

Meeting of the

GRANTS PANEL

Thursday, 25 March 2010 at 6.30 p.m.

A G E N D A

VENUE

Committee Room M71, 7th Floor, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG

Members:	Deputies (if any):
Chair: Councillor Marc Francis Vice-Chair: Councillor Abdul Asad	
Councillor Abdal Ullah Councillor Ohid Ahmed Councillor Rania Khan	Councillor Oliur Rahman, (Lead Member, Employment and Skills)
[Note: The quorum for this body is 2 Members].	

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LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

GRANTS PANEL

Thursday, 25 March 2010

6.30 p.m.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To note any declarations of interest made by Members, including those restricting Members from voting on the questions detailed in Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992. See attached note from the Chief Executive.

3. DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

To receive any deputations or petitions.

Deadline for the submission of any deputations is 12 noon Friday 19th March 2010.

4. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

	PAGE NUMBER	WARD(S) AFFECTED
4 .1 Mainstream Grant 2009-10 Project Progress Report - as at Quarter 3 2009/10 - Older People Lunchclubs (GP 09/0910)	3 - 18	All Wards;
4 .2 Mainstream Grants 2010 - 13 Funding Recommendations For Adult Services (Non Lunch Club Provision) (GP 10/0910)	19 - 26	All Wards;
5. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS CONSIDERED TO BE URGENT		

SCRUTINY PROCESS

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee may scrutinise provisional decisions made in respect of any of the reports attached, if it is “called in” by **five** or more Councillors.

The deadline for “Call-in” is: **Wednesday 7th April 2010**
(5.00 p.m.)

Councillors wishing to “call-in” a provisional decision, or members of the public wishing to submit a deputation request, should contact:

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Agenda Item 2

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS - NOTE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

This note is guidance only. Members should consult the Council's Code of Conduct for further details. Note: Only Members can decide if they have an interest therefore they must make their own decision. If in doubt as to the nature of an interest it is advisable to seek advice **prior** to attending at a meeting.

Declaration of interests for Members

Where Members have a personal interest in any business of the authority as described in paragraph 4 of the Council's Code of Conduct (contained in part 5 of the Council's Constitution) then s/he must disclose this personal interest as in accordance with paragraph 5 of the Code. Members must disclose the existence and nature of the interest at the start of the meeting and certainly no later than the commencement of the item or where the interest becomes apparent.

You have a **personal interest** in any business of your authority where it relates to or is likely to affect:

- (a) An interest that you must **register**
- (b) An interest that is not on the register, but where the well-being or financial position of you, members of your family, or people with whom you have a close association, is likely to be affected by the business of your authority more than it would affect the majority of inhabitants of the ward affected by the decision.

Where a personal interest is declared a Member may stay and take part in the debate and decision on that item.

What constitutes a prejudicial interest? - Please refer to paragraph 6 of the adopted Code of Conduct.

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- (a) A member of the public, who knows the relevant facts, would reasonably think that your personal interests are so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgment of the public interests; AND
- (b) The matter does not fall within one of the exempt categories of decision listed in paragraph 6.2 of the Code; AND EITHER
- (c) The matter affects your financial position or the financial interest of a body with which you are associated; or
- (d) The matter relates to the determination of a licensing or regulatory application

The key points to remember if you have a prejudicial interest in a matter being discussed at a meeting:-

- i. You must declare that you have a prejudicial interest, and the nature of that interest, as soon as that interest becomes apparent to you; and
- ii. You must leave the room for the duration of consideration and decision on the item and not seek to influence the debate or decision unless (iv) below applies; and

- iii. You must not seek to improperly influence a decision in which you have a prejudicial interest.
- iv. If Members of the public are allowed to speak or make representations at the meeting, give evidence or answer questions about the matter, by statutory right or otherwise (e.g. planning or licensing committees), you can declare your prejudicial interest but make representations. However, you must immediately leave the room once you have finished your representations and answered questions (if any). You cannot remain in the meeting or in the public gallery during the debate or decision on the matter.

Agenda Item 4.1

Committee: GRANTS PANEL	Date: 25 March 2010	Classification: Unrestricted	Report No: (GP 09/091)	Agenda Item:
Report of: Helen Taylor, Corporate Director (Interim), Adults Health and Wellbeing Originating officer(s) Barbara Disney, Commissioning Manager – Older People		Title: Mainstream Grant 2009-10 Project Progress Report – as at Quarter 3 2009/10 – Older People Lunchclubs Wards Affected: ALL		

1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The report presents Members with details of the progress of funded Older People lunch club projects for the period to the end of Quarter 3 (December 2009)
- 1.2 The report details where organisations are underperforming against the outputs of the Service Agreements and makes recommendations to address the lack of performance and value for money.
- 1.3 The report requests that Officers are delegated to take forward the recommendations.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Grants Panel is recommended to:-

- 2.1 Continue funding, as per Service Agreements, to the twelve organisations which are achieving agreed targets and outputs.
- 2.2 Delegate authority to Officers to negotiate proportionate reduced funding for the duration of the service agreement, if St Hilda's does not achieve full outputs by the end of Quarter 1 (June 2010),
- 2.3 Delegate authority to Officers to decommission RADICLE at St James the Less.
- 2.4 Delegate authority to Officers to negotiate proportionate funding to Toynbee Hall, and review progress against targets at the end of Quarter 1 (June 2010)

- 2.5 Delegate authority to Officers to renegotiate outputs and funding with Women's Health and Family Services with a variation in the Service Agreement being in place by the beginning of Quarter 2 (July 2010)

**Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)
List of "Background Papers" used in the preparation of this report**

Brief description of "back ground papers"	Name and telephone number of holder and address where open to inspection.
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None

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Cabinet in August 2007 took a decision to adopt a commissioning approach for the allocation of Mainstream Grant funding to the third sector. There are two funding streams within the Grant programme for Adults Health and Wellbeing: lunch club provision and non lunch club provision.
- 3.2 Lunch club provision was the first of the two funding streams to adopt the new commissioning approach and a 3 year funding arrangement from April 2009 was agreed by the Grants Panel on 19th March 2009. This report is about lunch club provision funded through Mainstream Grants only. The report notes the progress and achievements of the lunch club projects as outlined in Section 5 below.
- 3.3 Non lunch club provision is the subject of a separate report to the March Grants Panel.

4. FUNDING STREAMS AND PROJECTS

- 4.1 The overall budget for the provision of lunch clubs is £483,000 of which the Directorate contributes £135,700 from the mainstream commissioning budget to the sum of £347,300 from the mainstream grant.
- 4.2 16 organisations are currently providing lunch club services to older people across the borough through the MSG programme. Providers were asked that their services were holistic, delivering additional opportunities for older people to become more active in their community, promoting healthy eating, exercise and

activities to improve general wellbeing and promoting lifelong learning and volunteering opportunities.

5. PROJECT PROGRESS

- 5.1 At the Grants Panel held on 21st January 2010, Officers reported that, of the 16 funded lunch clubs, 10 were GREEN (performing well), 2 AMBER (underperforming by less than 15% in relation to key deliverables) and 4 RED (underperforming by more than 15% in relation to key deliverables) at the end of Quarter 2.
- 5.2 At the end of Quarter 3 (December 2009) both of the lunch clubs identified as AMBER have moved to GREEN and 1 lunch club previously RED has moved to AMBER. This has resulted in 12 lunch clubs being GREEN, 1 AMBER and 3 RED. (See Appendix 1)
- 5.3 Officers recommend to Members that the Council continue funding, as per Service Agreements, to the twelve organisations which are achieving agreed targets and outputs as identified in Appendix 1. For the remainder:
- 5.4 St Hildas have achieved a slight increase since last reported and Officers anticipate a move to GREEN for the next Quarter. However, it is recommended that Officers are delegated to negotiate proportionate reduced funding for the duration of the service agreement if the lunch club does not achieve desired outputs by the end of Quarter 1 (June 2010)..
- 5.5 RADICLE at St James the Less, have been unable to achieve their targets despite Officer support and their own endeavours to publicise the service and have maintained their RED status. Being on the border with LB Hackney, they do have 2-4 Hackney residents attend the lunch club but do not receive any funding from them. Hackney residents are not counted in their outputs. Discussion with RADICLE has established that they are most unlikely to achieve their targets. It is recommended that Officers are delegated authority to decommission the service. RADICLE have indicated that they will need four months to give notice on their lease and to introduce the service users to other providers. Tapered funding during this period may be negotiable.
- 5.6 Toynbee Hall have had ongoing staffing issues and have not been able to attract the numbers of new attendees that they had hoped, although there is some increase and new referrals in progress. The manager of Toynbee's other Older People's Services (LinkAge Plus, Dignify and Surma Bangladeshi Pensioners Group) has now taken the lead for this service and has developed a robust Business Plan. It is recommended that Officers a review progress against targets at the end of Quarter 1 (June 2010) and are delegated authority to negotiate proportionate funding to Toynbee Hall

- 5.7 Women's Health and Family Services did not open the commissioned four days a week for the first two quarters this year, but this situation has now been addressed. However, the average attendance is still very low. It is recommended that Officers are delegated authority to renegotiate proportionate reduced funding and outputs with a variation in the Service Agreement being in place by the beginning of Quarter 2 (July 2010).

6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

- 6.1 The review proposals set out in this report ensure that the financial support given to these organisations is intrinsically linked to outcomes. This is an important element in determining that grants not only address local need, but provide value for money.

7. CONCURRENT REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (LEGAL)

- 7.1 The officers must confirm that in the current contractual arrangements grant funding can be terminated under our standard agreements. If this is the case then funding can be reduced where necessary.

8. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 The purpose of the Council's Third Sector grants programmes is to tackle a broad range of deprivation-related issues within the borough. All commissioned projects and activities are designed to ensure that services contribute to delivering the Council's agreed policies, strategies and action plans in relation to One Tower Hamlets by reducing inequalities between the different sections of the community.
- 8.2 The monitoring of, and support given to organisations is designed to ensure that the Council maximises the potential benefits to the local community from funded projects.

9. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

- 9.1 Where appropriate, Service Agreements with funded projects include requirements to ensure compliance with the Council's agreed sustainability action plans.

10. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

10.1 A number of different risks arise from any funding of external organisations. The key risks being:

- Funding not fully utilised and therefore allocations remain unspent;
- Funding used for purposes other than those agreed;
- Organisations not able to secure all the necessary funding required to deliver the project as planned; or,
- Organisations failing to deliver the agreed outputs/outcomes.

10.2 Part of the appraisal process evaluates and takes into consideration the above and other related risks in relation to both the organisation and the project.

11. EFFICIENCY STATEMENT

11.1 All funded projects are monitored to ensure that they are delivering agreed outputs and benefits which contribute measurably to meeting local targets including efficiency and value for money.

12. APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1 – Mainstream Grants Project Monitoring Report: Quarters 1, 2 and 3 – April to December 2009. Older People – Lunchclubs.

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Mainstream Grants Project Monitoring Report
Quarter: 1, 2 and 3 – April to December 2009

APPENDIX 1

Funding Stream: Older People – Lunch Clubs - MSG

Directorate: Adults Health and Wellbeing

Organisation	Annual Award	Funds Released to Date	Key Achievements and Outputs	Red, Amber, Green (Rating)	Comments, Actions and Recommendations
Age Concern Tower Hamlets (Appian Court) Bow East – LAP 5	£52,904	£52,904.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service provided 5 days per week • An average 30 people attend per day • Organises additional activities eg. Bingo sessions, hairdressing, outings, and counselling. 	GREEN	The organisation has achieved a good proportion of the agreed targets and is on course to achieve the remaining outputs and expenditure targets of Service Agreement.
Black Women's Health and Family Support Bethnal Green North – LAP 1	£12,337	£12,337.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service provided 4 days a week. • Service is open to women from Somali Community • Average attendance 23 per day. • Organises additional activities including discussions on health issues, fitness session, outings, massage therapy, counselling. 	GREEN	The organisation has achieved a good proportion of the agreed targets and is on course to achieve the remaining outputs and expenditure targets of Service Agreement.

Organisation	Annual Award	Funds Released to Date	Key Achievements and Outputs	Red, Amber, Green (Rating)	Comments, Actions and Recommendations
Children Education Group Whitechapel – LAP 3	£16,005	£16,005.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service provided 4 days per week • An average attendance of 19 per day • Service is open to all communities but primarily focused on the Bangladeshi community. • Organises additional activities including health sessions, benefits advice, arts and crafts and outings. 	GREEN	The organisation has achieved a good proportion of the agreed targets and is on course to achieve the remaining outputs and expenditure targets of Service Agreement.
Chinese Association of Tower Hamlets Limehouse – LAP 7	£5,808	£5,808.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service provided 2 days a week • An average attendance of 15 per day • Provides the service to Vietnamese or Chinese communities. • Organises additional activities including, health advice sessions, cultural games, exercise and dance sessions. 	GREEN	The organisation has achieved a good proportion of the agreed targets and is on course to achieve the remaining outputs and expenditure targets of Service Agreement.

Organisation	Annual Award	Funds Released to Date	Key Achievements and Outputs	Red, Amber, Green (Rating)	Comments, Actions and Recommendations
Community of Refugees from Vietnam Blackwall & Cubitt Town – LAP 8	£25,000	£25,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service provided 2 days a week • Commissioned to provide a service to a minimum of 40 per day • An average attendance 56 per day • Service open to all but primarily focused on the Chinese or Vietnamese communities. • Organises additional activities including outings, health related sessions, cultural games, exercise and dance sessions. 	GREEN	The organisation has achieved a good proportion of the agreed targets and is on course to achieve the remaining outputs and expenditure targets of Service Agreement.
Island Bengali Welfare Association Blackwall & Cubitt Town – LAP 8	£7,964	£7,964.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service provided 3 days per week • An average attendance of 15 per day • Service is open to Bangladeshi community (male and female). • Organises additional activities including health discussions, swimming sessions, and outings. 	GREEN	The organisation has achieved a good proportion of the agreed targets and is on course to achieve the remaining outputs and expenditure targets of Service Agreement.

Organisation	Annual Award	Funds Released to Date	Key Achievements and Outputs	Red, Amber, Green (Rating)	Comments, Actions and Recommendations
<p>Shahjalal Community Centre</p> <p>St Dunstons & Stepney Green – LAP 3</p>	<p>£32,000</p>	<p>£30,400.00</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The service was provided 4 days per week until September 2009 but the organisation was commissioned to provide a 5 day a week service. • The organisation is now providing 5 days a week. • An average attendance of 22 per day • Although the service is open to all communities, it is primarily focused on the Bangladeshi community. • Organises additional activities including health sessions, benefits advice, arts and crafts sessions, healthy cooking sessions and outings 	<p>GREEN</p>	<p>During first two quarters, the Lunch Club did not open for the full five day week. This situation has now been addressed and the Club is now operating five days per week and achieving a good proportion of the agreed targets and is on course to achieve the remaining outputs and expenditure targets of Service Agreement.</p>

Organisation	Annual Award	Funds Released to Date	Key Achievements and Outputs	Red, Amber, Green (Rating)	Comments, Actions and Recommendations
Somali Senior Citizens Weavers – LAP 1	£24,000	£24,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service provided 5 days a week • Commissioned to provide a service to a minimum of 30 people a day • An average attendance of 40 per day • Somali men-only lunch club service • Has facilities for culturally appropriate games, prayer etc. 	GREEN	The organisation has achieved a good proportion of the agreed targets and is on course to achieve the remaining outputs and expenditure targets of Service Agreement.
St Hilda's Weavers – LAP 1	£24,086	£24,086.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service provided 5 days a week. • An average attendance 13 per day • Organises exercise, health promotion activities, ICT and crafts classes, outings and events. 	AMBER	<p>The organisation has achieved a slight increase in average attendance and is now focussing one day per week specifically for the local Bangladeshi community. It is achieving a good proportion of the agreed targets and is on course to achieve the remaining outputs and expenditure targets of Service Agreement.</p> <p>Officers anticipate a move to GREEN in the next Quarter.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If the organisation does not achieve GREEN status by the end of Quarter One 2010-11, Officers are delegated to negotiate a proportionate reduced funding level.

Organisation	Annual Award	Funds Released to Date	Key Achievements and Outputs	Red, Amber, Green (Rating)	Comments, Actions and Recommendations
St James the Less – RADICLE Bethnal Green North – LAP 1	£17,069	£17,069.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service provided 5 days a week • An average attendance 6 per day • Plan to organise health sessions, bingo, exercise and dance sessions. 	RED	<p>The organisation provides monitoring reports on time and has taken the initiative to improve the performance level, eg. Leaflet drops, adverts in local shops, GP surgeries and community centres. They have done more outreach work and recruited an additional resource to engage with the community and other organisations to increase attendance.</p> <p>Although the organisation committed to achieving the agreed targets with Officer support, it has been unable to do so and feels that they will not be able to achieve their targets.</p> <p>It should be noted that the organisation provides a service to 2-4 regular members from LB Hackney which are not part of these outputs and are not funded.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Officers be delegated to decommission the service as outlined in the body of this report.

Organisation	Annual Award	Funds Released to Date	Key Achievements and Outputs	Red, Amber, Green (Rating)	Comments, Actions and Recommendations
St Peters Community & Advice Centre Bethnal Green North – LAP 1	£16,110	£16,110.50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service provided 3 days a week • An average attendance 22 per day • Service for the Bangladeshi community (male and female) • Organises additional activities eg. outings and events, and healthy living workshops. 	GREEN	The organisation has achieved a good proportion of the agreed targets and is on course to achieve the remaining outputs and expenditure targets of Service Agreement.
Stifford TJRS Community Centre St Dunstons & Stepney Green – LAP 3	£24,110	£22,904.50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service provided 5 days a week • An average attendance 15 per day • Service for Bangladeshi community (male and female) • Organises additional activities such as healthy living sessions, healthy cooking, benefits advice, and outings. 	GREEN	During first two quarters, the Lunch Club did not open for the five day week. This situation has now been addressed and the organisation has made a good progress, running 5 days a week and on course to achieve the remaining outputs and expenditure targets of the Service Agreement.

Organisation	Annual Award	Funds Released to Date	Key Achievements and Outputs	Red, Amber, Green (Rating)	Comments, Actions and Recommendations
Toynbee Hall Spitalfields & Banglatown – LAP 2	£34,232	£34,232.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service provided 5 days a week • An average attendance 5 per day • Organises additional activities including health advice sessions, bingo, exercise and dance sessions. 	RED	<p>In order to attract and engage new service users an open day for the community was organised and widely publicised. Despite the ongoing staffing issue, the organisation is working very hard to achieve the agreed targets and have increased attendance slightly. The manager of Toynbee's other Older People's services (LinkAge Plus, Dignify and Surma Bangladeshi Pensioners Group) has taken the lead for this service and developed a strong Business Plan.</p> <p>This includes the potential to promote the service to people living with Dementia and their Carers in partnership with the Alzheimer's Society.</p> <p>Officers are confident in the organisations commitment and ability to increase attendance.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ That Officers are delegated to negotiate proportionate funding levels, and review progress against targets at end of Quarter 1 (June 2010)

