

GRANTS SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 11 January 2017 at 6.30 p.m.

Room MP702, 7th Floor, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent,
London, E14 2BG

This meeting is open to the public to attend.

Members:

Chair: Councillor Abdul Mukit MBE

Vice-Chair: Councillor Clare Harrison

Councillor Peter Golds, Councillor John Pierce and Councillor Oliur Rahman and 1
vacancy

Deputies:

Councillor Chris Chapman, Councillor Mahbub Alam, Councillor Amina Ali, Councillor
Helal Uddin and Councillor Andrew Wood

[The quorum for this body is 3 Members]

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To approve as a correct record of proceedings, the minutes of the meeting held on 1st November 2016.

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Please note that this paper was submitted to the 14th December meeting, which was eventually cancelled and re-arranged to January.

5. CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

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For further advice please contact:-

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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	<p>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.</p> <p>This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.</p>
Contracts	<p>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—</p> <p>(a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and</p> <p>(b) which has not been fully discharged.</p>
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	<p>Any tenancy where (to the Member's knowledge)—</p> <p>(a) the landlord is the relevant authority; and</p> <p>(b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.</p>
Securities	<p>Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where—</p> <p>(a) that body (to the Member's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and</p> <p>(b) either—</p> <p>(i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or</p> <p>(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.</p>

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LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE GRANTS SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE

HELD AT 6.36 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2016

TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG

Members Present:

Councillor Abdul Mukit MBE (Chair)
Councillor Peter Golds (Member)
Councillor Clare Harrison (Member)
Councillor John Pierce (Member)

Officers Present:

Zena Cooke	– Corporate Director, Resources
Vicky Allen	– Strategy Policy & Performance Officer
Steve Hill	– Head of Benefits Service
Afazul Hoque	– Senior Strategy Policy & Performance Officer
Joseph-Lacey Holland	– Strategy Policy & Performance Officer
Christine McInness	– Service Head, Education & Partnership
Stephen Murray	– Head of Arts & Events
Alison Denning	– Festival & Events Officer
Sarah Williams	– Legal Services
Kathryn Smith	– Tower Hamlets Education Partnership
Michael Keating	– Tower Hamlets Education Partnership
Charles Yankiah	– Democratic Services

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Rachael Saunders, the Mayor and Councillor Oliur Rahman.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

The Chair invited nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Grants Scrutiny Sub Committee for the duration of the Municipal Year 2016/17.

Councillor Peter Golds nominated Councillor Clare Harrison to be Vice Chair of the Grants Scrutiny Sub Committee for the duration of the Municipal Year 2016/17 and this was seconded by the Chair, Councillor Abdul Mukit.

There being no other nominations it was -

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Clare Harrison be appointed Vice Chair of the Grants Scrutiny Sub Committee for the duration of the Municipal Year 2016/17.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Peter Golds declared a non-pecuniary interest on Item No. 5.2 on the agenda as a Council Nominee on the Green Candle Dance Company

Councillor Clare Harrison declared a non-pecuniary interest on Item No. 7.3 on the agenda as a School Governor.

GRANTS SCRUTINY SUB COMMITTEE CO-OPTees RECRUITMENT UPDATE

The Chair provided the Sub Committee with an update relating to the recruitment of the Co-optees to the Grants Scrutiny Sub Committee as follows: -

- 8 applicants applied for the 2 positions of Co-optees to the Grants Scrutiny Sub Committee;
- 4 applicants had been shortlisted to be interviewed;
- 1 applicant withdrew having been shortlisted and been invited to attend an interview; and
- 3 applicants would be interviewed on Monday 7th November 2016.

The delay has mainly been to accommodate the applicants who had pre-booked holidays. The interviews will be conducted by the Chair, Zena Cooke and Matthew Mannion.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Sub Committee agreed to note the minutes of the previous meeting.

5. FEEDBACK: COMMISSIONERS DECISION-MAKING (INFORMATION ONLY)

5.1 Comments of the GSSC for Commissioners Decision Making Meeting - 27 September 2016

The Sub Committee agreed to note the feedback relating to the Commissioner's Decision Making Meeting.

5.2 MSG Performance Report - Variation Request Report

The Sub Committee considered the MSG Performance Report – Project Variation Requests submitted by Steve Hill, (Head of Benefits Services) who informed the Sub Committee that the Commissioners at the September Grants Decision Making Meeting highlighted 3 organisations with variation requests who were not able to deliver what had originally been agreed and raised concerns that the report did not provide sufficient detail to enable them to make an informed decision and requested a further report. The 3 organisations were Ragged School Museum, the Shadwell Community Project and the Green Candle Dance Community.

Steve Hill provided the following information relating to each of the 3 organisations: -

1. Ragged School Museum

- a. The project has been classed as RED for two consecutive periods; January to March 2016 and April to June 2016;
- b. The organisation submitted a “significant variation” request; and
- c. Due to the two periods of being rated RED, two periods of funding were withheld totalling £3000.

Recommendation – given the unique nature of the project and the value of the learning outputs and outcomes, an exceptional variation to the current policy for RED rated projects is recommended. It is recommended that the project variation request be approved and the evidence of the organisation's ability to deliver the revised outputs is reviewed and the outcome of the evidence review is reported in the next quarterly MSG Performance report.

The Sub Committee agreed to support the recommendation.

2. The Shadwell Community Project (SCP)

- a. The project has been classed as RED for two consecutive periods from September to December 2015 and January to March 2016;
- b. The organisation submitted a “letter of representation” to the Grants Scrutiny Sub Committee and the Tower Hamlets CVS

- submitted a letter seeking referral to the Commissioners Decision Making Meeting;
- c. A contributing factor to the poor project management has been the reporting of the overall organisation's finances and activities rather than project related costs and delivery;
 - d. The organisation has requested a decrease in the stated match funding from £270,806 to £96,428;
 - e. The organisation are also requesting the deletion of a small number of outputs relating to referrals as follows –
 - i. Number of residents to other organisations – 18
 - ii. Referral to and from school – 12
 - iii. Referral from Children's Centre – 10
 - iv. Referral to Social Services - 8
 - f. With regards to the request to reduce the match funding – the revised match funding amount of £96,428 over the lifetime of the project represents 79.4% of the total budget, this is well over the required minimum of 15%.

Recommendation – It is recommended that the variation to the level of match funding is approved by Commissioners.

The Sub Committee agreed to support the recommendation.

3. Green Candle Dance Company

- a. The project was classed as AMBER for the January to March and April to June 2016 periods;
- b. Due to a number of reasons the organisation has not been able to recruit the agreed target number of beneficiaries to its activity sessions, which has had a negative impact on overall project performance;
- c. A "significant variation" request has been received and the organisation has cited a number of reasons as to why the variation has been sought which in the main centre around the health issues and ill health recovery times of clients which are impacting on delivery;
- d. The organisation serves participants who in the main are people suffering from dementia at the Dance for Health at Oxford House Programme;
- e. The number of projected regular attendees is expected to be lower than originally expected due to their health condition;
- f. Not all participants are able to attend every week for several reasons therefore the average number of regular attendees is lower than the total cohort; and
- g. The requested variation outcomes are not considered to be acceptable as they are proposing an "up to" target which is not considered to be sufficiently robust.

Recommendation – Commissioners are recommended to note the work undertaken by the Green Candle Dance Company and its specialist provision for people with dementia and it is recommended

that the proposed variation is not accepted at the present time. It is also recommended that officers undertake further work with the Green Candle Dance Company to establish revisions to the targets that provide sufficient measurable outputs and outcomes before reporting back to Commissioners as part of the next quarterly performance report.

Councillor Clare Harrison enquired if more detail regarding the organisations could be made available in the reports in future as it would be useful to know about the organisations and what their projects entail. She also stated that Green Candle Company basically did not meet the basic requirements and why wasn't it picked up earlier to avoid the organisation going from Green to Amber and was there no additional support that could have been provided.

Steve Hill informed the Sub Committee that it was an oversight, but it was quickly corrected and monitored, however, if the variation is approved then it would return to Green.

Councillor Peter Golds informed the Sub Committee that he had attended the Green Candle Dance Company and had actually seen a class in progress. He stated that it would be a tragedy if the variation was not approved as the project is the only one of its kind in the Borough, it is a relatively small sum of money and the services provided are for the elderly with disabilities and has a rich multi-cultural attendance which is reflective of the Borough.

The Sub Committee agreed to support the recommendation.

6. CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

The Sub Committee noted that no public submissions had been submitted.

7. COMMISSIONERS DECISION MAKING MEETING REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

7.1 Exercise of Commissioners' Discretion

The Sub Committee considered the Exercise of Commissioners Discretion report presented by Steve Hill who highlighted the following decisions made by the Commissioners: -

1. **Heartstone** - Community Cohesion Schools' Project
 - a. Date considered – 5 October 2017
 - b. Grant requested - £5,000
 - c. Amount awarded - £5,000

2. Home Repair Grants

- a. Date considered – 17 October 2017
- b. Grants requested –
 - i. Mr B - £2,926.80
 1. Amount awarded - £2,926.80
 - ii. Mr S - £1,357.00
 1. Amount awarded - £1,357.00
 - iii. Mr T - £559.32
 1. Amount awarded - £559.32
 - iv. Mr M - £1,152.30
 1. Amount awarded - £1,152.30

Councillor Clare Harrison enquired about the eligibility and criteria for the Home Repair Grants and requested that the information should be included in the report for information.

The Sub Committee agreed to support the recommendation.

7.2 Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme (SVPRS)

The Sub Committee considered the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme (SVPRS) presented by Afazul Hoque who informed the Sub Committee that the report outlined the proposals for the Council's participation in the SVPRS and the plans for local delivery led by the Council and the requirements for grant funding to enable effective implementation of the scheme.

Afazul Hoque highlighted the following: -

- The report outlines proposals for the Council's participation in the SVPRS;
- The Council has informed the Home Office of its intention to become a volunteer Local Authority for the SVPRS;
- The Council has agreed that in delivering SVPRS, the Local Authority will operate a 'mixed' delivery model;
- The Council's own Housing Options service will secure appropriate accommodation for 'beneficiaries' in the private rented sector and support them to maintain their tenancies;
- The Council will work with the provider of its recently commissioned "New Resident and Refugee Forum" whose role is to champion the voice and concerns of newly arrived migrant communities in the Borough to ensure these are reflected in the design and delivery of services;
- The Council will also liaise with the Regional Migration Partnership as well as other London Boroughs who have volunteered for SVPRS to date, to build a pan-London support network for "beneficiaries";
- Initially the Council has agreed to resettle 3 households via SVPRS;
- An indicative cost estimate has been developed based upon the proposal to resettle three families (3x4 individuals);

- Two areas of major costs to the Council include: covering the rental gap between Housing Benefit and market rents in the Borough and providing a casework 'integration support service' to the beneficiaries;
- The model used assumes that resettled households will remain in-borough in 2 bedroom PRS properties, for the full 5 years of the scheme without changing composition and stable needs;
- The estimated net cost to the council of participation in the scheme over the full 5 years is estimated to be in the region of £50k;
- It has been agreed that the Corporate Director of Resources will make provision within the Council's budgeted reserves to cover the full costs of participation in SVPRS; and
- A cross partnership 'Steering Group' bringing together all relevant agencies in the Borough has been created and will operate as a project board when the scheme goes live.

The Chair, enquired about the assurance the Council would be working closely with other host local authorities and joined up with voluntary and community organisations in the Borough to ensure that the families do not feel isolated and are made to feel fully a part of the community.

Members raised the following concerns: -

- cost is a factor and it is a small number now, but what will happen if the situation changes and there are more costs to be incurred;
- the scheme being able to sustain itself over the 5 years;
- opportunity to involve other stakeholders e.g housing, children's services
- can the families of similar cultural backgrounds and language remain close e.g. housing and schooling in order that the families do not feel isolated;
- has the Council considered working with other authorities to deliver a successful scheme;

Sarah Williams, Legal Office commented that the scheme had a clear plan and if any additional funding would be required then the scheme will be able to seek the support of the Home Office. She also stated the Home Office were responsible for its own scheme which was an entirely different scheme.

Afazul Hoque informed the Sub Committee that a number of stakeholder were groups were being consulted and involved in the scheme and that families were being considered to be grouped together but this would be dependent on whether or not the housing would be available. He also stated that all the comments would be taken into account and raised with the 'Steering Group'.

The Sub Committee agreed to support the recommendations.

7.3 THE Partnership Business Case

The Sub Committee considered the Tower Hamlets Education Partnership (THEP) Business Case which was presented by Christine McInness, Kathryn Smith and Michael Keating of THEP Board.

Christine McInness informed the Sub Committee that it is being proposed that THEP present 6 monthly reports of activity and impact to a sub-group of the Children's Partnership, Cabinet and Overview & Scrutiny. She also stated that given recent Government announcements Re-Academies there is a strong rationale for THEP and its vision and values.

Kathryn Smith presented the following information relating to THEP: -

- Vision and Values;
- Membership
 - 6 Nursery Schools
 - 61 Primary Schools (69 in total)
 - 14 Secondary Schools
 - 6 Special Schools/PRU
- Associate Members
 - Aldgate & All Hallows Foundation
 - Bow Arts Trust
 - Queen Mary University of London Borough of Tower Hamlets Spitalfields Small Business Association
 - Spitalfields Music
 - Tower Hamlets Education Business Partnership
 - Tower Hamlets Together
 - Toynbee Hall
 - Volunteer Centre Tower Hamlets
- Staffing
 - Executive Director
 - Primary Head consultant
 - Consultants as and when required
- Governance
 - Interim Board
 - Interim Advisory Council
 - Management Teams
 - Governor Forum
- Political Climate
- Partnership Working in TH's Schools
- New Funding Methodologies
- The Logo
- School Improvement/Effectiveness/Development/Transformation
- Outcomes driven

Members made the following comments regarding the information presented:

- Is the Tower Hamlets College a member?

- What's the vision for the Board for the future?
- The Governance Forum referred to in the presentation, is there going to be a voice for parents and students?
- Is there a case for the constitution of a Children's Scrutiny Panel, would it take-away from the merits of the Governance Forum in the interest of the young people?
- The growth of the THEP is welcome and the £300k seems to have been well spent, but how is it being monitored? Is there a report to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee providing details of the spend?
- What happens next to raise the aspirations?
- There is a role for businesses in the THEP, other than the ones already involved as Associate Members, e.g. Barclays and HSBC, where a different approach can be taken to engage with these organisations to support employment in TH etc.
- Are any comparisons being looked at with other Boroughs?
- Is any thought being given to Post 16-18 year old opportunities?

Councillor John Pierce informed the Sub Committee that there is a scrutiny function opportunity for a Children's Scrutiny Panel, but it depends on the number of meetings, the capacity and resources available. But the discussion is worth having and looking into the progression of it.

Kathryn Smith informed the Sub Committee that Tower Hamlets College were not members of THEP yet, but there was an enormous piece of work to be done to look at the size of the Board and keep in mind the wide range of skills and expertise both locally and internationally that is available.

Zena Cooke stated that in relation to the reporting mechanism and holding to account that the decision making relating to Grants is currently with the Commissioners and a regular schedule is submitted to Cabinet. But there is an opportunity for Pre-Scrutiny to be looked at and to work with scrutiny officers to schedule that in.

Michael Keating commented that engaging with elected members for feedback and as School Governors would be helpful to ensure that THEP get it right and take everything into account.

The Chair enquired about the funding and the forecast for 2019/20 to be self-funding and how the increase in subscription affects the level of income referred to and with regard to accountability the Sub Committee should be monitoring the activity, so when will reports be presented to the Sub Committee.

Kathryn Smith informed the Sub Committee that:

- The self-funding is all about building capacity and delivery of the vision and values of THEP.
- THEP are building training services and would be selling the services which would generate income, but also increasing the income streams through conferences and improving the function of THEP as well.

- There are lots to be developed and there is currently an exercise in progress where information is being gathered and a report would be submitted in 6 months which would have clear details about the work at hand and how it can be achieved.
- Organisations like Barclays and the Queen Mary University of London are organisations that THEP are keen to work with and get on board and that is another area that is also being looked at currently.
- Other London Boroughs and other authorities across the country are being looked at in terms of how things are done, the make-up of the Board and generating income etc. To date information has been gathered from Lambeth Council, Camden Council and Birmingham City Council.

The Sub Committee agreed to note the report and the presentation and support the recommendations.

7.4 Event Fund Awards Report

The Sub Committee considered the Events Fund Awards 2016/17 presented by Stephen Murray and Alison Denning.

Stephen Murray informed the Sub Committee that the report covered the 1st quarter of Event Fund applications between 1st April 2016 and 30th June 2016 and that the Event Fund is a small grant fund for community arts events which has been operating successfully for a number of years and works on a rolling programme with monthly deadlines to support small scale local events.

Alison Denning referred to paragraphs 3.1 – 3.7 of the report that identified the following –

- Annual budget for the Event Fund is £52,500;
- Maximum grant award is £2,500, however, most awards are in the region of £500 - £1,500;
- A total of £15,200 was awarded in the Quarter 1;
- Applications are assessed by 3 officers independently of each other and are initially checked for eligibility;
- If not eligible then applications are rejected and not assessed;
- If eligible then applications are scored across 7 sections on the assessment form;
- Each area attracts a maximum score of 5 with the overall application receiving a maximum score of 35 by each assessor;
- The 3 assessor's scores are then added together to give a maximum score of 105;
- The minimum score of 63 is required to be considered for funding, but the ultimate decision is made by the Service Head for CLC.
- A total of 31 applications were received in Quarter 1;
- A total of 24 applications were awarded funding;
- A total of 7 applications were declined funding;

- 2 applications did not send in their acceptance packs despite a number of reminders and was therefore disqualified;
- From the £52,500 annual grant allocation, up to £5,000 was set aside for events to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday in June 2016;
- Awards were offered up to £250, with 10 applications being received and 10 applications being awarded £250 each; and
- With the adoption of the online Grants system for the 2016/17 period, reports can be generated automatically and will be uploaded onto the Tower Hamlets Council Online Grant Portal which would allow access to the general public, Commissioners and Councillors to view the amounts awarded via the Event Fund.

The Chair enquired about the 7 events that were declined and the reasons for declining their applications and welcomed the monitoring information about the applicants but also need clarification on the over representation of certain postcode areas e.g. E1W and E2 and also what is being done to increase the applications from under-represented areas of the Borough.

Alison Denning informed the Sub Committee that the report is specifically for the 1st Quarter of the year and since then improvements have been made to monitor information and address any issues that may arise during the course of the year. She also stated that the 7 applications that were declined were based upon a number of reasons including some organisations applied for funds over the maximum limit, some budgets didn't balance, information did not match in the applications and were contradictory, there were events that were closed to the public, some lacked evidence and some just did not meet the criteria.

Stephen Murray also commented that the geographical spread of the applications across the Borough is also monitored and sometimes applications can be denied for those reasons as well where a particular venue may be over-represented in applications.

The Chair enquired that though the reasons given for declining applications are valid, is there any support provided to community groups and applicants where English may not be the first language or the funding forms are too complicated to understand.

Stephen Murray stated that officer resource is limited but the application review process is quite flexible although there are guidelines to follow and criteria to meet. He stated that there is an online toolkit with guidelines available and where mistakes have been made on applications or budgets don't balance, officers usually contact the organisations to seek clarification and offer advice.

Alison Denning commented that officers do speak to organisations and the funding team can be flexible with deadlines in order to support organisations, but due to the process being scrutinised and monitored by the Sub Committee and Commissioners procedures have to be tightened up and applied appropriately in all cases.

Councillor Clare Harrison enquired about background information being made available relating to applications and organisations to ensure that scrutiny and monitoring of applications and organisations takes place effectively.

Zena Cooke informed the Sub Committee that Appendix 1 included in the report identified the organisation, the project and activity together with the funding information, but both Stephen Murray and Alison Denning could bring along the score-sheets to the Sub Committee meeting, which can be referred to if any questions need to be clarified relating to a particular organisation or application.

The Chair commented that he thought the forms were designed for professionals and organisations that could afford a consultant to complete the application forms rather than the grass-root organisations and volunteers that are usually the ones to complete the applications.

Stephen Murray informed the Sub Committee that workshops are held to discuss the application and funding process and organisations are invited to attend these workshops. He also stated that applications and assessments are evenly weighted across the Borough and it must be remembered that it is a small budget of £52k that is being utilised across the Borough for small grants. He stated that the team do a great job assessing the applications and looking at the criteria and awarding the grants accordingly and that overall there is value for money that is supporting community cohesion and cultural diversity projects and events across the Borough.

Councillor John Pierce thanked the Grants Team for the report and the work involved and congratulated the Team on the transparency. He stated that where there were issues with organisations and their applications that possibly more in-depth checks could take place with Board Members, the types of organisations and the frequency and amounts of funding received.

Zena Cooke commented that more in-depth checks for the Event Fund would be too time consuming and it is only a small pot of £52k and such in-depth checks should be proportionate to the amount of funding available. She also stated that the Grants Register would be submitted to the Sub Committee on a quarterly basis and that in comparison to other London Boroughs the TH budget is relatively small in comparison.

The Sub Committee agreed:

1. the report and supported the recommendations; and
2. that the Grant Fund Awards criteria be circulated to the Sub Committee.

7.5 Grants Forward Plan

The Sub Committee considered the Grants Forward Plan for 2016/17 presented by Steve Hill who highlighted the reports for submission at the December 2016 and February 2017 meetings.

Councillor John Pierce enquired about doing site visits to other London Boroughs to see what they did and how their processes worked in relation to Grant Funding.

Zena Cooked commented that if the Sub Committee wanted to review its Terms of Reference to reflect the ability to analyse best practice in other authorities then that could be done. She also stated that if the Sub Committee were keen to do more than just look at reports, but to learn from other authorities and see best practice then organisations like LGA may be able to assist with providing some beacon councils.

The Sub Committee agreed:

1. The Grants Forward Plan for 2016/17; and
2. To look into best practices at other authorities as well as consul the LGA regarding beacon councils relating to Grant Funding.

8. SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

8.1 Revised Terms of Reference

The Sub Committee noted the revised Terms of Reference as agreed by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

9. REVIEW OF GRANTS SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE AND WORK PROGRAMME REPORT UPDATE

The Sub Committee were informed by Vicky Allen (Strategy, Policy & Performance Officer) that one of the recommendations was to 'consider looking at arrangements the council puts in place to support local organisations with a move to a more commissioning-based approach' and at the September meeting, the Sub Committee considered a report about the Community Engagement, Cohesion and Resilience commissioning arrangements starting in the new financial year. She also stated that it should review the arrangements that the Council is putting in place to support local organisations with a move to a more commissioning-based approach. This will include an overview of the co-commissioning approach, an update on progress to date, feedback from the CVS on the needs of the voluntary and community sector, and details of activities currently being undertaken by both the Council and the CVS to support the sector. A presentation spotlight session would be added to the agenda in the New Year. An end of pilot

evaluation report of the Community Engagement, Cohesion and Resilience theme commissioning will also be added to the GSSC forward plan.

The Sub Committee agreed to receive a report providing an overview of grants in the Council at the next meeting.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

There was no other business to be considered.

The meeting ended at 8.45 p.m.

Chair, Councillor Abdul Mukit MBE
Grants Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Comments of the Grants Scrutiny Sub-Committee of 1st November 2016 for Commissioners Decision-Making meeting on 8th November 2016

Feedback

As agreed at the previous September GSSC meeting, the comments of the Grants Scrutiny sub-committee reported to the Commissioners Decision Making meeting, and the minutes of the Commissioners Decision Making meeting are included within the GSSC agenda pack as a standing agenda item.

5. Commissioners Decision Making meeting reports for consideration

5.1 Exercise of Commissioner Discretion

This report was noted with no comment.

6.1 Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme

This report was welcomed by Members as a positive move by the Council.

Members asked for assurance that the Council would be working closely with other host local authorities and join up with voluntary and community organisations in the borough to ensure that these families do not feel isolated and are made to feel part of the community.

Members were provided with some headline information from the Council's legal representative for the committee with regard to children in the borough as a result of the Dubs Amendment, and heard how the Council was engaging with charities to support integration.

Members asked if consideration could be given to clustering families in specific areas to enable families to support each other. In addition it would be useful to link up the families within local communities who speak Arabic language and have similar cultural needs.

The committee endorsed the proposed recommendations.

6.2 Agreement of the business case for the Tower Hamlets Education Partnership

Members welcomed the approach being taken to promote collaboration, learning and joint working between the borough's schools and the local authority.

Members wanted assurance that there was still a strong rationale to go ahead with this model now that the government had rolled back on the academisation agenda. They were also assured to hear that this model or similar models were also being developed by other local authorities.

Members asked for assurance and clarifications in a number of areas:

- That baseline information for stated success outcomes was expected to be ready by the end of the calendar year;
- That the measures THE Partnership were putting in place would ensure that the organisation would be self-financing by the end of the three year grant period;
- Members were keen to be assured that the composition of the Board would include both parents and businesses;
- That one of the focuses of THE Partnership should be on building relationships with groups from the wider community (such as housing associations) and including organisations from outside of the borough (such as big businesses and non-London based universities) in order to widen participation and widen aspirations; and
- Whether in future, there would be an offer for supporting graduates in gaining employment (for example supporting them with soft skills).

The Committee sought clarification on what arrangements were being put in place to monitor and report on progress of THE Partnership. They welcomed the opportunity to receive the planned six monthly monitoring reports as part of their scrutiny remit.

The committee noted the report.

6.3 Event Fund – report on the Event Fund Awards 2016-17

The Committee asked for the allocation criteria to be provided to have a better understanding of the Event Fund which they can then use to advise local people and groups. The Committee requested that in future where events funding application is being rejected that information be provided on which criteria had not been met be provided at the meeting.

Members asked about the measures the service has in place to support small organisations to be successful in their applications and what they did to ensure there was appropriate and representative coverage for beneficiaries and of geographies. Officers agreed to offer a workshop on applying for grants as part of the annual networking events in February and May.

Members were keen to hear that arts and events grants were being migrated onto the GIFTS system, like the MSG grants. They were interested in hearing about the online grants portal and wanted to know whether the portal could link organisations seeking funding to other funding opportunities (such as from housing providers).

There was a general discussion about how the grants portal and the open data solution currently being implemented (Socrata) will enable greater transparency through interrogation of information held about the Council's grant giving and about the recipient organisations.

The committee noted the report.

6.4 Grants Forward Plan

The Committee wanted the grants register enhanced to show which grants were discretionary so that they could better target their focus on those grants where scrutiny would be appropriate and add value to the grants decision making process.

The Committee agreed that they would look into best practice on grant giving and scrutiny of grants process. This will involve working with the LGA and Centre for Public Scrutiny.

7. Any other business the Chair considers to be urgent

7.1 MSG performance report – project variation requests

Where a decision about a grant was required, Members asked that future reports to include a short paragraph of description about the grant being funded, especially where this was unclear from the title of the grant project.

The Committee recommended that the Council should identify the organisations which physically host a number of our grant recipients (for example Oxford House) and work closely with them to coordinate and

complement the support being given to organisations which are not meeting their targets.

With regard to the Shadwell Community Project – The People Gap, Members wanted assurance that the significant reduction in match funding would have no impact on project delivery as a result of the reduction.

The committee endorsed the proposed recommendations.

Grants scrutiny sub-committee business

1. Co-optee recruitment update

Four out of a total of eight applicants have been shortlisted, one has withdrawn and the other three will be interviewed on Monday 7th November – the delay was been to accommodate applicant's pre-booked holiday. Interviews are being conducted by the Chair of GSSC, the Corporate Director Resources, and the Committee Services Manager.


2. Review of grants scrutiny sub-committee and work programme update

The Committee agreed that would like to review the arrangements that the Council is putting in place to support local organisations with a move to a more commissioning-based approach. This will include an overview of the co-commissioning approach, an update on progress to date, feedback from the CVS on the needs of the voluntary and community sector, and details of activities currently being undertaken by both the Council and the CVS to support the sector. A presentation spotlight session will be added to the agenda in the New Year. An end of pilot evaluation report of the Community Engagement, Cohesion and Resilience theme commissioning will be added to the GSSC forward plan.

It was also agreed the Committee would receive a report providing an overview of grants in the Council at their next meeting.

3. Grants Scrutiny sub-committee meetings

Members asked for the start time of GSSC to be amended to 6.00pm, in line with other scrutiny committees. They also asked Democratic Services to ensure the committee did not clash with major committee meetings (such as Cabinet), moving the committee to a Wednesday to accommodate this if necessary.

<p>Commissioner Decision Report</p> <p>17 January 2017</p>	 <p>TOWER HAMLETS</p>
<p>Report of: Zena Cooke, Corporate Director Resources</p>	<p>Classification: Unrestricted</p>
<p>Exercise of Commissioners Discretion</p>	

Lead Member	Rachel Saunders
Originating Officer(s)	Steve Hill
Wards affected	All wards
Key Decision?	No
Community Plan Theme	One Tower Hamlets

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report sets out details of any decisions that have been made under the exercise of Commissioners Discretion. Such decisions are required to be the subject of a noting report at a subsequent Commissioners Decision Meeting in Public.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Commissioners are recommended to:

1. Confirm their decisions under Commissioners Discretion as set out in appendix 1.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 Agreed procedures require that reports be submitted to Commissioners Decision Meetings in Public to confirm/note grant funding decisions taken under Commissioners Discretion.
- 1.2 The reporting of decisions taken under Commissioners Discretion assists in ensuring that Members and Public are made aware of, and therefore able to scrutinise Commissioners decisions.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 Agreed procedure requires decisions taken under Commissioners Discretion to be presented to a Commissioners Decision Meeting in Public.
- 2.2 To deviate from this procedure would require a sound reason. It is not considered that there is any such reason, have due regard of the need to ensure that Members are kept informed of all decisions made by Commissioners under their discretionary powers.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

- 3.1 Any decisions made under Commissioners discretion are set out in the attached appendix 1. In this instance, decisions were made by Commissioners on the 20th December 2016 regarding the Council's Emergency Funding, phase 8, where 4 applications were received totalling £40,725.02 and these are set out in appendix 1. The Emergency Funding Programme is in place to enable local voluntary and community organisations to apply for what is often referred to as life-and-limb support. The Scheme was established in September 2014 with a one-off budget allocation of £250,000. A revised criteria was agreed by Commissioners at their meeting on the 27th September 2016. The maximum available grant is £20,000 (within a rolling 12-month period). To date 18 awards have been made over 7 phases totalling £161,476. The available budget remaining is £88,524.
- 3.2 These decisions were taken outside of scheduled meetings in public in order that grants were considered and awarded in a timely manner.

4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 4.1 The decisions set out in the attached appendix have already been made under the Commissioners discretionary powers.
- 4.2 In taking their decisions the Commissioners are provided with a report setting out the relevant information to inform their decision and which includes specifically the financial implications of the proposed decision together with financial and legal comments provided by the Chief Finance Officer and the Monitoring Officer respectively.

5. LEGAL COMMENTS

- 5.1. This report seeks the approval of Commissioners to a grant allocation for the Emergency Funding Phase 8. The payments are discretionary and therefore considered to be grants.
- 5.2. The power of the commissioners to make decisions in relation to grants arises from directions made by the Secretary of State on 17 December 2014 pursuant to powers under sections 15(5) and 15(6) of the Local Government Act 1999 (the Directions). Paragraph 4(ii) and Annex B of the Directions together provide that, until 31st March 2017, the Council's functions in relation to grants will be exercised by appointed Commissioners, acting jointly or severally. This is subject to an exception in relation to grants made under section 24 of the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996, for the purposes of section 23 of that Act (disabled facilities grant).
- 5.3. To the extent that the Commissioners are exercising powers which would otherwise have been the Council's, there is a need to ensure that the Council has the power to make the grant in question. In that regard the proposed

grants are supported by the Council's general power of competence. Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 gives the council a general power of competence to do anything that individuals generally may do, subject to specified restrictions and limitations imposed by other statutes.

- 5.4. The Council has a duty under the Local Government Act 1999 to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness. This is referred to as the Council's best value duty. Best Value considerations have also been addressed in paragraph 7 of the report.
- 5.5. The Council must ensure that no part of the funds issued represents a profit element to the recipient. The inclusion of profit or the opportunity of making a profit from the grant or third parties indicates that the grant is really procurement activity and would otherwise be subject to the Council's Procurement Procedures and other appropriate domestic and European law. This would mean therefore, that the Council would have failed to abide by the appropriate internal procedures and external law applicable to such purchases.
- 5.6. When making decisions, the Council must have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful conduct under the Equality Act 2010, the need to advance equality of opportunity and the need to foster good relations between persons who share a protected characteristic and those who do not (the public sector equality duty). A proportionate level of equality analysis is required to discharge the duty and information relevant to this is contained in the One Tower Hamlets section of the report.

6. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1. This report is concerned with the notification of Commissioners decisions under their discretions; and as such has no direct One Tower Hamlets implications. The extent to which there are One Tower Hamlets considerations arising from the original recommendations, these would have been addressed as part of those considerations.

7. BEST VALUE (BV) IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Best Value implications associated with each of the Commissioners discretions as set out in Appendix 1 would have been identified and evaluated as an integral part of the process which led to the decisions.

8. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

- 8.1 There is no sustainable action for a greener environment implications arising from this report.

9. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The risk management implications associated with each of the Commissioners' discretions as set out in Appendix 1 would have been identified and evaluated as an integral part of the process which led to the decisions.

10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Crime and disorder reduction implications, if any, associated with the decisions as set out in Appendix 1 would have been an integral part of the process which led to the decisions.

