

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

RECORD OF THE DECISIONS OF THE GRANTS PANEL

HELD AT 6.30 P.M. ON THURSDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2009

COMMITTEE ROOM M71, 7TH FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5
CLOVE CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG**Members Present:**

Councillor Marc Francis (Chair)	(Lead Member, Housing and Development)
Councillor Abdul Asad (Vice-Chair)	(Lead Member, Children's Services)
Councillor Ohid Ahmed	(Lead Member, Resources and Performance)
Councillor Rania Khan	(Lead Member, Regeneration, Localisation and Community Partnerships)

Other Councillors Present:

Anisah Akther)
Nargis Begum,)Members of Youth Opportunity and Youth Capital Fund Panel
Tahabur Rahman)

Officers Present:

Jon Underwood	– (Third Sector Manager, Strategy & Performance, Chief Executive's Directorate)
Mario Leo	– (Head of Legal Services - Environment)
Dinar Hossain	– (Head of Youth and Connexions Services Children's Schools and Families Services)
Antonia Dixey	– (Children and Young Peoples Participation Officer, Children's Schools and Families Services)
Everett Haughton	– (Funding and Development Manager, Strategy and Performance Chief Executive's Directorate)
Hilary Hughes	– (Principle Funding and Development Officer, Strategy and Performance Chief Executive's Directorate)
Zoe Folley	– (Committee Officer, Democratic Services Chief Executive's)
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The following is a record of those decisions taken by the Grants Panel at their meeting held on 15th October 2009.

Most decisions may be 'called in', by the Assistant Chief Executive, for scrutiny by the next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Tuesday 3rd November 2009, on receipt of a written request.

The deadline for the receipt of any such written request is 5.00pm on Friday 23rd October 2009. Such requests should be made to, John S. Williams, Service Head of Democratic Services-Tel 020 7364 4204.

The request to "call in" a decision must comply with the requirements set out in the Council's Constitution (Part 4 – Rules of Procedure, Section 4.5 – Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, Paragraphs 16.2 and 16.3). This sets out the time-scale for "call in", those persons who may "call in" and those details the request must contain.

The Council's Constitution (Part 4 – Rules of Procedure, Section 4.5 – Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, Paragraph 16.4 sets out those decisions that may not be "called in" for further consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Report authors will be advised by Democratic Services if any decision in respect of an item they have placed on the agenda has been "called in".

Any decision not "called in" for scrutiny can be implemented on Monday 26th October 2009.

Any decision 'called in' for scrutiny but supported by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, at its meeting on Tuesday 3rd November 2009, can be implemented the following day Wednesday 4th November 2009.

Any decision 'called in' for scrutiny but not supported by Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be referred back to the Grants Panel for further consideration.

COUNCILLOR M. FRANCIS IN THE CHAIR

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor A. Ullah, Lead Member for Cleaner, Safer Greener.

Resolved

That the apologies for absence be noted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor A Asad declared a personal interest in Agenda item 5.1 "Update on the Youth Opportunity and Youth Capital Funds in Tower Hamlets (GP 03/0910)". The declaration of interest was made on the basis that the report contained references to Youth services and Councillor Asad was a paid employee of the Bishops Challoner School, Shadwell which provided youth services.

Noted.

Action by:

ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (L. Ali)

Committee Officer, Chief Executive's Directorate (Z. Folley)

3. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES

Resolved:

That the unrestricted minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Grants Panel held on 11th June 2009 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record of the proceedings.

Action by:

ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (L. Ali)

Committee Officer, Chief Executive's Directorate (Z. Folley)

4. DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

Nil Items

5. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 Update on the Youth Opportunity and Youth Capital Funds in Tower Hamlets (GP 03/0910)

Resolved:

- (1) That the report (GP 03/0910) on the implementation of the Youth Opportunity and Youth Capital Funds in 2009/10 be noted; and
- (2) That the Youth Opportunity Fund Initiative be given a double page spread in the East End Life Magazine promoting the scheme. That the Deputy Leader of the Council be requested to implement this recommendation.

Action by:

ACTING CORPORATE DIRECTOR, CHILDREN SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES (I. CATTERMOLE)

Service Head, Youth and Community Learning, Children's Schools and Families (M. Durkin).

Head of Youth and Connexions Services, Children's Schools and Families Services (D. Hossain)

5.2 Review of Mainstream Grants Commissioning (GP 04/0910)

Resolved:

That the proposed process improvements contained within the report (GP 04/0910) be agreed and recommend to Cabinet subject to the inclusion of the following proposals:

- (i) Clear details of how funding will be set aside in the Mainstream Grant Commissioning (MSG) budgets to meet the costs of any successful appeals
- (ii) Consideration of having more than one closing date to enable unsuccessful organisations to reapply
- (iii) That the proposed changes to the timetable include reasonable time for the organisations to group together and submit consortium bids
- (iv) That officers prepare and submit to an extraordinary meeting of the Grants Panel the following
 - A timetable of grants rounds to be considered by the panel over the next 3 years
 - A performance monitoring report covering the performance of every organisation funded by mainstream grant funds

A template for the monitoring report be devised and approved by the Grants Panel prior to the extraordinary meeting.

Action by:

ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (L. Ali)

Service Head Strategy and Performance Chief Executive's Directorate (L. Russell)

Third Sector Manager, Strategy and Performance, Chief Executive's Directorate (J. Underwood)

Funding and Development Manager, Strategy and Performance, Chief Executive's Directorate (E. Haughton)

Principle Funding and Development Officer, Strategy and Performance Chief Executive's Directorate (H. Hughes)

6. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS CONSIDERED TO BE URGENT

Nil Items.

The meeting ended at 8.25 p.m.

K. COLLINS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE