5 parents & pre-schoolers, plus older people, drawn together to discover and discuss, aiming to increase understanding and appreciation of different cultures - via food; games; traditions; clothing; beliefs; and celebrations.					
Progress Update	<p>Despite the delays in contract mobilisation in getting the first payment out to the organisation the project still had a strong start with publicity and recruitment starting in early November. And have exceeded their target for this reporting period.</p> <p>During the period from November 23 to March 24 they ran 3 courses. The first course which started early November and had 7 families from 6 different ethnicity, leading to interesting and varied feedback and discussions each week. The course has a different theme each week to facilitate discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who are we?</li> <li>• Where do we live?</li> <li>• Relationships, Celebrations &amp; Cultures</li> <li>• Play from childhood</li> <li>• Equalities, Diversity and a sharing event.</li> </ul> <p>These sessions provide families with an opportunity to learn about different religions, traditions and cultures. participants reported that the relaxed atmosphere and themes have helped them feel comfortable and confident to engage with other participants on their traditions and special features of their cultures and identities.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
9048	Volunteer Centre Tower Hamlets	BAME Trustee Training and Matching (known as The METs Programme)	Boroughwide	£39,989	The monitoring report shows the project is on track to achieving the expected outcomes	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	The programme will recruit, train and support residents from BAME communities (60% women) to become charity trustees. It will address inequality by empowering BAME residents to fulfil their potential and progress into leadership roles. Trained volunteers will be matched with local charities, creating trustee boards that better reflect our community.					
Progress Update	The BAME Trustee Training and Matching (known as The METs Programme) project was successfully launched despite receiving a lower budget than initially proposed. The team adapted the project design and budget, resulting in one weekly session each for women and girls, along with an easily accessible online presence offering resources. The project mobilised quickly, establishing delivery and communication plans, setting targets, allocating roles, and recruiting staff. Logistical details, risk assessments, and outreach activities were completed. Partnerships were established with other organisations, and monitoring systems and promotional materials were created. The project has seen high attendance, averaging 15-20 participants per session. Sessions have covered a variety of topics related to health, self-improvement, and empowerment, with enjoyable art activities added to the mix. Participants are actively involved in shaping the program for the next phase, with guest speakers and innovative activities planned. This initial success is due in part to the strong commitment of volunteers, including 6 young women as peer educators and 10 additional volunteers supporting the women's sessions.					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8961	Working Well Trust	Upskill Reach	Boroughwide	£39,740	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Opening up referral pathways and increasing access to opportunities for people with lived experience of mental health from Black, Asian and Multi-Ethnic Communities. We will support people to overcome barriers by addressing inequalities of access to support and resources.					
Progress Update	The project is progressing as planned and on track to achieve expected outcomes. The staff established referral channels, developed marketing materials, and implemented administrative systems for client management. Partner organisations were involved in outreach, exceeding referral targets and highlighting the project's services for BAME clients. Staff assisted BAME residents in creating personalised action plans to overcome barriers to accessing opportunities. 20 participants were supported during this period exceeding the set target, 1:1 sessions identified goals and barriers with participants. The project has been fully staffed and activities began from the middle of November.					