Organisation	Annual Award	Funds Released to Date	Key Achievements and Outputs	Red, Amber, Green (Rating)	Comments, Actions and Recommendations
Wadajir Somali Centre Bromley by Bow – LAP 6	£20,684	£20,684.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service provided 3 days a week. • Lunch Club is open everyone but focuses on women from Somali Community • An average attendance 22 per day • Organises exercise activities and signposting to other organisations. 	GREEN	The organisation has achieved a good proportion of the agreed targets and is on course to achieve the remaining outputs and expenditure targets of Service Agreement.
Wapping Bangladeshi Association St Katharine's & Wapping – LAP 4	£10,000	£10,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service provided 3 days a week • Average attendance 16 per day • Service is open to Bangladeshi community (male and female). • Have facilities for culturally appropriate games, prayer etc. 	GREEN	The organisation has achieved a good proportion of the agreed targets and is on course to achieve the remaining outputs and expenditure targets of Service Agreement.

Organisation	Annual Award	Funds Released to Date	Key Achievements and Outputs	Red, Amber, Green (Rating)	Comments, Actions and Recommendations
Women's Health and Family Services Weavers – LAP 1 Spitalfields & Banglatown – LAP 2	£25,000	£21,875.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service provided 4 days a week • Service is open to women from the Somali community • An average attendance of 6 per day. • Organises talks on health issues, runs regular fitness sessions, outings, and massage therapy. 	RED	<p>During first two quarters, the Lunch Club did not open for the commissioned four days week. This situation has now been addressed and a four day a week service is operating. However, the average attendance has gone down.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ That Officers are delegated to renegotiate the Service Agreement outputs and funding with new agreements in place by beginning of Quarter 2 (July 2010)

RAG - Guidance

As and end of quarter 2 (September 2009) - project performing well in terms of cost, time and quality	Green
As and end of quarter 2 (September 2009) - project is underspending or underperforming by less than 15% in relation to key deliverables	Amber
As and end of quarter 2 (September 2009) - project has failed to submit its quarterly report, or is underspent or underperforming by more than 15% in relation to key deliverables.	Red

Agenda Item 4.2

Committee/Meeting: Grants Panel	Date: 25 th March 2010	Classification: Unrestricted	Report No: GP 10/0910
Report of: Helen Taylor, Corporate Director (Interim), Adults Health and Wellbeing Originating officer(s) Barbara Disney, Commissioning Manager - Older People		Title: Mainstream Grants 2010 – 13 Funding Recommendations for activities that contribute to the health and wellbeing of Tower Hamlets adult residents Wards Affected: All	

Lead Member	
Community Plan Theme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A Safe and Supportive Community
Strategic Priority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supporting Older People ▪ Healthier Communities ▪ Locally Focused Services Empowering Local People

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report seeks the Grants Panel's decision on Mainstream Grant awards for the period 1st July 2010 to 31st March 2013.
- 1.2 On 2nd December 2009, Cabinet members agreed to extend the service agreements for non-lunch club projects funded by Mainstream Grants to the end of June 2010 to enable new arrangements to be implemented.
- 1.3 Cabinet also agreed funding, in principle for the period of two years and nine months, starting from 1st July 2010 to 31st March 2013, subject to agreement on budget settlements and the satisfactory delivery of agreed outputs and outcomes.
- 1.4 At the time of preparing this report the Council's budget settlement for 2010-11 has not been approved by Full Council, consequently awards are provisional at this stage.

2. DECISIONS REQUIRED

The Grants Panel is recommended to:-

- 2.1 Agree first year funding from June to end of the financial year 2010 for the ten organisations which have been successful in the commissioning process and met the priorities agreed by Cabinet on 2nd December 2010. Funding for subsequent year will be subject to budget.

3. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 3.1 In relation to the Mainstream Grant funded projects, decisions are being sought to agree funding for a range of organisations who met the eligibility criteria for Adult Health and Wellbeing Grant funding, provide services that meet the diverse needs of Tower Hamlets residents and provide value for money, within the parameters of the Mainstream Grants budget.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 Officers have recommended services for funding that have best evidenced their ability to provide local services within available funding and best meet a broad range of needs.