11. SAFEGUARDING IMPLICATIONS

11.1 Safeguarding implications including risks or benefits, if any, associated with each of the decisions as set out in Appendix 1 would have been identified and evaluated as an integral part of the process which led to the decisions

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- NONE

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – details of the decisions made under the Commissioners' discretionary powers

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

- None


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EXERCISE OF COMMISSIONERS DISCRETION

Date Considered	Name of Grant & Description	Organisation / Recipient	Decision	Grant Requested	Amount Awarded	Directorate	Officer Contact
20 Dec 2016	Emergency Funding – Phase 8	Acorn FC	No funding approved – organisation did not meet eligibility requirements	£6,465	£0	Resources	Mohammed Ahad 020 7364 2762
20 Dec 2016	Emergency Funding – Phase 8	Island House Community Centre	No funding approved – requested funding is for the continuation of a pilot project which falls outside of the remit of the emergency funding programme	£20,000	£0	Resources	Mohammed Ahad 020 7364 2762
20 Dec 2016	Emergency Funding – Phase 8	IoD Bangladeshi Association & Cultural Centre	No funding approved – organisation did not meet eligibility requirements	£2,000	£0	Resources	Mohammed Ahad 020 7364 2762
20 Dec 2016	Emergency Funding – Phase 8	The Rooted Forum	Decision deferred – further information required from organisation regarding their reserves	£12,260.02	Decision deferred	Resources	Mohammed Ahad 020 7364 2762

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<p>Commissioner Decision Report 20th December 2016</p>	
<p>Report of: Aman Dalvi Corporate Director, Development and Renewal</p>	<p>Classification: Unrestricted</p>
<p>WARMTH Project Funding</p>	

Originating Officer(s)	Jonathan Taylor
Wards affected	All
Key Decision?	No
Community Plan Theme	A Great Place to Live

Executive Summary

The LBTH Sustainable Development team is working with Groundwork London (GWL) to deliver the ‘Warm Homes Agency Referral Method to deliver Health outcomes’ (WARMTH) programme that tackles fuel poverty.

GWL has been awarded money by the British Gas Energy Trust (BGET) to deliver a health/housing programme across London boroughs. The referrals network and home energy efficiency visits are a unique service offered by GWL. GWL has allocated £25,000 to deliver the WARMTH programme in Tower Hamlets throughout 2016.

Home visits commenced in August 2016 and are due to be completed at the end of December 2016 and to date 135 visits have been delivered.

The project is facilitating the delivery of the LBTH adopted Fuel Poverty Strategy and the sustainable development team has committed to extend the programme to March 2017 by match funding the £25,000.

Proposed funding for the project extension is to come from held in reserves for the development of an energy co-operative to help council tenants and residents in fuel poverty.

The WARMTH programme is being delivered through a Green Doctor Service to residents of Tower Hamlets and will deliver 346 (173 from GWL budget and 173 and from LBTH budget) home visits to some of the borough’s most vulnerable residents.

Recommendations:

The Commissioners are recommended to:

Approve the grant funding of £25,000 to continue the delivery of the WARMTH programme through Q4 2016/2017.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 The WARMTH programme will be delivered through a Green Doctor Service to residents of Tower Hamlets. The programme will deliver 346 home visits to some of the borough's most vulnerable residents and also set up a single point of contact for a health and housing referral service for people living in cold homes.
- 1.2 It is important for households to receive energy efficiency advice and training to ensure they are getting the most out of their home energy systems. Through the Green Doctors, the residents receive free home energy efficiency advice, which could save households between 10-15% on their energy bills. Benefits of the project include:
- Creation of a referral system to enable vulnerable residents to access support
 - Providing access to cheaper energy through energy switching options
 - Home energy efficiency improvements undertaken to properties
 - Identification of additional grants and services that the residents can access
 - Financial and home income maximisation advice
 - Improvements to home environment and reducing financial pressures on heating their homes

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 Groundwork London has been awarded money directly by the British Gas Energy Trust (BGET) to deliver this Programme across several boroughs. Therefore, this is a unique opportunity with no alternative option.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

- 3.1 The WARMTH programme will be delivered through a Green Doctor Service to residents of Tower Hamlets. The programme will deliver 346 home visits to some of the borough's most vulnerable residents and also set up a single point of contact for a health and housing referral service for people living in cold homes.
- 3.2 The visits are a holistic approach to tackling fuel poverty as they combat the 3 main causes;

- Low income
- Cold homes
- High expenditure

3.3 These three areas will be tackled by a number of interventions including;

- Offering financial and debt advice
- Fitting small energy efficiency measures during the visit and referring back to LBTH for larger measures such as boiler replacements and insulation
- Lowering outgoings via our fuel switching service and behavioural advice.

3.4 The single point of contact referral service will be facilitated through GWL's database that is both a referral pathway and a method to join up services on offer in the borough.

PROJECT REFERRALS ANALYSIS

3.5 The LBTH Sustainable Development team are facilitating a co-ordinated approach to developing a project referral system with the colleagues from the Public Health, GP surgeries, NHS (Royal London Hospital) and Bromley by Bow centre.

3.6 The desire is for the visits to be exclusively for residents of Tower Hamlets who live in vulnerable households with multiple health issues, exacerbated by cold and damp environments.

3.7 Whilst the LBTH Sustainable Development Team holds considerable data on the energy performance of dwellings to identify those at risk of fuel poverty, the project is aiming to filter this data to be relevant for vulnerable households with multiple health issues.

3.8 The Sustainable Development Team is working to obtain the relevant data on residents with multiple health impacts to ensure the most relevant residents are included within the proposed 346 home visits.

HOME VISITS

3.9 GWL has a group of Energy Doctors who are City and Guilds - Domestic Energy Assessor or City and Guilds Energy Awareness qualified. The Green Doctors are also Disclosure of Scotland checked.

3.10 The home visits are up to two hours long and include time spent assessing the property and providing advice on home energy management to the resident, installing small energy efficiency measures and addressing energy related issues. The Green Doctors will carry out a low level health check and

assess levels of fuel poverty.

- 3.11 There is a comprehensive list of areas that are investigated during the visit in addition to the initial checks about the resident and the property, such as the fabric and insulation levels as well as appliances and services. The Green Doctors will look at appliances, controls and fittings etc. and also record where there is a potential for improvement works and advise on relevant aspects accordingly.
- 3.12 The Green Doctors collect information about fuel poverty, fuel debt, fire safety and health & wellbeing, and also provide information, where appropriate, about services that may be available like befriending services, digital inclusion and help with fuel debt.
- 3.13 The information is used to make relevant referrals where appropriate and progress is recorded and fed back to the Sustainable Development Team where measurable outcomes can be recorded. An example of the benefits of the delivered measures (£ savings and CO2 reduction) is presented in tables 3.2 and 3.3.

BENEFITS TO THE BOROUGH'S RESIDENTS

- 3.14 It is important for households to receive energy efficiency advice and training to ensure they are getting the most out of their home energy systems. Through the Green Doctors, the residents will receive free home energy efficiency advice, which is anticipated to save households between 10-15% on their energy bills. Benefits of the project will include:
- Creation of a referral system to enable vulnerable residents to access support
 - Providing access to cheaper energy through energy switching options
 - Home energy efficiency improvements undertaken to properties
 - Identification of additional grants and services that the residents can access
 - Financial and home income maximisation advice
 - Improvements to home environment and reducing financial pressures on heating their homes

PROJECT PROGRAMME

- 3.15 GWL has been awarded money by the British Gas Energy Trust (BGET) to deliver the programme across London boroughs. The referrals network and home energy efficiency visits are a unique service offered by GWL.

- 3.16 GWL is working in partnership with multiple local referring agencies to deliver an in-home energy and wellbeing visit, giving financial and health advice to some of the Borough's most vulnerable households. Currently they are working in partnership with eleven London boroughs. Groundwork has allocated £25,000 to deliver the WARMTH programme in Tower Hamlets throughout 2016.
- 3.17 The GWL proposal for LBTH was received in May 2016 and we have undertaken the process of making links with council departments and local organisations, data gathering, analysis and establishing the referral network to deliver the project.
- 3.18 The project is facilitating the delivery of the LBTH adopted Fuel Poverty Strategy and the Energy and Sustainability Service aims to extend the programme from December 2016 until March 2017 by match funding the £25,000. This will ensure that residents who are in need of assistance will have continued access to the service over the winter months.
- 3.19 Proposed funding for the project extension is to come from held in reserves for the development of an energy co-operative to help council tenants and residents in fuel poverty.

AREAS IDENTIFIED AND PUBLICITY

- 3.20 Initially the Sustainable Development Team analysed a list of the worst performing domestic dwellings from a Tower Hamlets Energy Performance Certificate database to identify the properties that are owned by Tower Hamlets Homes.
- 3.21 This information was then cross referenced with data from Northgate, a Tower Hamlets Homes housing management software, which identified residents who have a disability, impairment or health issue and selected those blocks for GWL to visit.
- 3.22 The eligibility criteria for receiving a home visit from GWL is based on:
- Physical disability
 - Long term illness
 - Mental health issues
 - Pregnant
 - Child under 5 and on low income
 - Low income
 - Over 65
 - Aged 16-25 on low income

- 3.23 In addition to the data analysis the project has actively targeted residents with existing health issues and in receipt of the flu jab. This has been undertaken through close working with the Mission Practice on Cambridge Heath Road who gave the opportunity to put a WARMTH leaflet in with all the flu letters that were sent out to over 65's (approx. 400 letters in the E1 and E2 postcode area). In addition to boost referrals, a presence was made at the walk-in clinic on Saturday 24th and 25th October at that Practice to sign up people directly and give them the chance to ask any questions.
- 3.24 Other avenues for referrals are also being explored through increased publicity of the project. It is intended that a similar approach is taken to identifying the worst performing homes under housing association management and offer visits.
- 3.25 The programme has been advertised in the September issue of Our EastEnd using a quarter page advert and a link into referrals is on the LBTH website.
- 3.26 We are also working with colleagues in the Environmental Health Team and at the NHS to obtain further referrals. The GWL have created good links with local GP's and advice on the project is to be circulated with the flu vaccination programme.
- 3.27 GWL is also actively networking in the borough with different organisations through resident panels and various events including Tower Hamlets Public Health workshops. They are also working with the social prescribing service run by the Bromley by Bow Centre to create a link with doctors to refer patients to the programme.

PROGRESS

- 3.28 A summary of the category of people who have received visits, as well as an example of interventions and potential savings is set out in Tables 3.1 to 3.3 below.

Table 3.1 – Residents Visited

Older person (over 65)	47
Low income	90
Have one or more children under 5 and on low income	23
Disability or health issue	49
Private resident	17
Social tenant	109
Long term illness, health problem or disability which limits daily activities	50

Table 3.2 – Interventions Installed Financial and CO2 Savings per annum

MEASURES	No.	Annual Savings	
		Savings (£)	Savings (kg CO2e)
Hot water cylinder jackets installed	1	135	594
Light bulbs installed	161	483	1,771
Power-down devices installed	25	150	500
Radiator panels installed	89.5	90	448
Draught proofing strips - doors installed	29	77	309
Draught proofing strips - windows installed	0	0	0
Door brushes installed	21	56	224
Letterbox brushes installed	7	19	75
Energy monitors	72		
Shower heads installed	50	850	3,600
Save-a-flush bags installed	20		
Shower timers installed	21	105	420
Swivel taps installed	32		
Tap aerators installed	10		
TOTAL	538.5	1,965	7,941

Table 3.3 – Behavioural Change Financial and CO2 Savings per annum

Actions	N.	Annual Savings	
		Savings (£)	Savings (kg CO2e)
Setting Washing Machine at 30 degrees rather than Higher Temperatures	22	132	440
Only Boiling as much as you need	46	322	1,104
Turning off your Lights	64	576	1,984
Line Dry in Summer, rather than using the Tumble Dryer	16	288	1,024
Reducing Washing Machine Cycles per week by 1	18	90	288
Reducing Dishwasher Cycles per week by 1	1	9	33
Avoid Standby from Computer Equipment	71	426	1,420
Replace a Traditional Bulb with an Energy Saving Bulb	93	279	1,023
Taking 1min off your Shower	33	165	660
Replacing 1 Bath a week with a Shower	7	28	133
Washing up in a Bowl rather than a Flowing Tap	37	1,147	4,958
Turn my thermostat down	13	1,118	4,602
TOTAL	421	4,580	17,669

Client signed up to Warm Homes Discount	23
Client signed up to Priority Service Register	31

4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 4.1 This report seeks the approval of the Commissioners to release funding of £25,000, payable as a grant, to Groundwork London (GWL) to extend the 'Warm Homes Agency Referral Method to deliver Health Outcomes' (WARMTH) programme that tackles fuel poverty. The initial project was undertaken by GWL with funding secured from the British Gas Energy Trust.
- 4.2 The proposed programme extension will utilise £25,000 of the resources of £30,000 that were previously allocated for the development of an energy co-operative to help council tenants and residents in fuel poverty. These funds are currently held in an earmarked reserve.

5. LEGAL COMMENTS

- 5.1 Whilst there is no strict legal definition of grant, a grant is in the nature of a gift and is based in trust law. However, grants are often given for a purpose so it is sometimes unclear whether a grant has been made or the arrangement is a contract for services. A contract for services is not a grant and therefore, an arrangement which is classified as a contract for services would be outside the remit of the power conferred upon the commissioners to approve.
- 5.2 There will be many grants which are made by the Council for the purpose of discharging one of its statutory duties. However, as a grant is in the nature of a gift, it is considered there must be some element of discretion on the part of the Council as grantor as to whom a grant is made to and whether this is made. If the Council is under a legal duty to provide a payment to a specific individual or organisation, and cannot lawfully elect not to make such a payment, then that should not amount to a grant.
- 5.3 In this case, the Council is not under a legal duty to provide this payment. The payment of £25,000 is discretionary and therefore considered to be a grant.
- 5.4 The power of the commissioners to make decisions in relation to grants arises from directions made by the Secretary of State on 17 December 2014 pursuant to powers under sections 15(5) and 15(6) of the Local Government Act 1999 (the Directions). Paragraph 4(ii) and Annex B of the Directions together provide that, until 31st March 2017, the Council's functions in relation to grants will be exercised by appointed Commissioners, acting jointly or severally. This is subject to an exception in relation to grants made under section 24 of the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996, for the purposes of section 23 of that Act (disabled facilities grant).
- 5.5 To the extent that the Commissioners are exercising powers which would otherwise have been the Council's, there is a need to ensure that the Council has the power to make the grant in question. In that regard, the proposed grants are supported by the Council's general power of competence. Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 gives the Council a general power of competence

to do anything that individuals generally may do, subject to specified restrictions and limitations imposed by other statutes.

- 5.6 The Council has a duty under the Local Government Act 1999 to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness. This is referred to as the Council's best value duty. Best Value considerations have also been addressed in paragraph 7 of the report.
- 5.7 When making decisions, the Council must have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful conduct under the Equality Act 2010, the need to advance equality of opportunity and the need to foster good relations between persons who share a protected characteristic and those who do not (the public sector equality duty). A proportionate level of equality analysis is required to discharge the duty and information relevant to this is contained in the One Tower Hamlets section of the report.

6. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1. The proposals will help contribute to the community plan objective of creating a 'healthy and supportive community' through providing improvements to residents' health through improving their circumstances and surroundings. The project will provide eligible residents in Tower Hamlets energy efficiency improvements enabling cheaper fuel bills and an increased comfort of living.

7. BEST VALUE (BV) IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The proposals are to match fund the finances allocated from the British Gas Energy Trust (BGET) to deliver the WARMTH programme in Tower Hamlets. The measures installed and advice provided will have a long term benefit in reducing residents fuel bills and improving comfort of the dwelling.

8. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

- 8.1 Tower Hamlets produces the third highest level of total carbon emissions of the 33 Local Authorities in Greater London. The proposals will contribute to delivering CO2 emission reductions in the Borough as well as reducing fuel bills for residents.

9. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 All Groundwork London Green Doctors are Disclosure of Scotland certified and carry identification. The service was initially advertised by flyer dropping, following this exercise, residents called to make appointments. Residents also have the ability to verify the service with LBTH.

10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are no crime and disorder implications.

11. SAFEGUARDING IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no safeguarding implications.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- NONE

Appendices


- NONE

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

- NONE

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Grants Scrutiny Sub Committee Report 11 th January 2017	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Aman Dalvi Corporate Director, Development and Renewal	Classification: [Unrestricted or Exempt]
Stepney City Farm Water Efficiency and Café Upgrade Proposals	

Originating Officer(s)	Jonathan Taylor
Wards affected	Stepney
Key Decision?	No
Community Plan Theme	A Great Place to Live

Executive Summary

This report relates to the release of up to £32,500 of section 106 resources to Stepney City Farm to deliver water efficiency projects and visitor experience improvements. The proposed water efficiency works will see the installation of a rainwater harvesting irrigation system that will reduce potable water use at the farm. The proposed visitor experience works will meet an identified need to upgrade the benches and signage to ensure inclusivity for all areas of the farm.