Scheme B - Community Safety

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8900	Beyond the Streets	Door of Hope	Boroughwide	£23,399	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Funding our Door of Hope Coordinator, overseeing our project working with women selling sex in Tower Hamlets through street outreach, drop ins and long term, trauma informed, 1:1 support that includes advocating for and enabling positive outcomes within themes of homelessness, income and food poverty, substance misuse, and physical/mental health					
Progress Update	<p>Beyond the Street has provided thorough notes highlighting key achievements as well as the challenges faced in the first and part-quarter of the project. Since November 2023, they have been working closely to support 28 women - who require a wide range of support. This is a slightly lower number than their usual average for the period, but they explain this is due to new members of staff joining the team as part of this project, and they required training and support to embrace their role confidently.</p> <p>During the three months between January and March 2024, 578 one-to-one meetings were carried out by staff in total. This included 166 with other professionals (advocacy) and 5 multi-professional meetings; the rest of the meetings were between Women Support Workers (WSWs) and the women on their caseload. Beyond the Street has demonstrated that they have actively supported women at a grassroots level with various support such as psychotherapy advice, sexual health packs as well as a warm drink during their night-time outreach sessions. They have also continued to work with other professionals and partners on a strategic level through their participation in the MARAC. They make a point to stress, that the support needed for these vulnerable women is not linear and can be wide-ranging, which they assess on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>They have exceeded the target percentage for KPI 1. As this is the first monitoring return of the project, there have been some admin issues noted with recording the correct KPIs initially agreed during project mobilisation. These will be corrected in time for the next quarter with the correct information transferred onto the portal.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8821	City Gateway Ltd	ReBuild - Pathways to Employment for Ex-Offenders	Boroughwide	£20,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Our programme, ReBuild, focuses on enhancing the life opportunities and employment opportunities of ex-offenders aged 16-24. We provide dedicated assistance to this group through our education and training pathways, underpinned by one-to-one coaching, supporting them into sustainable education, employment and training (EET) outcomes with partner employers.					
Progress Update	The monitoring report hasn't highlighted any challenges, but the KPI actuals initially suggested that only 2 people have been supported since November 2023. This was followed up with the organisation and the actual figure supported was 12 which was within tolerance for the KPI. A case study was provided to capture qualitative information on the clients they have supported so far.					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8678	D'awatul Islam UK & Eire Ltd	"Our Park" - 'Safer Parks Campaign'	Limehouse	£30,000	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	The "Safer Parks Campaign" empowers local communities to tackle issues like anti-social behaviour, drug abuse, mugging, sexual exploitation, and violence in parks. A diverse team of 20 individuals, will work together to make parks safer through community organising, community listening, social action, and negotiations with authorities.					
Progress Update	<p>D'awatul Islam were able to make progress in this reporting quarter, despite delays with their initial funding. They have been able to demonstrate partnership working with Queen Mary University and Citizen's UK to help plan workshops, engagement, and mind mapping. They recruited 15 community champions, who were able to showcase their passion for a cleaner, safer community park.</p> <p>Workshops included the engagement of 64 young participants. They hosted a community walkabout after dark around the park to identify issues that might deem the park unsafe.</p> <p>They have submitted a detailed case study.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8792	Look Ahead Care and Support	Children's Domestic Violence Support Worker	Shadwell	£20,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	A specialist Children’s Domestic Violence Support Worker to support children living at the refuge who have experienced trauma due to early exposure to domestic abuse. The post will be embedded in the Tower Hamlets Domestic Abuse Service and support children while they stay in the refuge.					
Progress Update	<p>Look Ahead has reported back this period on the impact their Children's Domestic Violence Support worker (funded by this programme) has had on women and their children. The support varies from helping women access appropriate welfare benefits, making online applications, bookings, signposting and working with the children to help them access appropriate therapy. They have provided images of women participating in sewing classes, iftar gatherings, and cooking classes for the children where they have made things like smoothies. They have quoted women's feedback on the impact of the service, highlighting confidence building, and seeing an improvement in their situation with their children.</p> <p>They appear to have met their KPI's - exceeding in some areas of engaging with more than the target number of participants. Look Ahead has also been working with partners to deliver awareness-raising training on the impact of domestic abuse on children, this includes training childminders. They mention they are working particularly well with the Limehouse Project.</p> <p>Some women have reported having started ESOL classes for the first time, with a newfound confidence. A monitoring meeting will be arranged for this summer.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8883	Osmani Trust	Schools Resilience Programme (SRP)	Boroughwide	£40,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve the expected outcomes	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	The Schools Resilience Programme (SRP) aims to educate and mentor vulnerable and at-risk secondary school children on community safety and prevent them from becoming involved in crime, gangs and criminal exploitation. The project will develop their resilience, critical thinking skills and emotional intelligence so they make informed choices.					
Progress Update	<p>Osmani Trust have been actively working towards its KPIs and project objectives. They are at present working with Langdon Park School as their first cohort and have so far engaged with 14 young people in their programme.</p> <p>These young people have been attending workshops and 1-2-1 mentoring to build rapport. They expect that with time, they will be able to develop their mentoring relationship with individuals which will enable them to signpost them to appropriate activities, which include training, building self-confidence &amp; emotional resilience, upskilling and learning new skills.</p> <p>The mentoring programme offers support towards developing personal development and emotional resilience. The young people will have the option to consider taking up Mental Health focused workshops and online learning. They mention they are following an 'emotional bank account model'. It will be good to explore what they mean by this at the next meeting.</p> <p>They report that the project has 'been received positively' and they 'have been working towards increasing the capacity' as the project grows. This will be good to pick up at the follow up monitoring meeting too.</p> <p>They mentioned that they intend to attend the next Tower Hamlets Schools Forum to raise the profile of the project and to network with schools across the borough.</p>					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8738	Shadwell Trust	Self Defence Classes and Creative Arts	Shadwell	£20,000	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Self Defence Classes and Creative Arts for Girls, Women and BAME Young People					
Progress Update	Shadwell Trust has reported back against all their agreed KPIs. They started delivering the physical activity/self-defence classes since November 23, every Saturday where 12x girls have been consistently attending. The girls come from Bangladeshi, Somali and Algerian communities. They also started delivering their arts and craft classes since December 23 where they have reported 14 girls have been attending regularly. They submitted video evidence of the self-defence classes. Actual numbers are slightly lower than the target numbers initially agreed. They reported 6 males and 17 females engaged in the programme.					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8696	Step Forward (Tower Hamlets)	Being Heard	Boroughwide	£40,000	Monitoring indicates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	Our Being Heard project offers a programme of preventative, early intervention activities to help keep vulnerable young people aged 11-25 safe, free from harm and prevent them being exploited. It also provides specialist support to young people affected by sexual violence to help them feel safe, cope and recover.					
Progress Update	Step Forward indicated they have been successful in making progress with the Being Heard project despite working with what's considered a harder-to-reach group of young people. During this reporting period, they were able to engage 19 young people who have registered for their service and receiving ongoing support. Their target for the year was around 75-85 participants so this is steady progress. Their activities for this reporting period included outreach sessions at Mulberry Girls School, where they held a stall and promoted the services provided by Step Forward. They were able to reach out to approximately 500+ young girls during this event. They held a similar event at the University of East London and reached out to 100+ students. The services they delivered through this project included 1-2-1 counselling and personal development support for young people, as well as specialist early intervention support for a young person experiencing hate crime. They have also provided support in a safe space for young people from the LGBTQ+ community as part of their regular programme of activities. As the project progresses, they have started to plan more outreach through the Family Hubs in Tower Hamlets as well as improving their monitoring processes.					

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
8914	Women’s Inclusive Team	Haawa Project (Community Safety)	Boroughwide	£30,000	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes	<b>GREEN</b>
Short Description	The Hawaa Project is a tailored advice and guidance service for BAME women affected by domestic abuse. WIT provides a safe and confidential environment, where cultural and linguistic needs of minority women are catered for. Hawaa is set to help tackle a culturally sensitive issue that is often overlooked.					
Progress Update	<p>WIT have made headway despite initial issues with payment delays with their project. They have developed a skeleton model of their Domestic Violence Programme and have had good engagement from the community. They have delivered bilingual online campaigns for women for wider engagement and participation from the Somali community. This funding has also allowed them to recruit a dedicated DV Project Officer. 85 stakeholders were inducted on the Haawa Project so they can assist with the wider engagement and signposting to the project.</p> <p>They have demonstrated tact by carefully naming workshops to not explicitly state domestic violence in case it prevents participation from the very vulnerable women in their network; this shows they know their client group very well. They have had excellent engagement and referrals, including two MARAC referrals.</p> <p>The CEO of WIT has also recently been appointed as a commissioner for the council's new Women's Commission. WIT have proactively demonstrated their ability to offer frontline service, work in partnership, as well as placing themselves strategically on women's issues.</p> <p>In this reporting period, they also carried out 10 risk assessments on women.</p> <p>They are working closely with the council's VAWG team to get women on the VAWG training. These training opportunities will be hybrid and will be taking place in June. The number of women enrolled onto these training will be available at the next quarter's report.</p>					



Recommendation	Key Activity	Progress milestones including target dates for either completion or progress	28th May 2024 - Update
Existing provision which may not be recommended for funding in MCGP ensure users signposted to alternative provision.	As part of mobilisation identify user groups that maybe impacted and discuss with providers ensuring transition to alternative providers	Oct – Dec 2023	This has been achieved - VCS Website is regularly updated with funding opportunities and VCS organisations are signposted there.
Equalities Monitoring and reporting framework	Develop a standard Equalities monitoring template for all projects, collect and monitor data. <b>Annual report throughout life time of the project</b>	Oct - Nov 2023	This has been achieved throughout the lifetime of this programme.
Show additional consideration for wards under-served in ward specific projects, through: Short term mobilisation and Long-term VCS capacity building	Ensure boroughwide projects meet the needs of: <b>Bow East Bow West Bromley North Bromley South.</b>  Review quarterly monitoring returns to identify gaps.	Oct - Nov 2023	Annual returns for this period highlighted that there was a 12.8% beneficiaries accessing MCGP in these four wards. Bromley North 125/ Bow East 267/ Bow West 168/ Bromley South 177 -
Respond to any gaps in project funding by protected characteristics following the below stages.	<b>Support for young carers</b>	Stage 1: Sept 2023 Stage 2: Oct-Nov 2023 Stage3: Dec 2023 Stage 4: Ongoing	The contract has been awarded to Streets Of Growth from 1st April 2024 and delivery has started.