5. BACKGROUND

- 5.1 Cabinet in August 2007 took a decision to adopt a commissioning approach for the allocation of Mainstream Grant funding to the third sector. There are two funding streams within the Grant programme for Adults Health and Wellbeing: lunch club provision and non lunch club provision.
- 5.2 Lunch club provision was the first of the two funding streams to adopt the new model and a 3 year funding arrangement from April 2009 was agreed by the Grants Panel on 19th March 2009. This report is about the other funding stream: "non lunch club" provision.
- 5.3 Members agreed that the current non-lunch club Service Agreements would be extended to the end of June 2010 to allow local organisations adequate time to access Officer support in the application process. 19 organisations were represented at the three training/workshop sessions offered this year.

6. FUNDING PRIORITIES

- 6.1 Members agreed funding priorities which contribute to services that:
- respond to health and wellbeing issues experienced by the borough's adult residents;
 - have flexibility to meet new and emerging needs;
 - support service users to be healthy and independent;
 - give service users genuine choice, control and dignity; and

- keep vulnerable adults safe from abuse, harm or neglect.

We would also give consideration to funding language, gender and culturally specific services where evidence of the need for the service is demonstrated.

- 6.2 Subject to budget agreements, there is £250,206 per year allocated for non-lunchclub provision. Of this £10,000 per year is allocated as Adult Health and Wellbeing contribution to Community Transport and, for 2010-11 only, £60,051 was held back to fund the three month Service Agreement extension period ending 30th June 2010 as noted above. This leaves £179,090 to be allocated in year one and £237,790 in years 2 and 3.
- 6.3 The funding priorities were advertised on the Council's website, in East End Life, and Officers contacted currently funded organisations to ensure local organisations were aware of the process. Following the training/workshop sessions, Adult Health and Wellbeing received applications from 33 projects.
- 6.4 The total funding requested from these applications was £720,380 for the first year, some of which was for 9 months and some for the full year. For the full three years, the total funding requested was for £2,176,855. Details of these applications is set out in the appendix to this report.
- 6.5 Following Officer assessment and moderation by Service Managers, the ten projects detailed below are recommended:

	Year 1 (9 months)	Year 2	Year 3
Green Candle Dance Studio	22,000	29,335	29,335
Tower Hamlets Friends and Neighbours	21,000	28,000	28,000
Toynbee Hall Surma Club	6,770	9,025	9,025
Toynbee Hall Dignify Project	22,500	30,000	30,000
Womens Health and family (Health for Somali Elders)	22,000	29,335	29,335
London Buddhist Centre	16,320	21,760	21,760
Alzheimers Society - BME	32,000	40,000	40,000
Metropolitan Society for the Blind	22,000	29,335	29,335
Tower Hamlets MENCAP (Tower Hamlets Gateway Club)	12,000	18,000	18,000
Dekhtay Chai (Bengali talking newspaper)	2,500	3,000	3,000
Sub-Total before transport	179,090	237,790	237,790
Community Transport contribution	10,000	10,000	10,000
	189,090	247,790	247,790

- 6.6 These projects will offer a range of activities and support to a wide range of our service users within the available budget.

- 6.7 The Panel is asked to approve the first year of funding for these projects totalling £179,090 (excluding Community Transport).

7. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

- 7.1 The budgets for Adult Health and Wellbeing will need to be reviewed in the years 2011/12 to 2013/14 to reflect the need to make budget reductions required at a national level. The grants budgets for year 2 and 3 set out in paragraph 6.5 will be subject to that review and cannot be confirmed until that review is concluded.

8. CONCURRENT REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (LEGAL SERVICES)

- 8.1 The organisations will be obliged to enter into contracts setting out the performance targets and inputs. These contracts will have to confirm a break clause that allows the Council to stop the service or amend the grant if funding is not agreed in future year's Council budgets

9. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

- 9.1 The purpose of the Mainstream Grant programme within Adults Health and Wellbeing is to tackle a broad range of health and social care issues within the borough. All commissioned/contracted projects and activities are designed to ensure that services contribute to delivering the Council's agreed policies, strategies and action plans in relation to One Tower Hamlets by reducing inequalities between the different sections of the community.

10. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

- 10.1 Where appropriate, Service Agreements with successful projects include requirements to ensure compliance with the Council's agreed sustainability action plans.

11. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 A number of different risks arise from any funding of external organisations. The key risks being:
- Funding not fully utilised and therefore allocations remain unspent;
 - Funding used for purposes other than those agreed;
 - Organisations not able to secure all the necessary funding required to deliver the project as planned; or,
 - Organisations failing to deliver the agreed outputs/outcomes.

- 11.2 Part of the appraisal process evaluates and takes into consideration the above and other related risks in relation to both the organisation and the project.
- 11.3 Additionally, to ensure that action is taken to minimise risks, funded organisations will need to comply with the requirements of the Council's Service. All organisations are monitored against agreed targets with periodic monitoring visits by officers.

12. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 A number of contracted projects work with individuals who are within or deemed to be 'at risk' of becoming involved in the criminal justice system, or, are involved in petty crime/anti-social behaviour. The projects in question work with clients providing a range of diversionary activities including developing a range of social and employability skills, delivering accredited training or getting individuals into further education.

13. EFFICIENCY STATEMENT

- 13.1 The projects recommended for funding in the report have been selected on the basis that the commissioned work will deliver against the agreed Service Delivery Standards and Priorities. Projects will be monitored to ensure that they are delivering agreed outputs and benefits which contribute measurably to meeting targets including efficiency and value for money.

14. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – MSG Non-lunchclub organisations applications for 2010-13

**Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)
List of "Background Papers" used in the preparation of this report**

Brief description of "background papers"	Name and telephone number of holder and address where open to inspection.
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None

Report authors should refer to the section of the report writing guide which relates to Background Papers when completing this section. Please note that any documents listed in this section may be disclosed for public inspection. Report authors must check with Legal Services before listing any document as 'background papers'.

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MSG non-lunch club organisations applications			
Name of Organisation	Request for Year 1	9 or 12 m	Request to end of March 2013
Green Candle Dance Studio	32081	12	82500
CRISIS (Access to MH services for single homeless people)	28961	12	84678
Tower Hamlets Friends and Neighbours	21000	9	78691
Toynbee Hall Surma Club	28000	12	92727
Toynbee Hall Dignify Project	30000	12	86545
Womens Health and family (Health for Somali Elders)	30000	12	90000
Black Women's Health and Family Support	30000	12	94829
London Buddhist Centre	21758	12	67200
Zaccheus	8000	12	24725
Alzheimers Society - BME	28920	12	80862
Alzheimers Society	16467	12	45905
Royal London Society for the Blind	14217	12	42651
Berner Estate Tenants Association	18000	12	£51,000
Metropolitan Society for the Blind	29670	12	£90,801
BESIDE (Anxiety Support Group)	28500	12	£85,500
Osmani Trust	22500	9	£82,500
Bromley by Bow (Dance Café)	18332	12	£62,845
Disabiliy Coalition (Disability Enquiry Line and One-Voice)	29008	12	£29,008
Pathways Training	17275	12	£52,142
DeafPlus Advice & Information	29864	12	£92,307
DeafPlus Personal Development	29864	12	£92,307
Ability Bow	23252	12	£71,478
Island Neighbourhood Project	5702	12	£17,804
Kollun	6684	9	£25,867
Tower Hamlets MENCAP (Tower Hamlets Gateway Club)	30000	12	£90,000
Inside Out Health and Wellbeing (Living from the Inside Out)	30000	12	£90,000
Isle of Dogs Bangladeshi Pensioners Association	7000	12	£24,000
Limehouse Project (Time for Learning)	23795	9	£89,654
Somali Integration Project	29000	12	£87,939
Tower Hamlets Parents Centre	30000	9	£90,000
Children's Education Group	6777	12	£20,031
Dekhtay Chai	11800	9	£48,500
Brune Bernard Carter Community Centre (BBC Elderly Service)	3953	12	£11,860
Total	720380		2176855

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