Project funding for the works has been secured through a s106 contribution associated with the nearby Ocean Estate Redevelopment. The proposals comply with the terms of Paragraph 1, Schedule Eighteen of the s106 agreement relating to the Ocean Estate redevelopment (planning ref PA/09/02584 and PA/09/02585 and PA/11/01294) as varied on 6th February 2014 (ref PA/13/00730).

The terms of the s106 agreement required the projects to be identified and agreed with the Developer, with the scope of the 'improvement works to Ben Johnson Road or other improvement works in the vicinity of the Ocean Estate'. Approval for the projects, including up to £121,000 for improvement works at Stepney City Farm, was agreed in September 2014 and the s106 contribution received by the Council October 2014.

The £32,500 proposed funding is split over two parts:

- i: Water Efficiency Project - £22,500; and
- ii: Visitor Experience Improvements - £10,000.

The Infrastructure Delivery Sub Group approved the funding of the Water Efficiency Project (£25,000 (£22,500 grant + £2,500 project management)) in October 2016 and Visitor Experience Improvements (£11,500 (£10,000 grant + £1,500 project management)) in November 2016.

Recommendations:

The Commissioners are recommended to:

1. Approve the grant funding of £32,500 to Stepney City Farm to improve the water efficiency and visitor experience around the farm and ensure the community facility is accessible to all.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 Stepney City Farm is a working farm and community meeting place and provides opportunities for children and adults to meet farm animals, learn how to grow food and to try out arts and crafts. The farm also hosts school groups four days a week during term time as well as activities during the school holidays. Local residents formed the Stepney City Farm charity in 2009 and lease the land from the Council. The farm is on land owned by the Council as trustee for the King George's Fields, Mile End charity.
- 1.2 The proposal is for Stepney City Farm to provide improvements to the irrigation system at the farm and other water efficiency measures. The proposed system would be based on a rainwater harvesting facility to reduce the environmental impact of farm practices as well as reducing operational costs for the farm (saving approximately £1,825 per annum).
- 1.3 The proposed improvements consist of seating and tables to be utilised within the Café area and benches for 'rest' stops around the Farm. The signage will be used to improve the visitors' knowledge of the animals and also to help keep animals and visitors safe. In line with the Farm's mission of improving access and making it welcoming to all, it is proposed to install wheelchair accessible tables on the decking (the rest of the eating area is currently wood chip) to make it easier and safer for everyone to move around and to be fully inclusive to the whole community.
- 1.4 It will ensure that the finances are spent in accordance with the s106 obligation and will deliver projects identified and agreed with the contributors in compliance with the s106 agreement.
- 1.5 The Infrastructure Delivery Sub Group approved the funding of the Water Efficiency Project (£25,000 (£22,500 grant + £2,500 project management)) in October 2016 and Visitor Experience Improvements (£11,500 (£10,000 grant + £1,500 project management)) in November 2016.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 Project funding for the works has been secured through a s106 contribution associated with the nearby Ocean Estate Redevelopment. The proposals comply with the terms of Paragraph 1, Schedule Eighteen of the s106 agreement relating to the Ocean Estate redevelopment (planning ref PA/09/02584 and PA/09/02585 and PA/11/01294) as varied on 6th February 2014 (ref PA/13/00730).

- 2.2 The terms of the s106 agreement required the projects to be identified and agreed with the Developer, with the scope of the 'improvement works to Ben Johnson Road or other improvement works in the vicinity of the Ocean Estate'.
- 2.3 The water efficiency project and visitor experience improvements are part of the agreed programme with the developer and no alternative options exist in the developers' agreement.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

- 3.1 This S106 PID is part of the Tower Hamlets Council S106 Delivery Portfolio and is aligned with the agreed Heads of Terms (HoT) for the Deed creating Planning Obligations and undertakings for the development at the Ocean Estate development (PA/13/00730).
- 3.2 The agreement obliged the Developer to pay the Council a £250,000 "Ben Johnson Road Contribution" for carrying out the Ben Johnson Road Improvement Works: "*improvement works to Ben Johnson Road or other improvement works in the vicinity (within or adjacent to Ocean Estate) to be carried out by the Council in accordance with a scheme to be approved by Bellway and East Thames Homes in accordance with Schedule 18 of this agreement*".
- 3.3 Schedule 18 required the Council to prepare a proposed scheme within 8 months of the date of the agreement and to submit for approval by Bellway and East Thames Homes. The financial contribution was to be paid to the Council in two £125,000 equal shares from each developer on approval of the proposed scheme.
- 3.4 In September 2014 the Council submitted the proposed scheme to Bellway and East Thames Homes. The scheme was approved by both parties in September 2014, with up to £121,000 ring-fenced for improvement works to the farm.
- 3.5 The Council received payment totalling £250,000 in 2x £125,000 payments from both the respective developers on 15/10/2014 and 31/10/2014.
- 3.6 From the £121,000 allocated to the farm, £50,000 has been used to match fund the delivery of the Ecopod classroom and £36,000 has been granted to fund accessibility improvements including new pathways around the site.
- 3.7 This funding is for the final suite of projects identified with the developer and

consists of £22,500 to sustainable drainage and water efficiency improvements and £10,000 to deliver signage and seating improvements.

Water Efficiency project

- 3.8 The proposed rainwater harvesting and irrigation works will improve the environmental operation of the farm through reducing potable water use and supplying water efficiently around the site. The works will also improve drainage across the site to alleviate issues of water logging and flooding.
- 3.9 The areas of the Farm to be covered by the rainwater harvesting and irrigation system would be:
- The planted area around the cafe.
 - The borders around the perimeter fences.
 - The veg garden area, including the planted area around the pond.
 - The raised beds next to the poly tunnel.
 - The poly tunnel itself.
 - The area around the plastic bottle green house.
 - The poly tunnel in the chicken area.
 - The beds around the poly tunnel in the chicken area.
 - The trees in the chicken area.
 - The pipe work would be trenched in to a depth not less than 250mm.

Visitor Experience Works

- 3.10 The proposed visitor experience improvements consist of seating and tables to be utilised within the Café area and benches for 'rest' stops around the Farm. The signage will be used to improve visitors' knowledge of the animals and also help to keep animals and visitors safe.
- 3.11 The improvements will include
- Seating (English oak/bespoke garden Furniture)
 - 12x benches with backs approximately 1.5m long
 - 6x benches with backs approximately 1m long
 - 2x round picnic table style tables approximately 1.3m /1.5m diameter
 - 1x long table approximately 1.8m long
 - Signage (3mm aluminium composite panels face applied with full colour graphics via laminated self-adhesive vinyl.)
 - Animal information signs – 10 1000mm x 700mm signs.
 - Hand washing signs – 10 600mm x 400mm signs.
 - Do not touch the goats signs - 3 400mm x 300mm signs.
 - Danger deep water signs - 6 300mm x 200mm signs.

4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 4.1 This report seeks the approval of the Commissioners to release funding of £32,500 of specific Section 106 resources to Stepney City Farm as a contribution towards the financing of two projects on the site:
- Water Efficiency Project: £22,500
 - Visitor Experience Improvements Project: £10,000
- 4.2 This proposal will utilise an element of the Section 106 resources that have been secured in relation to a specific development on the Ocean Estate (PA/13/00730). The Section 106 agreement obliged the developer to pay the council £250,000, with the contribution being used to undertake “improvement works to Ben Johnson Road or other improvement works in the vicinity (within or adjacent to Ocean Estate) to be carried out by the council in accordance with a scheme to be approved by Bellway and East Thames Homes in accordance with Schedule 18 of this agreement”. £121,000 of the receipts has subsequently been ring-fenced for works at Stepney City Farm, and use on these proposed projects has been agreed with the developers.
- 4.3 As a Section 106 payment in respect of a capital project, in order that the funds can be released this scheme will need to be included within the capital programme in accordance with the council’s Financial Regulations. As the sum is below the threshold of £250,000 that is delegated to the Corporate Director, if the proposal is approved, the capital estimate can be adopted via a Corporate Director’s Action.

5. LEGAL COMMENTS

- 5.1. Section 106 Planning Obligations are secured pursuant to section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. They are a mechanism whereby development proposals which would otherwise not be acceptable can be made acceptable in planning terms and are focused on site-specific mitigation of the impact of development. They can impose financial and non-financial obligations on a person or persons with an interest in the land and become binding on that interest.
- 5.2. As a contract, the Council is required to spend any monies received under a section 106 agreement in accordance with its terms. It is therefore important to assess those provisions when allocating monies to a particular project. The Legal department has carried out this exercise in respect of these projects and their view is set out in the individual PIDs that serve as the background documents for this report. They considered that the proposed use of the monies complies with the agreement.
- 5.3. This report concerns the Commissioners approval of grant funding of £32,500 to Stepney City Farm for the projects set out in the aforesaid PIDs.

- 5.4. Although the relevant section 106 agreement limits the types of projects for which the monies can be used, it does not expressly specify any organisations to whom payment must be made. Therefore the Council is not under a legal duty to provide the payments to Stepney City Farm. As such, these payments are discretionary and are considered to be grants that require the Commissioners' approval under the terms of the Ministerial Direction of 17th December 2014 pursuant to powers under sections 15(5) and 15(6) of the Local Government Act 1999 (the Directions).
- 5.5. To the extent that the Commissioners are exercising powers which would otherwise have been the Council's, there is a need to ensure the Council has power to make the grants in question. It appears from the information provided that the grants are capable of being supported under the Council's powers, specifically under section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 whereby the Council has the general power of competence. This means that the Council has the power to do anything that an ordinary human being could do, unless statute specifically restricts the Council from acting in the way it wishes. Therefore, in the absence of specific legislation to the contrary it would appear to be within the Council's power to issue this grant, subject always to the directions of the Secretary Of State For Communities and Local Government.
- 5.6. Similarly, with regard to projects administered by the Council, section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 also applies and as under the terms of the specific Section 106 agreement, the Council has to utilise the funding for the purpose required by the agreements, the Council can therefore allocate the funds to these projects.
- 5.7. The Council has a duty under Section 3 of the Local Government Act 1999 to ensure that all agreements into which it enters satisfies the Council's Best Value duty. Therefore, the grant with the providers must contemplate robust monitoring and performance clauses ensuring that value for money is achieved through the grant. Information relevant to Best Value implications is contained in paragraph 7.1 of this report. In this case, the intention will be for a project manager to be appointed to monitor the works and sign them off when completed. The funds will be released to Stepney City Farm after satisfactory delivery of the measures and upon receipt of the invoices. Any residual balance would be returned to the S106 account for use on alternative projects
- 5.8. In making the grants, the Council must ensure that no part of the funds issued represents a profit element to the recipient. The inclusion of profit or the opportunity of making a profit from a grant or third parties indicates that a grant is really procurement activity and would otherwise be subject to the Council's Procurement Procedures and other appropriate domestic and European law. This would mean therefore, that the Council would have failed to abide by the appropriate internal procedures and external law applicable to such purchases. Again, the monitoring by the project manager of the projects and payment on their satisfactory completion can safeguard against profit making.

- 5.9 The Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) provides that certain government activities may be prohibited because they give an advantage in a selective way to certain entities (broadly speaking organisations that put goods or services on a market), which might affect competition within between Member States. Those advantages may amount to prohibited state aid, or may be state aid which is either expressly allowed by the Treaty, or which may be allowed, dependent on the circumstances.
- 5.10 Whilst Stepney City Farm is a registered charity whose operations are primarily for the community, it is the activity which needs to be considered in the state aid question, not the entity. Stepney City Farm undertakes a number of economic activities, such as selling its produce and livestock, hosting a weekly farmers' market, running a café and hiring out its café space, which arguably fall within the scope of the Treaty.
- 5.11 However even if that was the case and the grants could be said to amount to state aid, the aggregate amount of the £121,000 already allocated for earlier projects and the subject £32,500, (i.e. £154,750) falls under the *de minimis* threshold of EUR 200,000 over a rolling three year period. Accordingly, under the relevant European legislative framework, they will be exempt from notification and European Commission approval. As such, we do not consider the grants give rise to any state aid issues, but it should be noted that the point may need to be revisited in the event of future grants which could take the total amount over the *de minimis* threshold.
- 5.12 When making decisions, the Council must have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful conduct under the Equality Act 2010, the need to advance equality of opportunity and the need to foster good relations between persons who share a protected characteristic and those who do not (the public sector equality duty). A proportionate level of equality analysis is required to discharge the duty and information relevant to this is contained in section 6 of the report (One Tower Hamlets Considerations).

6. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1. The Stepney City Farm cafe accommodates many different groups and customers from the local community throughout the week. However, the current seating makes it difficult for those with mobility problems to move around the eating area, and there are no wheelchair accessible tables outside. In line with the Farms mission of improving access of the farm and making it welcoming to all, the proposals are to install wheelchair accessible tables on the decking (the rest of the eating area is currently wood chip) and make it easier and safer for everyone to move around. A number of the benches will be placed around the farm as rest stops for those who are ambulant disabled, not more than 50m apart.
- 6.2. The proposals would not adversely affect people with protected characteristics and would enhance the current facility for the entire community to enjoy and benefit.

7. BEST VALUE (BV) IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The delivery of this project ensures the Council meets its s106 obligations and spends funds in accordance with the agreement.

8. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

- 8.1 The proposed rainwater harvesting and irrigation works will improve the environmental operation of the farm through reducing potable water use and supplying water efficiently around the site. The works will also improve drainage across the site to alleviate issues of water logging and flooding. The proposals would collect over 900,000 litres of rainwater per annum, therefore greatly reducing the amount of potable water used on site.

9. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There is a risk that if the project is not approved, the benefits identified in in this report relating water saving, cost reduction and accessibility improvements will not be realised.
- 9.2 In addition if this is not approved then as it is proposing the delivery of works in accordance with S106 requirements then there is a risk of Non-fulfillment of S106 requirements.

10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are no crime or disorder implications.

11. SAFEGUARDING IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 The Stepney City Farm is an established community asset and a registered charitable organisation.
- 11.2 There are no safeguarding implications

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- NONE

Appendices

- NONE

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


- Stepney City Farm Water Efficiency PID
- Stepney City Farm Visitor Experience PID

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Grants Scrutiny Sub Committee Report 11 th January 2017	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Will Tuckley Chief Executive	Classification: Unrestricted
A12 – Green Mile Pocket Park Project	

Originating Officer(s)	Sade Johnson
Wards affected	Lansbury
Key Decision?	No
Community Plan Theme	A safe and cohesive community. A healthy and supportive community.

Executive Summary

This report seeks approval to pass port funds from LBTH to Poplar HARCA for the A12 Green Mile Pocket Park Project. The council is being asked to contribute £30k towards the total funding amount of £197,500 which will be part provided by TFL.

The project progresses two of the Roads Task Force’s three core aims.

- Firstly, it will help to transform the environment for the pedestrian and cyclist.
- Secondly, it will improve the public realm and provide better and safer places for all the activities that take place on the borough’s streets, and provide an enhanced quality of life, including improved health, for those who live in proximity to the A12 road.

The A12 handles over 15 million vehicular movements annually. This movement will be maintained whilst introducing and testing cutting edge solutions aimed at mitigating the impact of the roads on local communities living alongside, by combating residents exposure to high levels of air and noise pollution and the barrier that the roads presents. The project will, in addition, monitor and report on the measurable reductions in actual and perceived noise.

Recommendations:

The Commissioners are recommended to:

1. Note the project and approve its funding application for the purpose of piloting innovative solutions to the A12 as a physical barrier and implementing innovative green infrastructure solutions to combat noise and air pollution.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

1.1 The project will deliver the A12: Green Mile Pilot scheme. This will include the introduction of a new, purpose built, acoustic barrier designed as an art-piece between the A12 and Gillender Street. The wall will be developed from an innovative noise absorbent, self-coloured metal ‘fabric’ not previously used in the UK for this purpose. This project is part of the boroughs Pocket Parks programme which aims to work with partners to identify and make available green spaces on their land for residents to access and enjoy. Such provision bring the following benefits:

- Improve community cohesion.
- Improve health and wellbeing.
- Reduce air and noise pollution.
- Improve local environment and overcome the disconnection of the A12 as a limiting barrier cutting off communities.