Recommendation	Key Activity	Progress milestones including target dates for either completion or progress	28th May 2024 - Update
<p>1. Checking existing service provision across the Council.</p> <p>2. Checking if recommended projects can accommodate.</p> <p><b>3. Commissioning an alternative.</b></p> <p>4. Monitoring chosen provision</p>			
<p>Respond to any gaps in project funding by protected characteristic following the below stages.</p> <p>1. As part of mobilisation discuss with provider of SEND and disabled young peoples projects to accommodate this provision.</p> <p>2. Monitoring quarterly basis to ensure provision meets needs.</p>	<p><b>Sports provision for blind partially sighted young people under theme 3B</b></p>	<p>Stage 1: October 2023 Stage2: Quarterly Monitoring through project lifetime.</p>	<p>Support VCS organisations under this theme to be more inclusive by using the British Blind Sports Activity Finder. This would help local Partially sighted YP to access Sports provision under the MCGP programme. <a href="https://britishblindsport.org.uk/news/2023/10/calling-all-vi-inclusive-clubs-and-organisations-to-sign-up-to-our-new-activity-finder">https://britishblindsport.org.uk/news/2023/10/calling-all-vi-inclusive-clubs-and-organisations-to-sign-up-to-our-new-activity-finder</a></p>
<p>1. Discuss with the Disabled Peoples Network provider how the provision supports the</p>	<p><b>Under theme 5B- Ensure disabled residents are able to</b></p>	<p>Stage 1: Oct-Nov 2023 Stage 2: Oct – Nov 2023</p>	<p>DPN champions a safer Tower Hamlets for people with disabilities. Their efforts focus on two key areas: accessibility and awareness.</p>

Recommendation	Key Activity	Progress milestones including target dates for either completion or progress	28th May 2024 - Update
<p>group's needs on community safety.</p> <p>2. As part of mobilisation discuss with recommended projects how the needs of disabled residents will be met.</p> <p>3. Monitoring quarterly basis to ensure provision meets needs.</p>	<p><b>access Community Safety provision.</b></p>	<p>Stage 3: Quarterly Monitoring Through project Lifetime</p>	<p>Firstly, DPN pushes for improved public transport like TfL and DLR to become more accessible and efficient, reducing the potential for abuse during travel. Secondly, they connect residents with vital support networks like the No Place for Hate Forum, raising awareness of resources and fostering a sense of security. These initiatives combined contribute to a more inclusive and secure environment for the disabled community.</p>
<p>1 . Discuss with LGBTQ Community Forum how provision supports the groups need on community safety.</p> <p>2. As part of the mobilisation discuss with recommended projects how needs of LGBTQ residents will be met.</p> <p>3. Monitoring on a quarterly basis to ensure provision meets need.</p>	<p><b>Under theme 5B- Ensure LGBTQIA+ residents are able to access Community Safety provision.</b></p>	<p>Stage 1: Oct-Nov 2023. Stage 2: Oct-Nov 2023. Stage 3: Quarterly Monitoring through project lifetime.</p>	<p>ELOP deliver one of the equalities contracts they are members of the Tension Monitoring Group run by the Community Safety Team to discuss safety issue as and when they arise.</p>
<p>1. As part of mobilisation discuss with providers how recommended projects will</p>	<p><b>Under Theme 2A ensure that boys are accessing the gender-neutral educational</b></p>	<p>Stage 1: Oct-Nov 2023 Stage 2: Quarterly monitoring</p>	<p>Annual returns for theme 2a highlight that 50% of beneficiaries are male.</p>

Recommendation	Key Activity	Progress milestones including target dates for either completion or progress	28th May 2024 - Update
accommodate boys.  2. Monitor Equalities data .	<b>offering as there is no Specific provision for boys in the borough despite their lower attainment</b>	through project lifetime.	

MCGP Funding  
Awarded (lifetime):  
£76,533

MCGP Annual  
Amount: £22,400

Geographical Area  
Based: St Dunstan's

Charity Number:  
1155317

Company Number:  
06959638

Address: 44 Repton  
Street, E14 7PX

Geographical Area  
Served:  
Poplar  
Limehouse  
Lansbury  
Mile End  
Shadwell  
Stepney Green  
St Dunstan's

Project Payments:  
Due: £14,933  
Paid: £0

RAG rating: RED

## Limehouse Welfare Association

### LWA Community Language Bengali and Arabic Support Programme

---

#### Organisation Aim

To advance education, training and employment. To develop the skills and the capacity of the members of the disadvantaged community. To provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation or other leisure activities. The provision of advice and guidance on housing, welfare benefits and other such services. Social and cultural community activities.

---

#### Project Details

##### Original Project Proposal

The aim of this project is to provide Community Language, Bengali and Arabic classes, 4 days a week (8 hours), 40 weeks each year, enhancing the achievement of 75 disadvantaged students in Key Stages 1,2 and 3. These classes will improve students' self-confidence, cognitive development, educational attainment and Community cohesion.

##### Revised Project Description

Provides Community Language, Bengali and Arabic classes, in term time, enhancing the achievement of students in Key Stages 1,2 and 3. These classes improve students' self-confidence, cognitive development, educational attainment and Community cohesion.

25 students registered each year with sessions 4 days a week (6-8 hours), 36 weeks a year.

---

#### Nov 23 – Mar 24 Performance Update


There was a delay during the mobilisation process as costs were higher than budgeted including room hire and teacher costs. Officers worked with the organisation to help facilitate conversations with venues and to explore alternative sites. The project was reconfigured so activities could be delivered within budget. A Funding Agreement was signed in May with activities due to start in June.

The project reports that it has undertaken outreach and now have most students registered on the project. In person and phone contact has been made with parents. Ongoing negotiations with the Harford Centre has resulted in them arranging a meeting to book a room for the project for 4 two-hour sessions for activities each week. A teacher is ready to start the classes and be engaged formally.

##### Next Steps:

- Confirm the project has started delivery in June
- Assess viability of the project going forward
- Release payments
- Continue to provide development support to the organisation

This page is intentionally left blank

<p align="center"><b>Grants Determination (Cabinet) Sub-Committee</b></p> <p align="center">Wednesday, 26 June 2024</p>	
<p><b>Report of:</b> Robin Beattie, Acting Director of Strategy, Improvement and Transformation</p>	<p><b>Classification:</b> Open (Unrestricted)</p>
<p align="center"><b>VCS Funding Awarded Under Delegated Authority</b></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 where decisions are made under delegated authority by officers. These decisions are presented to the Sub-Committee for noting in line with the 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 **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 submission of the report for the last meeting of the Sub-Committee there have not been any awards through this fund.

### 3.2 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 VCS 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 in the council's VCS Premises Policy ([VCS-premises-statement-of-policy-and-procedures.docx \(live.com\)](#)).
- (c) Decisions are made by the CBRR Panel which consists of the following Council officers - Head of Revenues and Benefits (Chair), Head of Corporate Strategy and Policy, the Head of Asset Management - and the Chief Executive of Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Service.
- (d) There has been 1 CBRR award made under delegated authority since the submission of the report for the last meeting of the Sub-Committee. This award was agreed by CBRR panel on 13 May 2024.

Organisation	Community Benefit Rent Reduction Funding Approved
Bow West Organisation	£27,000 gross  £10,800 net (40% CBRR)  £16,200 CBRR value

- (e) Details of the award are set out in in Appendix A

### 3.3 Small Grants Programme 2023 - 2027

- a) Background



The Council's [Strategic Plan 2022-26](#) sets out eight priorities designed to improve outcomes for residents. This includes a commitment to partnership working with the voluntary and community sector. In March 2023 Cabinet agreed a new Grants Policy & Outcomes Framework with a commitment to provide long-term funding to enable the achievement of our shared vision to 'support and invest in a thriving and diverse VCS to enable it to improve outcomes for Tower Hamlets residents'. This builds on our recognition that the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) in Tower Hamlets plays a crucial role in supporting residents with many important services. They played a key role in the response to the pandemic, the subsequent recovery as well as throughout the current cost of living crisis.

To support this vision, the Council launched the Mayors Small Grants Programme on Monday 11th December 2023. The new programme provides £800,000 of annual grant funding between November 2023 – March 2027. The Small Grants is targeted at small voluntary and community sector organisations with an income under £150,000, to ensure a wide range of organisations can access Council funding.

**b) 2023/24 Round 1 – bidding process**

The first round of the Small Grants Programme opened for applications on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and closed on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024. To support organisations to apply the council did an extensive communications and marketing campaign and delivered four information events that were attended by 53 organisations which focused on our vision and priorities for the grants programme and the application process. These sessions were a combination of face to face and virtual.

**c) 2023/24 Round 1 – applications received**

In total, 179 applications across all five themes were received. The organisations applied for a combined amount of £645,000. The table below sets out the number of applications by themes:

Theme	No. of applications	Amount requested
Community events	52	£169,160.45
Mayor's Capacity Building Programme	35	£111,450.45
Community Chest	25	£15,050
Mayor's Positive Activities for Young People	48	£279,000.88
Mayor's & Young Mayor's Youth Empowerment Fund	19	£71,176.36
<b>Total:</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>£645,838.14</b>

**d) 2023/24 Round 1 – assessment of bids and recommendations**

The assessment period ran for 3 weeks. Each theme had a designated assessor who oversaw the assessment process. Each application was assessed once against the criteria set out in the prospectuses. The

assessments consisted of an organisational assessment and a project assessment. For the organisation assessment the application scored a pass or fail, on the project assessment they received a numerical score. If an organisation failed the essential criteria on the organisation assessment (governance, local connection and managing money) or received less than 50% on any question in the project assessment then their application was not considered for funding. All assessments that failed on essential criteria on organisation assessment were moderated by a senior manager. Following the completion of assessments, a sample of 20% of all assessments were moderated by a senior manager to ensure the correct guidance was followed. Projects chosen to be moderated were done by choosing one application from each ward and when had gone through all the wards started again from the beginning. To ensure assessors were supported to conduct high quality assessments, training and support to all assessors and moderators were provided, including two training sessions, a daily huddle, and an assessor's guidance pack.

Following the assessment process, officers developed a long list of projects which had passed all the requirements set out in the prospectus and were eligible for funding. In this round all the eligible projects for funding were able to be recommended.

#### e) 2023/24 Round 1 – funding awarded

58 projects were recommended for funding, for a total of £157,244.

Due to not enough organisations passing the assessment criteria the £400,000 budget has been unable to be spent in full. The next round of Small Grants launched in May 2024 and several information sessions have been delivered to support groups to apply for the grant. Those who were unsuccessful were also provided opportunity to seek feedback and officers undertook a learning event to ensure improvements to small grants process.

The recommendations were approved by the Director Strategy, Improvement and Transformation under delegated authority with the breakdown set out below:

Theme	No. of projects awarded funding	Total amount
Community Events	18	£44,120
Mayor's Capacity Building Programme	15	£33,845
Community Chest	9	£4,450
Mayor's Positive Activities for Young People	9	£50,347
Mayor's & Young Mayor's Youth Empowerment Fund	7	£24,482
<b>Total</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>£157,244</b>

#### f) Details of the award are set out in Appendix B

## **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.
- 5.2 **Best Value Implications** - 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. The structure and process pathways of the Mayors Community Grants Programme were developed to meet the Councils best value duty. QC advice was secured confirming that the approach taken complied with the Best Value Duty.
- 5.3 **Risk Management** - The Mayors Community Grant Scheme is subject to independent external audit and internal challenge by a panel of senior officers resulting in learning and improvement actions as necessary.
- 5.4 **Safeguarding** arrangements are addressed as part of the grant application evaluation process.
- 5.5 There are no other specific statutory implications relevant to consideration of this report.