1.2 The project will also introduce a new ‘pocket park’ along the ‘quiet’ side of the acoustic wall edge, to include planting, a green wall and additional lighting. Perception testing with sample groups of local residents will also be carried out to inform the visual and environmental perceived quality of the final installation.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

2.1 Do nothing. This however would represent a loss to the Council of investment as the £30,000 contribution will lever in £167,500 investment bringing key health and environmental improvements for Tower Hamlets residents.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

3.1 This area has been designated as the Poplar Riverside Housing Zone with future plans to introduce 10,000 new homes. Within the borough over 50% of households have deficient access to nature significantly below national access standards. This pilot project to develop Green infrastructure initiatives along the A12 with the installation of an innovative green acoustic barrier and other cutting edge systems will improve the lives and health and wellbeing of local residents with the introduction of planting to green the space. In addition to meeting key targets for Biodiversity Enhancement Zones including:

- Incorporating opportunities for biodiversity within the built environment.
- Deliver short, medium and long term benefits to those living and working in the local area.
- Improve the context of and prospects for new development such as the Poplar Riverside Housing Zone.

- Alleviate the impact of noise and air pollution blighting the lives of residents.
- Improve the physical connections between communities and ameliorate the disconnection of the A12 as a physical barrier.

3.2 The project progresses two of the Roads Task Force’s three core aims. Firstly, it will help to transform the environment for the pedestrian and cyclist. Secondly, it will improve the public realm and provide better and safer places for all the activities that take place on the borough’s streets, and provide an enhanced quality of life, including improved health, for those who live in proximity to the A12 road.

3.3 The location selected for the trial is at Gillender Street on the pedestrian link between a new secondary school and residential area. As such, the trial’s interventions will perfectly test what can be achieved in a very practical case by carrying out scientific examination of noise reduction and air pollution reduction. Local growing groups will be involved in the greening of the space and planting.

3.4

Table 1			
Financial Resources			
Description	Amount	Funding Source	Funding (capital/revenue)
Introduction of a new acoustic separation wall designed as an art-piece between the A12 and Gillender Street. The wall will be developed from an innovative noise absorbent, self-coloured metal ‘fabric’ not previously used in the UK for this purpose. (Contributions received in full)	£67,500	Transport for London, Future Streets Incubator Fund	Capital
The introduction of a green ‘pocket park’ along the ‘quiet’ side of the acoustic wall edge, to also include lighting, a ‘white-noise’ speaker system and testing/monitoring equipment for noise levels,	£100,000	Greater London Authority, via the Poplar Riverside Housing Zone	Capital

Table 1			
Financial Resources			
Description	Amount	Funding Source	Funding (capital/revenue)
air pollution levels and water absorption. (£50,000 contributions received and £50,000 sought)			
Additions to the 'pocket park' edge of the pilot study area with planting and green walls. (Currently sought)	£30,000	S106	Capital
Total excluding VAT	£197,500		

3.5 Overall, the intention is to produce a 'live' demonstration project with a strong research component where successful trials will result in the knowledge gained and skills learnt being used to extend the successful components along the full length of the A12: Green Mile project area from the Bow Flyover (A11) to the Blackwall Tunnel, and with the potential for these new ideas to be replicated throughout the borough, and indeed the UK.

4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

4.1 This report seeks the Commissioners approval to a grant of £30,000 to Poplar HARCA. The grant will contribute towards the piloting of innovative solutions to combat noise and air pollution as part of the A12 Green Mile Pocket Park Project. The funding is part of the £150,000 Section 106 boroughs pocket parks programme which was approved at Cabinet on the 4th October 2016.

4.2 The project will be undertaken by Poplar HARCA but delivered in partnership with TFL and the Council at a total cost expected to be £197,500. The other funding sources that total £167,500 are from external sources. The contribution of £67,500 from TFL is dependent on the approval of the £30,000 from the Council. The remaining balance of £100,000 relies on resources from the Greater London Authority made available through contributions to Poplar HARCA of £50,000 and a further £50,000 via Poplar Riverside Housing Zone, both these sums will be utilised for the project.

5. LEGAL COMMENTS

5.1 Whilst there is no strict legal definition of grant, a grant is in the nature of a gift and is based in trust law. However, grants are often given for a purpose so it is sometimes unclear whether a grant has been made or the arrangement is a contract for services. A contract for services is not a grant and therefore, an arrangement which is classified as a contract for services would be outside the remit of the power conferred upon the commissioners to approve.

- 5.2 There will be many grants which are made by the Council for the purpose of discharging one of its statutory duties. However, as a grant is in the nature of a gift, it is considered there must be some element of discretion on the part of the Council as grantor as to whom a grant is made to and whether this is made. If the Council is under a legal duty to provide a payment to a specific individual or organisation, and cannot lawfully elect not to make such a payment, then that should not amount to a grant.
- 5.3 In this case, the Council is not under a legal duty to provide this payment. The payment of £30,000 is discretionary and therefore considered to be a grant.
- 5.4 The power of the commissioners to make decisions in relation to grants arises from directions made by the Secretary of State on 17 December 2014 pursuant to powers under sections 15(5) and 15(6) of the Local Government Act 1999 (the Directions). Paragraph 4(ii) and Annex B of the Directions together provide that, until 31st March 2017, the Council's functions in relation to grants will be exercised by appointed Commissioners, acting jointly or severally. This is subject to an exception in relation to grants made under section 24 of the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996, for the purposes of section 23 of that Act (disabled facilities grant).
- 5.5 To the extent that the Commissioners are exercising powers which would otherwise have been the Council's, there is a need to ensure that the Council has the power to make the grant in question. In that regard, the proposed grants are supported by the Council's general power of competence. Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 gives the Council a general power of competence to do anything that individuals generally may do, subject to specified restrictions and limitations imposed by other statutes.
- 5.6 The Council has a duty under the Local Government Act 1999 to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness. This is referred to as the Council's best value duty. Best Value considerations have also been addressed in paragraph 7 of the report.
- 5.7 When making decisions, the Council must have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful conduct under the Equality Act 2010, the need to advance equality of opportunity and the need to foster good relations between persons who share a protected characteristic and those who do not (the public sector equality duty). A proportionate level of equality analysis is required to discharge the duty and information relevant to this is contained in the One Tower Hamlets section of the report.

6. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1. In using green infrastructure in an innovative way to combat the limiting barrier that the project meets One Tower Hamlets aims of bringing different parts of the community together and improving community cohesion. Residents involved in local growing groups will also play an active role in the greening of the space.

Tower Hamlets open spaces and parks are important facilitates throughout the borough. They are used as a platform for local people and communities coming together and engaging with one another. This project will provide another platform for the current and future residents of the Poplar Riverside.

7. BEST VALUE (BV) IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The contribution the Council is providing for the purposed project is a small portion in comparison towards the overall budget and the project will be delivered in consideration of best value implications and the Council's Best Value Strategy and Action Plan. Poplar HARCA will liaise with TFL in commissioning an approved contractor. The chosen contractor will be from TFL's own list of recommended supplier and will also go through TFL's rigorous procurement process to ensure best value.
- 7.2 All other resources such as project management, staffing, works etc. will be provided by Poplar HARCA and TFL. Currently this is the only development of its kind in the country and it will implement and test new and innovative green infrastructure design, to create a more aesthetically appealing local space as well as improve the environment. Using natural resources and low carbon foot print products, this pocket park will provide a much need environmental boost to the area.

8. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

- 8.1 The project will report on the measurable reduction in actual, and evidenced reduction in the perceived noise along the A12 road at Gillender Street, the measured levels of air pollution 'captured' by the planting, green walls and moss graffiti, and the measured amounts of rainwater removed from the local drainage system.

9. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The Council's risk to this project is relatively low considering the variables, as the council's sole task is to provide the agreed funding, have an input towards the project in terms of community development and cohesion and to ensure the projects objectives are fulfilled to the local community.
- 9.2 The project is being developed on TFL land, by their own procurement process and in conjunction with TFL as project partners. This leads to confirmation of land ownership and that all liability, maintenance and repair will lie with them. As for ensuring the project is on target to the timeline and is the final product stated, lead TH council representatives will remain in direct and regular contact with Poplar HARCA's project leads. This is to ensure the

project meets its deadlines, and we are notified of any arising issues kept informed for any important decision making.

Key Risk Assessment							
Risk No.	Risk	Triggers	Consequences	Existing Internal Controls – to be confirmed	Likelihood	Impact	Total
1	Works not delivered on time.	Alteration to scope of work. Unidentified additional work required e.g. underground services	Loose time Restricted funding Additional funding required to complete the work	Tightly defined plan and agreed delivery programme.	2	3	6
2	Potential costs exceed budgets	Alteration to scope of work.	Project elements are omitted. Additional funding may be required	Regular project finance meetings with contractors to manage costs. Ensure proper financial management systems in place Agree costings and budgets for works with contractors as per delivery	2	4	8

Key Risk Assessment							
Risk No.	Risk	Triggers	Consequences	Existing Internal Controls – to be confirmed	Likelihood	Impact	Total
				plan			
3	Works not of satisfactory quality	Works not structured as planned, Unable to deliver project objectives	Additional cost and time in rectifying	Check quality of work at regular intervals. Set out quality criteria in contract specification.	1	2	2
4	Unforeseen site conditions	Results of site and local survey, feasibility studies	Increase costs, Delay in delivery	Use of design information already available	3	4	12
5	Residents unhappy with the work			Consult with residents prior to implementation	1	2	2

10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

10.1 The project will turn this area into a well-lit and active area and will reduce ASB. There will be continuous use of the park during the day with many health and wellbeing projects held by community organisations. During the night the area will be well-lit with its energy saving flood lights in and around the pocket park which will deter ASB activities such as fly tipping.

11. SAFEGUARDING IMPLICATIONS

11.1 Not Applicable

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- List any linked reports if Exempt, Forward Plan entry MUST warn of that
- State NONE if none.

Appendices

- List any appendices if Exempt, Forward Plan entry MUST warn of that
- State NONE if none.


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

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Commissioner Decision Report 8 November 2016	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Zena Cooke - Corporate Director, Resources	Unrestricted
MSG Performance Report – Project Variation Requests	

Originating Officer(s)	Steve Hill – Head of Benefits Services
Wards affected	All wards
Key Decision?	Yes
Community Plan Theme	All

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks Commissioners’ approval on variation requests from three organisations currently performance rated either red or amber for their MSG projects.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Commissioners are recommended to:

1. Agree the recommendations in sections 3.16, 3.28 and 3.34 of the report regarding the variation requests relating to three MSG projects.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 Requests for a variation in the existing MSG project have been received from three organisations currently in receipt of MSG, whose performance has been rated as red or amber. Variation requests need to be approved by Commissioners.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 Commissioners may decide to decline the requests for variations, consider different variations, withhold or withdraw grant funding from the projects in question.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

Background

- 3.1 The Main Stream Grant (MSG) 2015-18 Programme was approved by Commissioners on 29 July 2015 and runs from 1 September 2015 through to 31 August 2018. The Programme is made up of five broad themes covering a range of activities and services.
- 3.2 Following the Commissioners' approval of MSG funding, output and outcome targets are finalised with the delivery organisation. The "Grant Offer Letter" contains the final input, output and outcome targets, and is the "contractual" document between the delivery organisation and the Council.
- 3.3 At the September Grants Decision Making Meeting the quarterly performance report that sets out the performance of all the MSG projects, provided details of all red and amber rated projects with proposed recommendations. For three of the organisations, the report highlighted that variation requests had been received on the basis that the organisations felt they were not able to deliver what had originally been agreed.
- 3.4 The Commissioners raised concerns that the report did not provide sufficient detail to enable them to make an informed decision and asked that a further report be provided with the details of the requests, the implications and impact.
- 3.5 The Council pays Main Stream Grants based on satisfactory performance. The MSG 2015/18 programme is performance managed through a payment by results process based on a Red/Amber/Green (RAG) rating system.
- All projects are RAG rated based on their performance during the previous quarter.
- The overall project rating of GREEN, AMBER or RED is used to determine the advance payment for the coming quarter.
- 3.6 A project is rated RED where output/outcome targets for the quarter in question are showing an under achievement greater than 20%; or where the cumulative target to date is showing an underachievement of more than 15 % below target (25% and 20% if notified in advance of the quarter end with submitted Project Improvement Plan) or where:
- there are significant issues or concerns regarding either the quality or evidencing of the outputs/outcomes;
 - there may be concerns regarding the proper use of the grant.

- 3.7 A project is rated AMBER where output/outcome targets for the quarter in question are showing an under achievement of between 11-20%; or where the cumulative target to date is showing an underachievement of more than 15% below target (16-25% and 20% if notified in advance of the quarter end with submitted Project Improvement Plan), or where:
- there may be minor issues or concerns regarding either the quality or evidencing of the outputs/outcomes;
 - there may be concerns regarding the proper use of the grant.
- 3.8 A project is rated GREEN where output/outcome targets have been achieved or exceeded for the quarter in question or where any underachievement is within 10% of the target; or where the cumulative outputs/outcomes achieved to date are not showing an underachievement of more than 10% (15% and 15% if notified in advance of the quarter end with submitted Project Improvement Plan), or where:
- The quality of both the outputs/outcomes and the evidencing is clear and there are no issues;
 - There are no concerns regarding the proper use of the grant.
- 3.9 For RED rated projects, the standard approach agreed with Commissioners in early discussions over the payment by results process, is, that based on the premise of 'two strikes and you are out', any project that is rated RED for two consecutive periods/quarters would automatically be recommended for withdrawal of funding.
- 3.10 The performance monitoring approach to date has not been required to consider alternative proposals being presented by organisations that are rated red or amber. However, during the last monitoring period three organisations have submitted variation requests. The significant variation requests are set out below together with options and recommendations for Commissioners.

Ragged School Museum – Family Learning Holiday Programme

Grant award £18k for the lifetime of project £6k per year

- 3.11 This project has been classed as RED for two consecutive periods: January to March 2016 and April to June 2016. The organisation has submitted a 'significant variation' request. Due to the submission of the variation request the project was not recommended for funding withdrawal prior to the consideration of the request. However as the project has been red rated, two periods of funding, totalling £3,000, were withheld. The MSG Performance Report of 27 September 2016 clarified this position.
- 3.12 The Ragged School Museum have advised that they mistakenly thought the agreed output targets in Year 1 of their application were for 12 months rather than 7 for September 2015-March 2016, in the first financial year of the

programme (see Appendix 1 – email from the Ragged School Museum). The table below shows the outputs within the grant offer letter and the variation request:

Outputs for the 3 Year Project Period	Offer Letter	Variation Request
Number of users accessing services	6,800	5,830
Number of users accessing services for the first time	950	750
Users taking part in activities	6,800	5,580
New users taking part in activities	950	850

Funding	Grant Awarded	Variation Request
Main Stream Grant (MSG)	18,000	18,000

3.13 The organisation was awarded £18,000 for the lifetime of the project.

3.14 The organisation agreed to deliver to 6,800 users over the lifetime of the service. The delivery of the project has shown that the agreed target was over ambitious. As a result of this the organisation has requested a variation in the targets as outlined below:

The outputs to be changed (for the Sep15 - Mar 16 period only, the remaining periods as originally agreed) as follows:

- Number of users accessing services: reduced from 1,700 to 730 (lifetime 5,830)
- Number of users accessing services for the first time: reduced by 200 to 750 (lifetime 750)
- Users taking part in activities: reduced from 1,700 to 480 (lifetime 5,580)
- New users taking part in activities: reduced from 200 to 100 (lifetime 850)

The Museum would also like the following amendment to project milestones:

- Milestone for Easter Half Term in 2016 should be measured at 09/04/2016, rather than 30/03/2016, to take account of when Easter fell in 2016.

3.15 A reduction in the lifetime targets for outputs from the Grant Offer Letter has been requested, without a corresponding reduction in the grant amount. The unit cost analysis is as follows:

Grant Offer Letter - £18,000 / 6,800 = 2.65

Variation request - £18,000 / 5,830 = 3.09

Applying the original unit cost of £2.65 to the revised number of users accessing the service, the total grant amount for the 3 year project period would be reduced by £2500. However based on the unit cost of other similar family learning holiday programmes the revised unit cost per user of £3.09 is still reasonable.

Whilst the project has not achieved the outputs required to March 2016 it is now performing at the required levels and if the variation were to be agreed it would be rated green on this basis.

The current policy is clear that the recommendation should be to withdraw the project funding. However it is acknowledged that the project delivered by the Ragged School Museum is unique as it is now the only Ragged School in the country and has significant historic value both locally and nationally. In addition the Museum has recently experienced losses of historic funding that it is seeking to replace to ensure its future sustainability. The museum provides a valuable learning opportunity for children and their families that offers a real insight to Victorian life with a reconstructed Victorian classroom, Victorian East End Kitchen and a Museum focussing on local history which has been taken into account in considering their request.

3.16 Recommendation:

Given the unique nature of the project and the value of the learning outputs and outcomes, an exceptional variation to the current policy for red rated projects is recommended. It is recommended that the project variation request is approved and the evidence of the organisation's ability to deliver the revised outputs is reviewed. It is further recommended that the outcome of the evidence review is reported in the next quarterly MSG performance report.

The Shadwell Community Project – The People GAP Grant award £24,999 for the lifetime of the project, £8,333 per year

- 3.17 This project had been classed as RED for 2 consecutive periods September to December 2015 and January to March 2016. In line with the agreed process the project was recommended for withdrawal of funding at the 5 July 2016 Commissioners meeting.
- 3.18 The organisation subsequently submitted a 'letter of representation' to the Grants Scrutiny Sub-Committee and the Tower Hamlets CVS submitted a letter seeking referral to the Commissioners Decision Making Meeting. The letter from the CVS asked for a delay in the decision to withdraw funding until additional evidence from officers with reasons for withdrawal were sought.
- 3.19 The primary reason for rating the project as RED was a lack of information submitted by the organisation rather than definitive underperformance of the project. The organisation was referred to the CVS for support and this, together with support from the Grant Officer, has enabled an improvement in the project management and a subsequent rating of AMBER for the April to June 2016 period was achieved.

- 3.20 A contributing factor to the poor project management has been the reporting of the overall organisation's finances and activities rather than project related costs and delivery.
- 3.21 The Grant Officer has been working with the organisation to disaggregate what should be discrete project costs covered in the Grant Offer Letter and what are organisational costs outside the grant agreement. As a result of this work a 'significant variation' request was submitted by the organisation on the 23 September 2016.
- 3.22 The organisation has requested a decrease the in stated match funding from £270,806 to £96,428. The revised match funding figure still represents 79.4% of the total project budget and does not impact on project delivery. This match funding budget decrease is requested because the match funding budget that Shadwell Community Project (SCP) originally included covered the work of the organisation as a whole rather than just the MSG-funded People GAP project.
- 3.23 The organisation are also requesting the deletion of a small number of outputs relating to referrals (48 over three years see below) dealing with referrals to and from stakeholders as they related to SCP's original application for MSG of £83,454, dealing with work of SCP as a whole, rather than the MSG allocation of £24,999 which it was awarded for The People GAP project. As SCP only secured 30% of the MSG that it applied for it has confirmed that whilst originally proposed and agreed, it does not have the resources to deliver the referral-based outputs, which would involve significant liaison work with stakeholders.
- 3.24 The referral-based outputs, over the full three years of project funding, are as follows:
- Number of residents referred to other organisations: 18
 - Referral to and from school: 12
 - Referral from Children's Centre: 10
 - Referral to Social Services: 8
- 3.25 These outputs represent a very small proportion of project activity. The standard number of beneficiaries for a given project year is 550.
- 3.26 The organisation have also proposed the addition of a new output based on cumulative beneficiary attendances at SCP's adventure playground over the lifetime of the People GAP project to demonstrate the project's impact on promoting the use of the playground and its related projects. SCP estimates that there will be 20,645 beneficiary attendances at the playground over the lifetime of the People GAP project.
- 3.27 With regards the request to reduce the match funding – the revised match funding amount of £96,428 over the lifetime of the project represents 79.4% of the total project budget. This is well over the required minimum of 15%.
- 3.28 Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the variation to the level of match funding is approved by Commissioners.

Whilst it is recommended that the numerical targets for referrals can be removed, the progression of beneficiaries is extremely important. The organisation should therefore be required to make every effort to deal with referrals on a case by case basis, where needed. The organisation should therefore be required to provide details of all beneficiaries they refer for further support.

**3.29 Green Candle Dance Company – Dance for Health at Oxford House
Grant award £83,125 for the lifetime of the contract, £27,708 per year**

3.30 After being rated GREEN in the first period, the project was classed as AMBER for the January to March and April to June 2016 periods. Due to a number of reasons, the organisation has not been able to recruit the agreed target number of beneficiaries to its activity sessions, which has had a negative impact on overall project performance. A ‘significant variation’ request has been received.

3.31 The organisation has cited a number of reasons as to why the variation has been sought which in the main centre around the health issues and ill health recovery times of clients which are impacting on delivery.

3.32 The reasons for the variation request include:

The organisation serves participants who in the main are people suffering from dementia at the Dance for Health at Oxford House programme. The number of projected regular attendees is expected to be lower than originally expected due to their health condition.

The number of regular attendees originally stated reflected the total number of attendees on the register/full cohort at the time of the application rather than the total number of regular attendees.

Not all participants are able to attend every week for several reasons (mainly health related) therefore the average number of regular attendees is lower than the total cohort.

The number of regular attendees in the original application also included participants from both within Tower Hamlets and those from outside of the borough. It was not apparent that the total number of attendees should only include those from within the borough, until after the first quarterly report had been submitted.

The following have been highlighted as the reasons there will be fewer regular participants

- fluctuation in attendance due to greater levels of susceptibility to ill health in the older population
- subsequent need to attend appointments/check-ups/investigative tests

- longer recovery time in older people after ill health
- difficulty and concern attending in poor weather
- difficulty attending due to carer being unavailable
- travelling/visiting family during term time as costs are lower

The table below sets out requested variations to three of the targeted outcomes.

Green Candle Dance Company

	Original Target	Requested Variation
1	50% of participants reporting one of the following: more mobility, pain relief, feeling 'better' emotionally and less isolation over the lifetime of the project	<u>Up to 50%</u> of participants reporting one of the following: more mobility, feeling 'better' emotionally and less isolation over the life of the project
2	50% of participants report a reduction in the number of falls experienced, or an increase in confidence when it comes to falls avoidance over the lifetime of the project	<u>Up to 40%</u> of participants report a reduction in the number of falls experienced, or an increase in confidence when it comes to falls avoidance over the life of the project
3	50% of carers reporting that they feel less socially isolated as a result of attending the workshops and have made lasting friendships over the lifetime of the project	<u>Up to 50%</u> of carers reporting that they feel less socially isolated as a result of attending the workshops and have made lasting friendships over the life of the project.

3.33 These requested variation outcomes are not considered to be acceptable as they are proposing an 'up to' target which is not considered to be sufficiently robust.

3.34 Recommendation:

Commissioners are recommended to note the work undertaken by the Green Candle Dance company and its specialist provision for people with dementia.

It is recommended that the proposed variation is not accepted at the present time. It is also recommended that officers undertake further work with the Green Candle Dance Company to establish revisions to the targets that provide sufficient measurable outputs and outcomes before reporting back to Commissioners as part of the next quarterly performance report.

4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. The variation requests will not result in a material change in the budget allocation for MSG. If the requests are not approved, there will be a small underspend in the MSG budget for 2016-17.

5. LEGAL COMMENTS

- 5.1. The Council has a duty under the Local Government Act 1999 to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness. This is referred to as the Council's best value duty. Best Value considerations have also been addressed in paragraph 7 of the report.
- 5.2. Applying this duty to grants, the Council must operate a fair and open application procedure to process a request to obtain funding. Requests for grant funding should ordinarily be measured against a predetermined set of criteria and the criteria themselves must be fair and transparent. The grant agreement should include a clear monitoring process 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 provide clear delineation where outcomes were not achieved and the reasons for such failure are apparent. Monitoring should therefore include measuring performance against the expected outcomes.
- 5.3. This report provides more detailed information to the Commissioners in respect of three (3) MSG projects so that they can make an informed decision as to the proposed recommendations. These grants are discretionary and as performance measured against the expected outcomes is not satisfactory then it is appropriate that they are reviewed and varied as appropriate.

6. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1. The contribution of VCS Organisations helping to deliver One Tower Hamlets objectives and priorities are explicitly recognised and articulated within the Council's agreed Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy.
- 6.2. VCS Organisations play a key role in delivering services that address inequality, improve cohesion and increase community leadership. These services are real examples of 'One Tower Hamlets' in practice.
- 6.3. The opportunities offered through the MSG Programme will play a key role in delivering the aims of One Tower Hamlets.

7. BEST VALUE (BV) IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The level of awards to organisations was determined by the quality of their individual applications as well as the overall demand for the funds available within each Theme.
- 7.2 Additionally, the application appraisal process took into consideration the proposed levels of outputs and outcomes to be delivered as well as the organisation's track record and the bid's overall value for money rating.
- 7.5 There will be ongoing performance management of the approved portfolio of projects to ensure that interventions meet the required standards; that the evidencing of project achievements and expenditure are accurately recorded and reported.
- 7.6 Monitoring and reporting arrangements are in place to ensure that payments to organisations are in line with performance. The agreed Payment By Results process will ensure that grants will not be paid to organisations that either significantly or consistently under-perform, or those that are not able to properly evidence the work/outcomes for which funding has been approved.

8. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

- 8.1 The MSG 2015/18 Programme has a broad focus including developing new skills for local people and organisations that are disadvantaged and perhaps facing multiple barriers to achieving a sustainable future.
- 8.2 All programme beneficiaries be they individuals or local organisations will be encouraged to consider taking appropriate steps to minimise negative impact on the environment when taking up the opportunities offered within the programme and on an ongoing basis.

9. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 A number of different risks arise from any funding of external organisations. The key risks are:
- The funding may not be fully utilised i.e. allocations remain unspent and outcomes are not maximised
 - The funding may be used for purposes that have not been agreed e.g. in the case of fraud
 - The organisation may not in the event have the capacity to achieve the contracted outputs/outcomes
- 9.2 The monitoring being undertaken has identified a small number of projects that have been rated either Red or Amber within the Council's RAG performance rating process. In these circumstances either formal project improvement plans or other appropriate arrangements have been put in place to minimise the risk of further/significant underperformance.

- 9.3 As part of the ongoing programme management arrangements, support, advice and guidance will be made available projects to ensure that all performance and other risks are minimised.

10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 The activities, services and outcomes that are being targeted through the MSG Programme support the objectives of reducing crime and disorder; this is particularly true of the projects delivering under the Community Engagement Cohesion and Resilience Theme.
- 10.2 Throughout the programme as a whole however, those people involved in, or at risk of involvement in the criminal justice system will be targeted for support.

11. SAFEGUARDING IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 As part of the initial application process organisations were required to provide details of their safeguarding policy if appropriate. The Grant Agreement that funded organisations have entered into includes requirements in relation to safeguarding.
- 11.2 Organisations providing services to children or vulnerable adults and employing staff or volunteers in a position whose duties include caring for, training, supervising or being responsible in some way for them, are required to fully comply with all necessary safeguarding requirements.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report:

- MSG 2015/18 Programme – available via the following link:
<http://modern.gov.towerhamlets.gov.uk/documents/b16444/Item%205.4%20Main%20Stream%20Grants%20201518%20Programme%2029th-Jul-2015%2018.30%20Commissioners%20Decision%20Making%20M.pdf?T=9>

Appendices:

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

- None


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Commissioner Decision Report 17 th January 2016	
Report of: Zena Cooke, Corporate Director Resources	Unrestricted
MSG Project Performance Report – Period 4 - July to September 2016	

Originating Officer(s)	Steve Hill - Head of Benefits Services
Wards affected	All wards
Key Decision?	Yes
Community Plan Theme	All

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Main Stream Grant (MSG) 2015/18 Programme was approved by Commissioners on 29 July 2015 and runs from 1 September 2015 through to 31 August 2018.

The Programme is made up of five (5) broad Themes covering a range of activities and services. The activities and services are being delivered by a portfolio of projects each of which has targeted outcomes to achieve during the course of the programme period.

This performance report covers Period 4 from July 2016 to September 2016. Each project has been classified as either Green, Amber or Red within the council's agreed performance management framework.

Project performance for this period (July to September 2016) shows 117 of the 125 live projects being rated as Green within the Council's performance RAG Rating system. Of the remaining 8 projects, 5 are rated Amber and 3 projects are rated Red.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Commissioners are recommended to:

1. Consider the position regarding the ongoing premises agreement as set out in section 3.3.1 of the report and recommendations 1 and 2 and to confirm ongoing requirements.
2. Consider the recommendations relating to the Red and Amber rated projects as set out in section 3.3.2 of the report and recommendations 3, 4 and 5, together with information set out within the related appendices.
3. Consider the project variation requests as set out in section 3.3.3 of the report and recommendations 6 and 7.

1. **REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS**

- 1.1 Regular performance updates ensure that the MSG Themes and individual projects are on track to achieve the targeted outcomes.
- 1.2 Any issues that raise concerns 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 Commissioners and Members with an overall understanding of how projects and organisations have performed against the key elements of their Grant Agreements.
- 2.2 Commissioners may wish to request either more or less information in relation to future quarterly performance reports.

3. **DETAILS OF REPORT**

Introduction

- 3.1 The MSG Programme currently stands at 125 live projects.
- 3.2 Three projects ended at the end of June. The projects that have ended are:

Mile End Community Project - Female Leadership and Empowerment
Uprising – East London Leadership
City Gateway - Back on Track engagement project

Performance ratings for the live projects throughout the July to September period have been encouraging. A theme by theme summary is set out below.

Theme 1 Summary - Children and young people

There are 57 live projects within this theme of which 54 are rated Green, 1 is rated Amber and there are 2 Red rated projects.

The work of the theme focuses primarily on delivering activities and services aimed at children and young people.

The Red rated projects are

- **Monakka Monowar Welfare Foundation** - Life changing musical and keep fit project
- **Children Education Group** – Berner Football Academy

Full performance information relating to all projects within this theme is set out in **Appendix 4.1**

Theme 2 Summary – Routeways to employment & Welfare Advice Services

This theme is made up of 20 projects, 19 of which are rated Green and 1 is rated Amber.

The theme is split into two distinct areas of focus; the first being employability skills training which we formally refer to as Routeways to Employment. The other area focuses on delivering a range of social welfare advice services.

Full performance information relating to all projects within this theme is set out in **Appendix 4.2**

Theme 3 Summary – Health and Wellbeing

This theme is entitled prevention, health and wellbeing and is intended to achieve a range of targeted outcomes with a primary focus on what were traditionally referred to as adult services.

This theme is made up of 35 projects, of which 32 are rated Green, 2 are rated Amber and 1 is rated Red.

The Red rated project is

Children Education Group – Harkness Luncheon Club

Full performance information relating to all projects within this theme is set out in **Appendix 4.3**

Theme 4 Summary – Third Sector Organisational Development

Theme four consists of 3 projects all of which are rated Green.

One of the projects covers a key “strategic partner” role to the Council and is undertaken by Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Services. The other two consortium projects provide Organisational development and capacity building support to local voluntary and community sector organisations.

Full performance information relating to all projects within this theme is set out in **Appendix 4.4**

Theme 5 Summary – Community Engagement, Cohesion and Resilience

This theme is made up of 10 projects of which 9 are rated Green and the other is rated as Amber.

This theme focus is on community engagement, cohesion and resilience. Projects work closely with local residents to facilitate the building of a stronger, more cohesive, supportive and stronger community.

Full performance information relating to all projects within this theme is set out in **Appendix 4.5**

- 3.3 In December a new panel was established with the intention to make monitoring more robust. The Mainstream Grants Spotlight Review Panel will review every Red and Amber rated project. Additionally, the panel will randomly “test check” selected Green rated projects for rating accuracy and assurance. The Panel includes the Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Service (THCVS) who were in attendance at the first panel meeting in December; this enabled immediate feedback, information share, awareness and joint working on all the projects discussed. All Grant Monitoring Officers attend the panel and the proposal is to extend an invitation to all Red and Amber rated projects at future meetings. At the December Panel four projects had their ratings revised.
- 3.4 Current project performance is encouraging; 94% of the 125 live projects are rated Green, 4% are rated Amber and only 2% are rated Red.

Key issues affecting period four

- 3.5 Within such a large and diverse Grants Programme, issues and challenges are likely; this last performance period was no exception. The key issues and observations in period 4 are detailed below.

3.3.1 Premises Issues:

Previous decisions identified that the following projects needed to enter into ‘appropriate property agreements’ as a specific condition of grant.

- i. Wapping Bangladeshi Association
- ii. Bangladeshi Youth Movement
- iii. Somali Senior Citizens Club
- iv. Dorsett Community Association
- v. Limehouse Project
- vi. Deaf Plus
- vii. Children Education Group
- viii. Osmani Trust
- ix. Stifford Centre

At the time of writing, only the Children Education Group had not met the required premises conditions from the list of organisations above. Consequently MSG funding continues to be withheld.

Children Education Group update

Discussions are ongoing between the organisation and the Council's Asset Management Team but a premises agreement has yet to be reached.

Outside the July to September monitoring period, there has been a recent development in relation to this project. On the 15th December the CEG wrote to the Third Sector Team to advise that as they have not received their MSG funding and as they have exhausted their reserves, CEG have suspended the Harkness Luncheon Club and their Football Academy is being run on a voluntary basis only. A copy of the letter is available at Appendix 3.

As the premises issue remains unresolved the project has been moved to a Red rating.

Recommendation 1:

Based on the above information and taking into account Commissioners directions in respect of premises, Commissioners are recommended not to release MSG to the Children Education Group.

Recent developments/Premises queries

Further monitoring of Mainstream Grants recipients has identified the following organisations in council buildings which are not classed as community buildings.