## **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 GDSC terms of reference requires a report to be brought to the subcommittee detailing the use of any delegation of authority from the subcommittee since the previous reporting period. This report demonstrates conformity with the terms of reference.
- 7.2 The award of small grants was in line with the priorities detailed in the Council's prospectus and the methodology followed by the Council in making the awards was in conformity with the methodology previously advised to applicants. The priorities stated in the prospectus show what in the Council's opinion are effective and efficient measures to meet the Council's legal functions with the final award amount being a sum that the Council considers economic to achieve those measures. Therefore, within the bounds of the Council's discretion to make grant awards the process complies with the Council's Best Value duty.
- 7.3 The Council pre-advertised the award process and the Council followed that process in making the awards. Therefore, all applicants were treated fairly and in line with the Council's legal duties.

---

## **Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents**

### **Linked Report**

NONE

### **Appendices**

**Appendix A** – Community Benefit Rent Reduction (CBRR) Award agreed at the CBBR Panel Meeting on 13th May 2024

**Appendix B** – Small Grants 2023-2024 – 2023/24 Round 1

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

NONE

### **Officer contact details for documents:**

N/A

## Appendix A

### Community Benefit Rent Reduction (CBRR) Award agreed at the CBBR Panel Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024

No.	Organisation	Premises	Proposed rent per annum	Organisational assessment	Community Benefit assessment	Use of Premises	Decision
1.	Bow West Organisation	73 Strahan Road, E3 5DA	£27,000 gross  40% CBRR  £10,800 net  CBRR value  £16,200	Pass or partial pass in all sections	Eligible for a maximum of CBRR at 40% under the policy.	Bow West Organisation are proposing to use the community space to deliver both religious services and community activities. The organisation provided a clear timetable of activities showing both religious and community activities to be delivered during opening times.	CBRR at 40%

This page is intentionally left blank

# Small Grants 2023/24 Round 1 Projects awarded Funding

# Appendix B

Community Events					
ID	Organisation	Project Title	Short Project Description	Geographical Area Served	Awarded
9293	The Power Movement Organisation	TPM Community Football Event	Our project idea is to deliver a community football event bringing young people from all backgrounds, faiths and races along with their families and friends to enjoy a day of healthy competition and fun by playing football. The event will prioritise those that do not normally play but want to.	Whitechapel Spitalfields and Banglatown Weavers Bethnal Green West (formerly St Peter's) Bethnal Green East (formerly Bethnal Green)	£2,500.00
9179	Chisenhale Dance Space	Chisenhale Family Day	Chisenhale Family Day is a free open day taking place on Saturday 18th May 2024 encouraging local families across Tower Hamlets to participate in and enjoy many different types of dance workshops, activities and performances as a celebration of local arts organisation Chisenhale Dance Space and their work.	Bow West	£2,500.00
9191	Boundary Tenants and Residents Association	Boundary Estate Circus on the Circus 2024	A family-friendly event which brings residents from diverse backgrounds together through a range of activities ranging from circus workshop, performance, art and craft workshops, music and food. The circus theme and execution will celebrate the diversity and historical significance of the Boundary Estate, as the first council housing in UK.	Weavers	£2,500.00
9294	Rainbow Film Society	25th Rainbow Film Festival	The 25th anniversary of Rainbow International Film Festival will take place in June 2024 across East London and will unite global filmmakers and cinephiles to celebrate storytelling. Expect an extraordinary lineup of events for a memorable milestone edition.	Boroughwide	£2,500.00
9276	Kekoa Coaching CIC	Community Kickstart: Fostering Unity and Well-being Through Football	Kekoa Coaching seeks to launch "Community Kickstart," a football-based initiative designed to engage, inspire, and unite children aged 4-13 in Tower Hamlets. With a focus on inclusivity and accessibility, the project aims to deliver free football sessions that not only enhance physical fitness but also promote social skills, mental well-being.	Island Gardens Canary Wharf Blackwall and Cubitt Town Mile End Bethnal Green East (formerly Bethnal Green)	£2,500.00

# Small Grants 2023/24 Round 1 Projects awarded Funding

# Appendix B

Community Events					
ID	Organisation	Project Title	Short Project Description	Geographical Area Served	Awarded
9279	Wapping Youth Services	Eid & Community Festivity	Eid & Community Festivity aims to build community cohesion by organising inclusive events in Tower Hamlets. Through diverse activities, we aim to celebrate regional diversity, encourage participation in community life, and provide a platform for all residents to commemorate national and regional festivities, promoting togetherness and mutual understanding.	Boroughwide	£2,500.00
9167	Youth Of the Ummah	Understanding Ramadan Workshop	Join our 'Understanding Ramadan Workshop,' a community-driven initiative fostering cultural awareness and inclusivity. This educational session aims to bring diverse residents together, promoting understanding of Ramadan traditions. Explore the significance of this sacred month in a welcoming and informative environment. Enjoy delightful food and engaging quizzes with the community.	Bow West Bow East Bethnal Green West (formerly St Peter's) Bethnal Green East (formerly Bethnal Green)	£2,500.00
9246	Tower Hamlets Play Partnership Weavers Adventure Playground	Weavers' 50th Anniversary	Weavers AP has been serving children & families of Tower Hamlets since we opened our gates in April 1974. We have been part of the community ever since. We welcome old & new residents to come along on Saturday 6th April from 12-7.30pm – let's celebrate the past 50 years	Bethnal Green West (formerly St Peter's)	£2,495.00
9140	Star Ballers Academy	Poplar Community Sports Day	Poplar Community Sports Day aims to unite Tower Hamlets residents through a vibrant celebration of diversity and shared experiences. This event fosters community cohesion, providing opportunities for residents to lead and participate in inclusive sports activities.	Boroughwide Island Gardens Canary Wharf Poplar Limehouse Lansbury	£2,500.00
9169	The People Speak CIC	Talkaoke community talk show and a story night	Talkaoke talk show is a free interactive live event around a glowing table of chat, where anyone can grab the mic and air their views. This summer we are hosting 2 events focusing on men's health and local storytelling. Come along, get inspired and connect with your community!	Boroughwide Poplar	£2,450.00