The organisations are:

- Bethnal Green Weightlifting Club
- Black Womens Health and Family Support (Russia Lane)
- Age UK (Russia Lane)
- Pollyanna (Wapping TRA)
- Weavers Adventure Playground Association's (WAPA) Play On Project
- Tower Hamlets Community Transport (THCT)
- The Shadwell Community Project: Glamis Adventure Playground

Details of the position for each of the organisations will be provided for Grants Scrutiny Committee and the Commissioners Decision Making Meeting.

3.3.2 Red & Amber Rated Projects:

Red rated projects – July to September 2016

For the period July to September 2016 the following projects have, for reasons specified, not met the required performance standards and therefore been rated as either Red or Amber within the performance management system.

The 3 Red rated projects for period July to September 2016 are

Children Education Group - Berner Football Academy
Children Education Group - Harkness Luncheon Club

Monakka Monowar Welfare Foundation - Life changing musical and keep fit project

As stated above, the Children Education Group have been rated Red for the above two projects due to premises issues. The group have been performance rated Green for previous periods; however MSG funding has been withheld due to the unresolved premises arrangements.

The Monakka Monowar Welfare Foundation (MMWF) have been rated Red for period 4, this follows an Amber rating at period 3 and two Red ratings for periods 1 and 2.

The organisation withdrew from the project in late October 2016 then suggested revision to outputs and the resumption of project activities in December 2016 if suitable premises could be obtained. Officers provided advice to the group on premises options. The CVS have also been liaising with the organisation; the CVS discussed the whether to withdraw from MSG or not and assisted the MMWF in drafting their withdrawal letter. Feedback from the organisation suggests they feel the MSG process to be burdensome. It is felt that the group are not as organised as other projects within the programme. The project has been given a deadline of 21st December for submission of a variation request and detailed business plan.

Recommendation 3

Commissioners are recommended to consider allowing the Monnakar Monowar Welfare Foundation until 21st December 2016 to provide a detailed business plan and a detailed request for project variation. In the event that this deadline is not met, in light of previous performance and developments in the last quarter, the recommendation is that funding should be withdrawn and the project be closed.

Information related to the above red rated projects is also set out in the related theme Appendix i.e. Appendix 4.1 for Monakka Monowar Welfare Foundation - Life changing musical and keep fit project and Children Education Group - Berner Football Academy and Appendix 4.3 for Children Education Group – Harkness Luncheon Club.

Amber rated projects - July to September 2016

The following 5 projects are Amber rated for this performance period.

The Shadwell Community Project - The People GAP – Commissioners have approved a significant variation request for project, relating to its match funding budget. However, the project remains on Amber again for this monitoring period as the provider has submitted another significant variation request relating to number of beneficiaries. If this latest variation is approved it is expected that the project will move from Amber to Green. This latest variation request is detailed for Commissioners consideration at 3.3.3 of this report.

DeafPLUS

Employment for Deaf and Disabled people in Tower Hamlets (EDITH)

This project was Green at period 3 but has moved to Amber in this quarter where under performance on outputs has been identified due to a late project start and reported staffing issues; however the project is now fully staffed and significant improvement is expected in the coming months. It is anticipated that DeafPLUS will achieve all its targets by the end of the project.

Green Candle Dance Company

Dance for Health at Oxford House

Following recent consideration of a variation request by Commissioners Officers have been liaising with Green Candle Dance Company on redrafting their variation request, particularly around targets. Green Candle attended a constructive meeting with Officers on 14th December 2016 and discussed revisions to their variation request. We anticipate the variation will be available for reconsideration by Commissioners shortly.

Toynbee Hall

Wellbeing in Tower Hamlets

This Project was Amber in period 3 and remains Amber in period 4, however, performance is now on track to deliver all outputs and outcomes. A number of outputs were lower on previous quarters but the organisation has made some staffing adjustments, has moved to a new building, is working to a new action plan and is now making good progress. We anticipate the Project will be Green performance rated by March.

Somali Parents and Childrens Play

Somali Women Engagement Forum

This project has moved from Red to Amber in the last performance monitoring period. A timetable of increased activity is in place to address reduced outputs demonstrated. After a visit found no project in place a number of unannounced activity visits have been undertaken since. These visits have found the project running and have been encouraging although more monitoring is advised to ensure content and quality of sessions. The organisation is engaged in support with the THCVS.

Recommendation 4

Commissioners are recommended to note performance relating to the 5 Amber projects above and agree the projects/organisations be awarded two thirds of MSG funding due, in accordance with the agreed procedures.

Projects which have improved in Period 4 – July to September 2016

The following projects moved from Amber to Green performance ratings during July to September (Period 4).

Teviot British Bangladeshi Association – Opportunity

Wadajir Somali Community Centre – Wadajir Homework Club Two

Toynbee Hall – Well Being Centre
Age UK East London – Friend at Home
Bangladesh Youth Movement – “Live Healthy – Enjoy Life” Bangladeshi
Women Health and Development

Recommendation 5

Commissioners are recommended to note the improvements in respect of the following projects that have improved their performance ratings to Green and will be awarded the appropriate funding commensurate with their Green performance rating.

3.3.3 Project Variation Requests

The Shadwell Community Project – The People Gap

The Shadwell Community Project (SCP) recently submitted a significant variation request relating to matched funding which was approved by Commissioners. SCP has since submitted a further variation request as it has made an administrative error in relation to output figures it originally provided for July to September 2016 and July to September 2017. The variation request can be found at Appendix 5. The original higher levels of beneficiary targets for these periods relate to the organisation’s original application for MSG, which was for a sum of £83,454. The MSG allocation awarded to SCP in 2015 for 2015-18 was £24,999, which is 30% of the MSG that it applied for. SCP only became aware of its mistake through the LBTH monitoring process for the project for Period 4.

The original application had a target of 2,150 beneficiaries. If the proposed variation for beneficiary numbers is approved then beneficiary numbers would be 1,530 (compared to the current number of 1,730). The unit cost for beneficiaries supported for the proposed revised beneficiary numbers is significantly better than that for the original MSG application, being 42% of the original unit cost:

Beneficiary Unit Costs

Application - $£83,454 / 2,150 = £38.81$

Variation request - $£24,999 / 1,530 = £16.34$

Reduction of the numbers for the July-September 2016 and July-September 2017 periods would bring the scheduled numbers for these periods more in line with other periods for the project. This would enable the project to be delivered successfully. The project has been on RED for Periods 1 to 3 due to late monitoring returns for Periods 1 and 2 and incomplete finance monitoring returns for all three periods. The problems in relation to the finance monitoring returns were connected to the original match funding budget for the project which was based on SCP’s original MSG application and was thus at too high a level. Commissioners agreed at their Decision Making meeting on the 8th November that this match funding budget be reduced by 64%. This should assist SCP to make satisfactory finance monitoring returns for Periods 1 to 3 with the support and assistance of THCVS and their nominated Grant Officer.

Recommendation 6

Commissioners are recommended to approve SCP's significant variation request for reduced outputs for Period 4 (July to September 2016) and Period 8 (July to September 2017), enabling the project to move from Amber to Green conditional on SCP having implemented the following actions prior to Grant Scrutiny Sub-Committee meeting on 11th January 2017 and Commissioners Decision Making Meeting on 17th January 2017:

- submission of a satisfactory finance monitoring returns for Periods 1 to 3
- submission of outstanding monitoring information for Period 4
- confirmation of a clear target date for an action plan to improve organisational management and project management. This plan should include appropriate SMART targets
- better communication systems addressing delays in responding to e-mails and telephone calls

The Grant Officer has been liaising with the organisation on an ongoing basis to receive satisfactory monitoring information for Periods 1 and 2. Not all required information has been received at this time. The organisation was referred to the CVS on 7 June 2016 and is working with them on production of an improvement plan.

Citizens Advice Bureau (East End CABx)

Tower Hamlets Borough Wide Advice (Partnership)

The lead partner for this project, the Citizens Advice Bureau, has advised that the Tower Hamlets Chinese Association has made a request to withdraw from the partnership effective from January 2017. The Citizens Advice Bureau has proposed through their variation request to deliver this contract to the Chinese Community through a partnership with the Tower Hamlets Community of Refugees from Vietnam. The variation request can be found at Appendix 6. The partners would continue the provision of advice to the Chinese community in Tower Hamlets. The budget for the project will not be varied as a consequence of this variation which only applies to one of the delivery partners withdrawing and another being utilised to pick this work up. There are no proposed changes to outputs and/or project outcomes.

Recommendation 7

Commissioners are recommended to approve this variation request enabling the Citizens Advice Bureau to replace the Tower Hamlets Chinese Association with the Tower Hamlets Community of Refugees from Vietnam as delivery partners to provide advice to the Chinese community in Tower Hamlets.

Green Candle Dance Company

Dance for Health at Oxford House

Significant variation request being redrafted and expected shortly.

4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 4.1 This report provides an update on the Councils MSG programme, budgeted at approximately £3.049m per annum or £9.148m, over the three year period 2015/18.
- 4.2 There are sufficient resources within directorate budgets to fund the agreed programme over the 3 year period.
- 4.3 The report highlights a number of instances where approved grant awards will not be made, either because the organisation has declined the award or organisations have not met project milestones.

5. LEGAL COMMENTS

- 5.1. The Council has a duty under the Local Government Act 1999 to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness. This is referred to as the Council's best value duty. Best Value considerations have also been addressed in paragraph 7 of the report.
- 5.2. Applying this duty to grants, the Council must operate a fair and open application procedure to process a request to obtain funding. Requests for grant funding should ordinarily be measured against a predetermined set of criteria and the criteria themselves must be fair and transparent. The grant agreement should include a clear monitoring process 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 provide clear delineation where outcomes were not achieved and the reasons for such failure are apparent. Monitoring should therefore include measuring performance against the expected outcomes.
- 5.3. This report provides the Commissioners with a performance update advising as to the MSG Themes and whether individual projects are on track to deliver the agreed outputs and outcomes.
- 5.4 With regard to the Monakka Monowar Welfare Foundation, the organisation has been red rated for two (2) monitoring periods in the last four and the organisation has not performed as required. These grants are discretionary and as performance measured against the expected outcomes is not satisfactory then it is appropriate for officers to recommend that the approved funding for this project be withdrawn.
- 5.5 With regard to the Children Education Group and their two projects the Berner Football Academy and the Harkness Luncheon Club, the organisation performance rating has been moved to red due to the fact that no premises agreement has yet been reached with the Children Education Group and the council. This is contrary to Commissioners directions requiring premises agreements to be in place for organisations in receipt of mainstream grants and

operating from council premises and it is therefore appropriate for officers to recommend that the approved funding be withheld.

6. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1. The contribution of VCS Organisations helping to deliver One Tower Hamlets objectives and priorities are explicitly recognised and articulated within the Council's agreed Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy.
- 6.2 VCS Organisations play a key role in delivering services that address inequality, improve cohesion and increase community leadership. These services are real examples of 'One Tower Hamlets' in practice.
- 6.3 The opportunities offered through the MSG Programme will play a key role in delivering the aims of One Tower Hamlets.

7. BEST VALUE (BV) IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The level of awards to organisations was determined by the quality of their individual applications as well as the overall demand for the funds available within each Theme.
- 7.2 Additionally, the application appraisal process took into consideration the proposed levels of outputs and outcomes to be delivered as well as the organisation's track record and the bid's overall value for money rating.
- 7.5 There will be ongoing performance management of the approved portfolio of projects to ensure that interventions meet the required standards; that the evidencing of project achievements and expenditure are accurately recorded and reported.
- 7.6 Monitoring and reporting arrangements are in place to ensure that payments to organisations are in line with performance. The agreed Payment By Results process will ensure that grants will not be paid to organisations that either significantly or consistently under-perform, or those that are not able to properly evidence the work/outcomes for which funding has been approved.

8. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

- 8.1 The MSG 2015/18 Programme has a broad focus including developing new skills for local people and organisations that are disadvantaged and perhaps facing multiple barriers to achieving a sustainable future.
- 8.2 All programme beneficiaries be they individuals or local organisations will be encouraged to consider taking appropriate steps to minimise negative impact on the environment when taking up the opportunities offered within the programme and on an ongoing basis.

9. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 A number of different risks arise from any funding of external organisations. The key risks are:
- The funding may not be fully utilised i.e. allocations remain unspent and outcomes are not maximised
 - The funding may be used for purposes that have not been agreed e.g. in the case of fraud
 - The organisation may not in the event have the capacity to achieve the contracted outputs/outcomes
- 9.2 The monitoring being undertaken has identified a small number of projects that have been rated either Red or Amber within the Council's RAG performance rating process. In these circumstances either formal project improvement plans or other appropriate arrangements have been put in place to minimise the risk of further/significant underperformance.
- 9.3 As part of the ongoing programme management arrangements, support, advice and guidance will be made available projects to ensure that all performance and other risks are minimised.

10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 The activities, services and outcomes that are being targeted through the MSG Programme support the objectives of reducing crime and disorder; this is particularly true of the projects delivering under the Community Engagement Cohesion and Resilience Theme.
- 10.2 Throughout the programme as a whole however, those people involved in, or at risk of involvement in the criminal justice system will be targeted for support.

11. SAFEGUARDING IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 As part of the initial application process organisations were required to provide details of their safeguarding policy if appropriate. The Grant Agreement that funded organisations have entered into includes requirements in relation to safeguarding.
- 11.2 Organisations providing services to children or vulnerable adults and employing staff or volunteers in a position whose duties include caring for, training, supervising or being responsible in some way for them, are required to fully comply with all necessary safeguarding requirements.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report:

- MSG 2015/18 Programme – available via the following link:
<http://modern.gov.towerhamlets.gov.uk/documents/b16444/Item%205.4%20Main%20Stream%20Grants%20201518%20Programme%2029th-Jul-2015%2018.30%20Commissioners%20Decision%20Making%20M.pdf?T=9>

Appendices:

- Appendix 1 - Project Summary
- Appendix 2 - Project RAG Status
- Appendix 3 - Letter from CEG
- Appendix 4.1 - Theme 1 Summary
- Appendix 4.2 - Theme 2 Summary
- Appendix 4.3 - Theme 3 Summary
- Appendix 4.4 - Theme 4 Summary
- Appendix 4.5 - Theme 5 Summary
- Appendix 5 – Variation request Shadwell Community Project
- Appendix 6 – Variation request Citizens Advice Bureau