## Small Grants 2023/24 Round 1 Projects awarded Funding

## Appendix B

Community Events					
ID	Organisation	Project Title	Short Project Description	Geographical Area Served	Awarded
9162	Sama Centre Ltd	Celebrating Community	Celebrating Community' is a community event aimed at fostering unity and connection. Through engaging activities and shared experiences, we strive to create a vibrant space where diverse individuals come together to celebrate our community spirit and build lasting connections.	Bow East	£2,500.00
9260	Limehouse Causeway TRA	Seaside trip Fun Day	Seaside trip- getting a couch to the seaside and spending the day by the beach.  Fun day -an afternoon full of fun activities for both children and grown ups alike	Limehouse	£2,270.00
9299	SOULFLOW CIC	Soulful Food Run Activities	SOULFLOW CIC fosters community well-being through active coffee mornings, nature photography walks, and Soulful Sunday Food Runs. Our projects aim to combat isolation, support the elderly, and unite diverse communities by providing nourishing food to the homeless and those in need, promoting resilience and cohesion.	Bromley South Bromley North Bow West Bow East	£2,000.00
9208	Cell Project Space (Cell Foundation)	Permit to Dream Otherwise	Permit to Dream Otherwise' is public programme at Cell Project Space. It aims to elevate community voices in Tower Hamlets through exploration of dreaming collectively, guided by London-based BAME art workers. Participants will be invited to engage in workshops and listening sessions, fostering community connections and equitable futures.	Bethnal Green East (formerly Bethnal Green)	£2,500.00
9182	Tarling West Gardening Group	Spring and Summer Events at Pearl and Mizanur's	Supported by LBTH LIF Funding, the residents of Tarling West Estate have created a new community garden on land owned by TFL, licensed to Tarling West Garden Group. We hope these	St Katherine's and Wapping Shadwell	£2,500.00

## Small Grants 2023/24 Round 1 Projects awarded Funding

## Appendix B

Community Events					
ID	Organisation	Project Title	Short Project Description	Geographical Area Served	Awarded
		Memorial Garden	events will energise the new garden with visitors and activities for local residents of all ages and backgrounds		
9148	Barnes Children's Literature Festival CIC	London Primary Schools Programme	On Thursday 23 May we will provide three specially curated, curriculum-linked author events at the Genesis Cinema free for every state primary school in Tower Hamlets with capacity for 3,300 children.	Boroughwide	£2,405.00
9141	Trapped in Zone One	Brick Lane Heritage Mural Project	A creative project working on a community cohesion theme by engaging with the local community and young people encouraging local pride and belonging with the creation of a new mural in Tower Hamlets celebrating the heritage of Brick Lane.	Whitechapel Spitalfields and Banglatown	£2,500.00
9233	Pitsea TRA	Pitsea TRA Community Fun Days	The Pitsea TRA Community Fundays bring residents from diverse backgrounds to spend time together to celebrate diversity and inclusion and promote social cohesion. It gives opportunities for residents to get involved in community life and partake and lead community events.	Shadwell	£2,500.00
				<b>Total</b>	<b>£44,120.00</b>

## Small Grants 2023/24 Round 1 Projects awarded Funding

## Appendix B

Capacity Building					
ID	Organisation	Project Title	Short Project Description	Geographical Area Served	Awarded
9163	Sama Centre Ltd	SAMA Enhance	"SAMA Enhance' focuses on capacity building for improved educational services. We'll enlist experts to enhance service delivery, especially for SEN children. The grant will also bolster marketing efforts, ensuring our services reach and benefit every corner of our community.	Bow East	£2,500
9125	George Green's Almshouses	George Green's Almshouses: providing homes for women in Tower Hamlets since 1842	George Green's Almshouses is seeking to build capacity and better meet our charitable objectives of supporting single women in Tower Hamlets of limited financial means, by undertaking three initiatives: (1) A strategic review in respect of our properties (2) Developing fundraising applications based around our garden (3) Website enhancement	Bromley South Poplar	£2,500
9224	St Peter's Bengali Association	Advice Service AQS Accreditation	To enable St. Peter's Bengali Association to achieve the Advice Quality Standard (Renewal) AQS accreditation quality mark for for its Welfare Rights Information and Advice Service delivered for the local residents in Bethnal green North based from the Minerva Community Centre.	Bethnal Green West (formerly St Peter's)	£2,418
9253	SWADHINATA TRUST	Swadhinata Trust website redesign	To redesign our website because it has become outdated and hard to use. We will streamline the content and make the website more user-friendly, and improve its overall appearance.	Boroughwide	£1,000.00
9262	Info Latinos	Info Latinos	Info Latinos is bilingual a community platform supporting Latin Americans in the UK to reach their potential. Each year we equip 150-100 people with job skills, social connections and English confidence. This funding will build our capacity to meet a growing demand for our services in Tower Hamlets.	Boroughwide	£2,500.00

## Small Grants 2023/24 Round 1 Projects awarded Funding

## Appendix B

Capacity Building					
ID	Organisation	Project Title	Short Project Description	Geographical Area Served	Awarded
9223	Purple Moon Drama	Purple Moon Drama Bid Writing & Expansion Of The Board Of Directors	We will use the grant to propel our organisation into a new growth phase by investing in an experienced arts bid writer and to onboard 3 new board members. This strategic move will enhance our capacity to secure funding from larger bodies and imparting essential bid writing skills to staff.	Bow East Bow West Poplar Shadwell Whitechapel	£2,500.00
9255	Aishah Help	Bid Elevate	Unlock funding opportunities with our specialised bid writing support service. The Bid Elevate project is dedicated to shaping persuasive proposals that resonate with Aishah Help's impactful projects. Join us on the journey to secure grants and make a difference in our community.	Boroughwide	£2,500.00
9211	Skaped	Skaped – Capacity building	Skaped will develop and build a strong foundation for our work; this involves creating a funding strategy and an impact measurement framework, ensuring that we make the most meaningful impact. We'll also train and upskill our team, empowering them to bring these strategies to life.	Bethnal Green East (formerly Bethnal Green) Bethnal Green West (formerly St Peter's) Blackwall and Cubitt Town Bow East Bow West Canary Wharf Island Gardens Poplar Shadwell	£2,500.00
9271	Canaan Project	Therapeutic Mentoring	We would like to train up one of our staff members in therapeutic mentoring to build our capacity as an organisation to better support young women who are accessing our services and have experienced trauma to achieve our mission of seeing them flourish, have broadened horizons and raised aspirations.	Blackwall and Cubitt Town Canary Wharf Island Gardens Mile End	£2,500.00

## Small Grants 2023/24 Round 1 Projects awarded Funding

## Appendix B

Capacity Building					
ID	Organisation	Project Title	Short Project Description	Geographical Area Served	Awarded
9139	Star Ballers Academy	Star Ballers Training Programme	Star Ballers Academy's Training Programme, supported by the Mayor's Capacity Building Programme, aims to strengthen our organisation's foundation. Focused on enhancing knowledge and skills, the project empowers our management committee, staff, and volunteers, enabling us to deliver higher quality services and have a more significant positive impact on Poplar residents.	Boroughwide	£2,500.00
9300	Emmott Close Senior Citizen Club	Improving Knowledge	Empowering volunteers and staff with current expertise in adult care services, first aid, and benefits assistance. Our project focuses on providing up-to-date training to enhance skills and knowledge, ensuring the delivery of informed and compassionate support to those in need.	Mile End St Dunstan's Stepney Green Whitechapel	£1,645.00
9230	TOWER HAMLETS YOUTH LEAGUE UNITED	Strengthening Tower Hamlets Youth League United to serve the community better	THYL United wants to improve the way we provide services and increase our operations by recruiting new participants to our ongoing programmes. We want to be able to deliver more services to the local community by training staff, developing policy and procedures and making more funding bids.	Boroughwide	£1,282.00
9173	Community Access CIC	Capacity building	Capacity Building to support business operations - Boxing and First Aid Certification - Bid Writing Support - Web Development and Media Officer Services	Bow East Bow West	£2,500
9214	Ashaadibi Education and Cultural Centre	ROBUST Fundraising and Development	This project will build the organisation's development, from fundraising to strategic development to continue to serve the community better. We are in urgent need of a consultant to enhance the charity's strategic development, for better sustainability and success. This was the feedback given by the previous Mayor's fund.	Boroughwide	£2,500.00
9297	Easthands	EastHands Capacity	EastHands thrives on a spirit of collaboration and compassion, acting as a beacon of hope for those in need, in	Bethnal Green East (formerly Bethnal Green)	£2,500.00

# Small Grants 2023/24 Round 1 Projects awarded Funding

# Appendix B

Capacity Building					
ID	Organisation	Project Title	Short Project Description	Geographical Area Served	Awarded
		Building Programme	East London. Funds are needed towards employing a skilled facilitator to train our Committee, Staff and volunteers with tools to engage, and support the community, and record positive outcomes	Bethnal Green West (formerly St Peter's) Shadwell Spitalfields and Banglatown Whitechapel	
				<b>Total</b>	<b>£33,845.00</b>

Community Chest					
ID	Organisation	Project Title	Short Project Description	Geographical Area Served	Awarded
9143	JSP Community Wellbeing Hun CIC	2024 JSP Walking group events	This year we would like to take our participants who attend the weekly walking group to different sites outside of the usual parks and farms that we visit. We would like to deliver 2-3 special community events this year.	Limehouse St Katherine's and Wapping Shadwell Stepney Green St Dunstan's	450
9263	Trapped in Zone One	The Great Get Together - Shake it Down	Our Great Get Together event will offer a belly dancing class to females from the borough providing a free to access low impact, aerobic workout that is fun and engaging. A dance with a wide range of health and wellbeing benefits. Open to women of all ages, shape and background.	Island Gardens Canary Wharf Blackwall and Cubitt Town Poplar Lansbury	500
9272	Canaan Project	Summer Showcase	Canaan Project Summer Showcase- An opportunity for young women involved in the Canaan Girls Project to showcase their activities and achievements from the last 12 months to other people in their community including family, friends, partner organizations, funders and other supporters.	Island Gardens Canary Wharf Blackwall and Cubitt Town Mile End	500
9258	IMT Gallery (IMT SPACE LIMITED)	Workshop Series with Artist Joseph Walsh	IMT Gallery's inclusive 2024 workshops series, led by artist Joseph Walsh, unites Bethnal Green residents, fostering social cohesion across diverse backgrounds. Supported by a rich track record, IMT Gallery promotes subsidized participation and accessible creative expression; enhancing community engagement since 2005.	Bethnal Green West (formerly St Peter's)	500
9240	Butterfly Foundation	Happiness from Within Workshop	The Happiness from Within workshop is dedicated to uplifting BAME women in Tower Hamlets, nurturing self-love and resilience amidst cultural nuances. Through customized	Poplar Limehouse Lansbury Mile End	500

# Small Grants 2023/24 Round 1 Projects awarded Funding

# Appendix B

Community Chest					
ID	Organisation	Project Title	Short Project Description	Geographical Area Served	Awarded
			content centered on mental well-being, participants will embark on a journey of self-discovery, flourishing, and acquiring practical life tools to help them live a more present life.	Whitechapel Stepney Green	
9200	East India Over 50s Consortium	The Wild Women Collective - Wild Connect, Wild Talk	Wild Connect, Wild Talk will build connection and empower women to make informed decisions regarding their health and well-being. The project will combine free flow group sharing with educational talks. Topics will include ADHD in Women, Peri/post-menopause, Brain & Gut health - its potential impact on mood and cognition.	Poplar Limehouse Lansbury Bethnal Green East (formerly Bethnal Green)	500
9247	Tower Hamlets Play Partnership Weavers Adventure Playground	Wait in the Warm	Weavers will open our hall for those waiting for our food bank delivery & distribution. Instead of waiting in windy, wet weather outside the gates, you can come in, sit down, get a free warm drink and snack and have a chat with others or staff whilst you wait.	Bethnal Green West (formerly St Peter's)	500
9164	Sama Centre Ltd	Financial Empowerment Workshop	The "Financial Empowerment Workshop", will cover a range of essential topics to equip participants with the knowledge and skills needed to manage finances effectively. The workshop may include the elements of budgeting, financial goal settings, debt management and savings strategies.	Bow East	500
9234	Pitsea TRA	Pitsea TRA Community Wellbeing Project	The Pitsea Community Wellbeing Project provides coffee mornings and physical exercise classes every week. These sessions allow residents to participate in community activities for their mental and physical well-being. The activities allow residents of diverse backgrounds to meet and greet each other and enjoy being part of the community.	Shadwell	500
				<b>Total</b>	<b>£4,450.00</b>



# Small Grants 2023/24 Round 1 Projects awarded Funding

# Appendix B

Positive Activities for Young People (PAYP)					
ID	Organisation	Project Title	Short Project Description	Geographical Area Served	Awarded
9280	Wapping Youth Services	Youth Summer camp	Youth Summer camp, is a three days of positive experiences in Lake District for Tower Hamlets youth aged 11-19 (up to 25 for those with special needs or leaving care). Providing a safe haven, engaging activities, and a supportive environment during school holidays.	Boroughwide	£6,000
9248	Tower Hamlets Play Partnership Weavers Adventure Playground	=++ (Positive Plus) Extension	Weavers will be extending our opening hours from 6-9pm for two evenings per week during the school holidays for 11-17 year olds to engage in activities that will enhance life skills and encourage positive attitudes	Bethnal Green West (formerly St Peter's)	£2,748
9242	Canaan Project	Holiday activities for young women	We would like to increase our capacity to run more holiday time activities (covering May half term and summer holidays) for young women aged 11-19. We have co-designed the below programme of holiday activities with our young women and are looking for funding to cover the costs.	Blackwall and Cubitt Town Canary Wharf, Island Gardens, Mile End	£5,815
9264	Weavers Community Forum (WCF)	Weavers Summer Project (WSP)	Embark on a transformative summer journey with our youth project, dedicated to nurturing creativity and learning. Through hands-on adventures, we'll explore arts and crafts, engage in outdoor exploration, and participate in interactive activities. This holistic approach aims to elevate the mind-set of young individuals, empowering them for a brighter future.	Bethnal Green West (formerly St Peter's)	£5,996
9165	SAMA Centre	SAMA Youth Uplift	Youth Uplift fosters positive growth in young individuals through engaging activities, mentorship, and skill-building initiatives. Our project aims to cultivate resilience, confidence, and community connections, equipping youth with the tools they need to thrive. Join us in uplifting the next generation towards a brighter future.	Bow East	£6,000

## Small Grants 2023/24 Round 1 Projects awarded Funding

## Appendix B

Positive Activities for Young People (PAYP)					
ID	Organisation	Project Title	Short Project Description	Geographical Area Served	Awarded
9198	SPLASHArts C.I.C.	SPLASHArt in the Borough	12 art events across the borough in parks and open spaces on estates for young people. Exploring a number of techniques and subjects with Nature study, fashion and travel as themes. Compatible with Key stage 2&3, with free materials and entry. A great introduction to the world of Art.	Poplar Shadwell	£5,818
9178	Chisenhale Dance Space	Chisenhale Future Artists Summer School	The Chisenhale Future Artists Summer School is an engaging and educational summer holiday programme of creative activity giving local teenagers the opportunity to learn from professional dancers, artists and producers and giving access to high-quality creative spaces, including a dance studio, an art gallery and artist studios.	Bow West	£6,000
9236	Mile End Community Project	Get To Know	We seek funding for Get to Know (GTK), a project that nurtures young people aged 11-18 through engaging activities. GTK promotes self-discovery, builds life skills, boosts confidence, and fosters community connections. By tailoring activities to their interests, we empower participants to become their best s	Mile End	£5,970
9137	Star Ballers Academy	Star Ballers Summer Camp	Star Ballers Summer Camp is a dynamic sports and wellness initiative empowering Tower Hamlets youth aged 11-25. Fusing football, athletics, and inclusive games with cultural performances, our camp promotes diversity, holistic health, and community cohesion.	Boroughwide Canary Wharf Island Gardens Lansbury Limehouse Poplar	£6,000
				<b>Total</b>	<b>£50,347</b>

Youth Empowerment Fund					
ID	Organisation	Project Title	Short Project Description	Geographical Area Served	Awarded
9243	Canaan Project	Community Fundraising Event	Our young women's steering committee would like to run a 3-course meal to raise funds for a charity of their choice. They will receive training and staff support to be able to do this but will be central to the planning, delivery and evaluation of the event.	Island Gardens Canary Wharf Blackwall and Cubitt Town Mile End	£3,482.00
9135	A Team Arts Education C.I.C	Dream Garden	As part of the Youth Forum Group working with A Team Arts Education, young people have requested to develop a gardening project to help improve the local environment and transform our city into a healthy space for all whilst supporting biodiversity to flourish.	Boroughwide	£3,500.00
9138	Star Ballers Academy	Empower Youth to Excel	Empower Youth to Excel is a dynamic project by Star Ballers Academy. We aim to inspire and equip young individuals (11-25 years old) through Skills Development and Confidence Building Workshops. Focused on encouraging aspirations, challenging stereotypes, and promoting holistic well-being, our youth-led initiative cultivates a positive impact on the community.	Boroughwide Island Gardens Canary Wharf Poplar Limehouse Lansbury	£3,500.00
9227	Tower Hamlets Youth League United	Youth-led project promoting equal opportunity and well being and celebrating	The project will be run by 16-year-old Reyane Saadi, who volunteered for 1 year and is now qualified sports coach. We want him to develop his leadership skills and deliver sports classes that challenge negative stereotypes and celebrate positive contribution diversity offers.	Island Gardens Canary Wharf Poplar Limehouse Lansbury Mile End Bromley South Bromley North	£3,500.00

# Small Grants 2023/24 Round 1 Projects awarded Funding

# Appendix B

Youth Empowerment Fund					
ID	Organisation	Project Title	Short Project Description	Geographical Area Served	Awarded
		positive achievements diversity brings		Bow West Bow East St Katherine's and Wapping Shadwell Whitechapel Stepney Green St Dunstan's Spitalfields and Banglatown Weavers Bethnal Green West Bethnal Green East	
9216	Ashaadibi Education and Cultural Centre	He's Safe, She's Safe - We SAVE.	A project led by YP on a mission to develop a peer education programme, that will informally educate their peers about issues that are of priority and importance, personal safety, knife crime, drugs, social media, relationships, and more. It will develop the confidence and skills of YP leading this project.	Boroughwide Shadwell Whitechapel	£3,500.00
9205	Creative Engagement Services CIC	Create & Engage TH	The Create & Engage Project offers young people in Tower Hamlets the opportunity to design, develop and produce their own media platform, using the digital arts and media skills learnt over sessions of workshops, and group planning sessions. Giving young people a voice within their local community.	Boroughwide	£3,500.00
9252	Beyond the Bias	Beyond the Bias Youth Board	The mental health youth board supports 15 BAME 13-18-year-olds with comprehensive training, funding, volunteering experience, qualifications (Level 2 OCN in Project Management and Mental Health First Aid) and resources to design and deliver 4 social action projects tackling mental health issues in Tower Hamlets.	Boroughwide Island Gardens Canary Wharf Blackwall and Cubitt Town Poplar Limehouse Lansbury	£3,500.00

# Small Grants 2023/24 Round 1 Projects awarded Funding

# Appendix B

Youth Empowerment Fund					
ID	Organisation	Project Title	Short Project Description	Geographical Area Served	Awarded
				Mile End Bromley South Bromley North Bow West Bow East St Katherine's and Wapping Shadwell Whitechapel Stepney Green St Dunstan's Bethnal Green West Bethnal Green East	
				<b>Total</b>	<b>£24,482.00</b>

This page is intentionally left blank