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

- None

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Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Community Languages	James Perkins	Black Women's Health and Family Support	BWHAFS' Somali Mother Tongue Programme	BWHAFS' Somali Mother Tongue classes for 7-13 year old girls and boys are facilitated during term times from 4-6 pm on Tuesdays to help young people learn and progress in spoken, reading and written Somali with the option of taking Tower Hamlets' Community Language exams at the end of year.	Out of 12 learners, 5 learners undertook the community languages examination in May. All 5 learners passed the exams. 72% of participants have achieved over 80% attendance.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	9,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	Green	Project is progressing well and have achieved targets	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes. Visit scheduled for 13 December 2016.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Community Languages	James Perkins	Boundary Community School	BCS Mother Tongue Project	The BCS Mother Tongue project aims to provide out of school language classes (Bangla) and cultural activities for local young people (age from 6 to 16) from Boundary Estate of Weavers Ward to help boost their confidence. The classes run from 5:30-7:30pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (School Term only).	Improved attainment levels in Key Stages 1 and 2 and GCSE Bengali. At least 10% of participants (Year 3 to Year 6) are to be prepared to enrol into an Early GCSE class for languages run by the Community Languages Service of TH by the end of year. After taking examination in this quarter, 2 of the beneficiaries became eligible to enrol into an Early GCSE class for languages.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	12,000.00	5,333.00	5,333.00	0.00	Green	Project is progressing well and have achieved targets	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Community Languages	James Perkins	Chinese Association of Tower Hamlets	Chinese Independent School of Tower Hamlets (Mother Tongue Classes)	CISTH is one of the earliest established Chinese Schools in London. We aim to offer a complete education framework for children that inspires, energizes and develops them to excel as great thinkers and leaders in any field with an integrated background of Chinese language and culture as a key asset.	100% of the GCSE students from the last academic year (2015/2016) achieved A* in their exam. The school aim to help the GCSE students achieve A* or A in their exam through the three hour sessions each week by practicing pass papers and learning ways to tackle exam questions. Mock exams was held in December 2015 to predict their grades; teachers looked at individual needs to support their students. Three students done early GCSE in summer and all achieved A*, including the youngest student Yung Cheng who achieved A* at the age of 10.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	34,995.00	15,554.00	15,554.00	0.00	Green	Project is progressing well and have achieved targets	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Community Languages	James Perkins	Cubitt Town Bangladeshi Cultural Association	Cubitt Town Bangladeshi Cultural Association	The Project aims to provide mother tongue classes to students, supplementary education and homework support, organise cultural events for the community and to also arrange educational visits for the students. Sessions run Thursday and Friday. All the classes will take place at St. Luke's Primary School between 5pm and 7pm.	The end of year exam results clearly show the children have made good progress in all Key Stages. One child also received an A* in the early GCSE for Bengali. At present they have 2 students preparing to enrol into early GCSEs in Bengali.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	6,666.00	2,963.00	2,963.00	0.00	Green	Project is progressing well and have achieved targets	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Community Languages	James Perkins	Culloden Bangladeshi Parents Association	Culloden Bengali Mother Tongue Programme	CBPA will deliver Bengali Mother Tongue Classes to local children living on the Aberfeldy, Brownfield and Teviot estates where by children will improve their educational attainment, participation and progression by learning their Mother Tongue through reading, writing and speaking skills and cultural studies in the Bengali language.	Organisation has seen an increase in number of users accessing service with more ongoing activities available to help strengthen the participants understanding of the mother tongue culture and heritage. 19 students achieved equivalent to MFL Level 3 for Key Stage 1 students and MFL Level 4 or above in Key Stage 2 students in annual exams conducted by the Community Languages Service of TH. 6 entered for early GCSE.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	24,750.00	10,998.00	10,998.00	0.00	Green	Project is progressing well and have achieved targets	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes. Visit scheduled for 20 December 2016.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Community Languages	James Perkins	EC Lighthouse Ltd	EC Lighthouse/ Lithuanian School	EC Lighthouse School classes take place on Saturdays (10 am - 5 pm). We teach Lithuanian language, history, dance, drama, music. The school is awarded a Silver Award in the Quality Framework for Supplementary School, has won the British Academy Schools Language Awards. Students participate in local and international projects.	124 students achieved an attendance record of 80% for the year. School students wrote tests and exams at the end of the school year. It is good news that 35 students' knowledge was evaluated between 95 to 100% percent.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	29,400.00	13,067.00	13,067.00	0.00	Green	Project is progressing well and have achieved targets	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Community Languages	James Perkins	Limehouse Welfare Association	Limehouse Mother Tongue Classes (Bengali)	Mother Tongue Bengali classes will allow disadvantaged children of the local area to learn an additional language and gain a foundation for a qualification in GCSE/A level MFL Bengali. Learning the language will increase students' self-confidence, develop cognitive abilities and foster good relations in the community and wider British society.	Last academic year 13 children achieved Level 3 or above. 7 children have achieved Level 2. 6 children have achieved level 1. The rest of the children are working towards achieving a level according to CLS exams or teachers assessments held in June 2016. This September they have enrolled 36 children which is well over the target and shows the demand for the mother tongue classes is increasing. The end of year exams review is currently in progress. They have run a feedback session for parents which have also indicated that the children made good progress in MFL Bengali. 20 students have achieved to MFL level 2 and MFL level 3 or above. 3 entered for early GCSE.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	16,242.00	7,218.00	7,218.00	0.00	Green	Project is progressing well and have achieved targets	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Community Languages	James Perkins	Stifford Centre Limited	Stifford Community Language Services	Community language classes for 40 children aged 6-11 years, who wish develop their language skills in Bengali and Arabic. The service runs from Monday to Friday from 5pm to 7pm. It is linked to a referral programme for children who wish to undertake GCSE Bengali & Arabic in future.	Participants have undertaken Bengali and Arabic Exam and 90% of students pass the exam. They have ensured that all students have successfully achieved reading and writing proficiency in both Bengali and Arabic. 4 students attended in MFL Level 3 for Key Stage 1 students and MFL Level 4 or above in Key Stage 2 students in annual exams conducted by the Community Languages Service of Tower Hamlets.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	15,093.00	6,709.00	6,709.00	0.00	Green	Project is progressing well and have achieved targets	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Community Languages	James Perkins	Teviot British Bangladeshi Association (TBBA)	Opportunity	The project is intended to provide Mother Tongue classes for local Bangladeshi children around Teviot areas LAP 7 age between 8-12 years old.	29 young people recruited for the Mother Tongue session. During the month of September 2016 we assessments were made of every child's capability of Reading and Writing in Bengali. During the parents evening, they received feedback from parents that young people have improved confidence on communicating with community languages	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	6,000.00	2,666.00	2,666.00	0.00	Green	Project is progressing well and have achieved targets	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Community Languages	James Perkins	Wapping Bangladeshi Association	Wapping Bengali Mother Tongue Community Languages Project	The project will raise the academic achievements, participation and progression of disadvantaged Bangladeshi children through the provision of Bengali Mother Tongue Education. It will help to strengthen the identity of Bangladeshi Children through cultural awareness through studies in Bengali history, the arts and culture and promote community cohesion.	More than 75% of students are regular attending the session and learning Bengali as an additional subject and 10% enrolled students which means 3 students are taking preparation to complete their early GCSC in Bangla soon as part of completion of their mainstream syllabus.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	9,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	Green	Project is progressing well and have achieved targets	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.

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Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Culture	Mark Waterman	Green Candle Dance Company	BanglaHop! after school project	BanglaHop! After school dance project for children and young people of South Asian backgrounds, offering secondary school children regular dance workshops, specialist dance photography sessions and exhibition and performance opportunities,	Project sees its key achievement to have been the overwhelming increase in core group of dance students' confidence and self belief in their ability to perform in front of an audience, with a performance at Oxford House. Participants also took pride in having their photographic work displayed at an exhibition in Oxford House	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	31,374.00	14,510.00	14,510.00	0.00	Green	Project on track.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Culture	Mark Waterman	Half Moon Young People's Theatre	Professional theatre venue for young people in Tower Hamlets	Half Moon is an accessible, friendly venue presenting professional theatre shows for young audiences from birth to 18. The company also runs inclusive out of school drama groups for young people aged 5 to 18 (or 25 for disabled young people), providing free access support to those who require it.	Project has surpassed its participation targets, with 278 beneficiaries in first funding year, 171 accessing the Theatre's training for first time. Project evaluation reports that all of the children and young people who participated in first three periods of first funding year benefitted from improved personal outcomes, including: Communication Skills (Speaking & Listening); Emotional Literacy: Positive Social Engagement: Creative Development	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	61,374.00	27,277.00	27,277.00	0.00	Green	Project on track.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Culture	Mark Waterman	Monakka Monowar Welfare Foundation (MMWF)	Life-changing Musical and Keep-fit Project	We aim to engage vulnerable children and young people, regardless of their background, to discover their creativity and fulfil their potential. We will use music and drama to transform the lives and dance as keep-fit exercise to keep them healthy (reduce obesity) who have least opportunity within the community.	Project has enabled beneficiaries those beneficiaries that it supported, before services were suspended due to premises problems, to improve their studying and schoolwork and become involved in sport and physical activities. It also assisted them to improve their diet and reduce their obesity.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	30,000.00	13,333.00	10,833.00	-2,500.00	Red	Organisation withdrew from the project in late October 2016, then suggested the possibility of a revision to outputs and the resumption of project activities in December 2016 if suitable premises were obtained. It has not responded to LBTH deadline for business plan for proposed revised outputs. Project is thus classified as closed.	Red	Organisation withdrew from the project in late October 2016, then suggested the possibility of a revision to outputs and the resumption of project activities in December 2016 if suitable premises were obtained. Organisation has a deadline of 21 December 2016 to submit a variation request and business plan for a revision in outputs. If this is not received then the recommendation is for the project to close
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Culture	Mark Waterman	Pollyanna Training Theatre	Musical Theatre & Performance Arts Course	Acting, Dancing, Singing and Performance Skills for ages 12-16yrs. Create and devise performances, learn new skills, make friends, gain confidence. Work with industry professionals to achieve excellence.	The 33 beneficiaries who took part in the project's first year have gained confidence and taken a greater interest in all performance arts. The provider reports that the beneficiaries have become more articulate and are now able to communicate in all areas of their life (school, home, socially). The project has assisted in the development of friendships between children from different schools	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	27,999.00	11,793.75	11,793.75	0.00	Green	Project on track.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Culture	Mark Waterman	Ragged School Museum	Family Learning Holiday Programme	The Ragged School Museum will provide 23 - 25 days of creative family learning activities. These will be free and drop-in, aimed at children from 1 month to 12 years old. Activities are designed so that families feel that learning together is inspirational.	Project has encouraged inter-general learning through providing engaging craft activities and challenges for families in the school holidays. Activities have allowed children and adults to respond creatively together to cultural histories, engaging with people from a wide range of ages and abilities. Feedback received from participants has been highly favourable	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	18,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00	Green	Project now on track after Commissioners approved significant variation request for project.	Green	Project now on track after Commissioners approved significant variation request for project.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Culture	Mark Waterman	The Shadwell Community Project	The People GAP	The Shadwell Community Project is local; it is parent and community led. It focuses on the needs of children, young people and their families. It runs an adventure playground, hosts youth work, a bike workshop and allotments and, from summer 2016, a unique children's café: run by children for children.	Project has supported an average of 133 beneficiaries each period to participate in the wider activity of Glamis Adventure Playground. These include activities such as a bike workshop, a children's café, to promote good diet and allotments to grow food for the cafe. The playground provides children with the opportunity to become involved in exercise, outdoor activities and working with their hands to build playground dens and shelters.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	24,999.00	11,110.00	2,778.00	-8,332.00	Red	Commissioners have approved a significant variation request for project, relating to its match funding budget. However, provider will be submitting another significant variation request relating to number of beneficiaries. It is currently at Red for Period 4 due to under-performance on that output. Provider still has to submit satisfactory finance monitoring returns for first three periods and there is still some outstanding monitoring information for Period 4. It will hopefully be assisted in producing finance monitoring returns by approval of significant variation request relating to match funding budget. Four quarters payments are currently being withheld.	Amber	Commissioners have approved a significant variation request for project, relating to its match funding budget. However, provider will be submitting another significant variation request relating to number of beneficiaries. Recommend that Commissioners approve SCP's significant variation request for reduced outputs for Period 4 (July-September 2016) and Period 8 (July-September 2017), enabling the project to move off AMBER to GREEN. The move off Amber would be conditional on SCP having implemented the following actions prior to Grant Scrutiny Sub-Committee meeting on 11th January 2017 and Commissioners Decision Making Meeting on 17th January 2017: • submission of a satisfactory finance monitoring returns for Periods 1 to 3 to LBTH • submission of outstanding monitoring information for Period 4 to LBTH • having a clear target date for an action plan to improve organisational management and project management. This plan should include appropriate SMART targets • introducing better communication systems with LBTH. SCP has demonstrated delays in responding to e-mails and telephone calls from LBTH.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Culture	Mark Waterman	Udichi Shilpi Gosthi	Udichi Performing Arts and Festivals Programme for Young People	The Udichi Performing Arts and Festivals Programme aims to increase participation in celebratory cultural events, promoting diversity and improving social cohesion, whilst increasing participation in cultural activity in the Bengali community in Tower Hamlets as whole, specifically to young people from our specialist Performing Arts facilities at the Brady Centre	Project has supported all of its beneficiaries to increase their confidence in music, dance and drama skills and enabled them to participate in music and dance performances. Most of the beneficiaries have accessed through the project musical instruments and digital technology for the first time and have been supported to advance their understanding and confidence in these areas. The project has also assisted beneficiaries to become engaged in large-scale international festival events, thus promoting citizenship, community cohesion and appreciation of different cultures. Feedback from beneficiaries shows satisfaction with the work of the project	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	30,000.00	13,333.00	13,333.00	0.00	Green	Project on track.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Culture	Mark Waterman	Wapping Bangladesh Association	Wapping Children's Arts Education Project	To promote Bengali history, art, culture and heritage to the British-Bangladeshi and other BME children through an array of creative and visual arts activity that will support children to build their creative skills to enhance their educational attainment and contribute to bridge building between different cultures.	Project has supported beneficiaries' personal development, enabling them to learn about discipline, enhancing their team building skills and building their self-confidence. Participants have improved both their drawing and writing skills. Project has enabled its beneficiaries to obtain more knowledge on both Bangladeshi and British values, culture and heritage. The project has strengthened beneficiaries' imaginative and critical thinking skills, thus supporting them in academic progress at school.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	12,000.00	5,333.00	5,333.00	0.00	Green	Project on track.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.

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Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Culture	Mark Waterman	Weavers Adventure Playground Association	Play On	An all weathers, drop in, inclusive, adventure playground situated in Bethnal Green, serving children, young people and their families across Tower Hamlets. Attendees enjoy a wide variety of physical and social play opportunities in a child and youth centred, safe, staffed environment five days a week, term time and holidays.	Project beneficiaries have been able to increase their fitness levels and feelings of well being through participation in play sports and games. Recent activities have included netball, trampolining, go-karting, football coaching and team building workshops. Beneficiaries have also participated in supervised cooking and baking, which has supported their self-reliance. The project has also enhanced digital inclusion by providing CV writing workshops for older children participating in the project.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	56,376.00	25,056.00	20,358.00	-4,698.00	Green	Project on track. Payment for Period 5 is being held back until organisation submits an action plan in response to an external investigation of the playground.	Green	Project on track. Payment for Period 5 is being held back until organisation submits an action plan in response to an external investigation of the playground.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Raising Attainment	James Perkins	Black Women's Health and Family Support	BWHAFS Supplementary School Programme	BWHAFS' Homework Club helps young people aged 7-13 with maths, science, English and IT support to improve study skills, address learning through a mix of approaches including digital learning and help young people improve their educational achievements.	12 students were supported this quarter. Students were offered mock tests on regularly basis to prepare them for their academic examination of which they all had good grades. Verbal feedback from students and parents shows that the programme has been of great help to students as it contributed to their academic achievement.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	12,600.00	5,600.00	5,600.00	0.00	Green	Project is progressing well and have achieved targets	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Raising Attainment	James Perkins	Chinese Association of Tower Hamlets	Chinese After School Homework Club	The Chinese After School Homework Club provides bilingual support, homework assistance, cultural awareness for children ages 5 to 17. It is aimed primarily, but not exclusively, at pupils attending the Saturday's Chinese School. We operate every Saturdays between 12:30 and 3:30 pm during school terms.	One of the students who attended the homework club last academic year achieved A* in his GCSE at the age of 10; originally from China and had limited English. He attended the homework club since he came to the UK 2 years ago and got support with not just his Chinese homework but also his homework from mainstream school. He progressed to AS class this year at the age of 11.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	12,015.00	5,340.00	5,340.00	0.00	Green	Project is progressing well and have achieved targets	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Raising Attainment	Hilary Hughes	Community of Refugees from Vietnam - East London	Home-School Liaison Project	The Home-School Liaison Project provides active links between Vietnamese children, families and schools to raise attainment and improve the quality of life for vulnerable Vietnamese children and young people especially those with special needs or disability.	Children achieving improved results in their assessments demonstrating progress towards learning outcomes.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	12,600.00	5,600.00	3,500.00	0.00	Green	Project on track to meet outputs in agreement.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Raising Attainment	James Perkins	Culloden Bangladeshi Parents Association	Culloden Supplementary School	The Culloden Supplementary School will provide education support, assistance and guidance to underachieving children with their learning and school - work that underpins the National Curriculum -- to deliver educational support in English and Maths -- from Key Stage 1 to 4.	Organisation have handed out leaflets, spoke with local schools, held events and spoke with parents to increase participation. They have also been proactive in enrolling new participants as they have seen a small number of families move in to the local area. The new IT equipment for participants to use has helped encourage regular attendance and retention.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	19,140.00	8,507.00	8,507.00	0.00	Green	Project is progressing well and have achieved targets	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Raising Attainment	Brenda Doku	Graduate Forum - Careers London	Top Tutors	The Top Tutors Project aims to alleviate the cycle of poverty in low income families by offering Numeracy & Literacy intervention through tuition for children aged 7-16 from BAME low income families. Programme will ensure children raise their aspirations and motivate them for further education.	40 young learners have completed the project for the 2015-2016 academic year. 9 beneficiaries were on the project for the full 4 terms (12 months), 10 beneficiaries completed 3 terms (9 months) and the remaining 21 beneficiaries completed 2 terms (6 months). The 10 KS4 GCSE students completed soft skills training on Finance Education after the end of their GCSEs. 4 of the 10 KS4 GCSE students completed a 4 month placement as KS2 Learning Mentors at Top Tutors.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	15,000.00	6,250.00	6,250.00	0.00	Green		Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Raising Attainment	Brenda Doku	Headliners (UK)	Digital Citizens	The Digital Citizens programme offers multi-media courses which supports young people to explore issues of concern to them and campaign through the media. You will gain the digital skills to make films and podcasts for online publication/broadcast. Programmes offer accreditation and the opportunity to attend Master Classes delivered by Creative Industry professionals.	There were 5 more young people registered for accreditation in this quarter - making a total of 20 for the year in line with the annual target (60 over 3 years). 11 achieved a recorded outcome which makes a total of 38 against a target of 40. The project is progressing well with schools and more recently with St Hilda's. The case studies give a flavour of what is being achieved with young people, including the work of All Abilities Forum Mark Your Mind mental health campaign which launched a film - https://youtu.be/CseFGhtCg .	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	44,058.00	18,356.00	18,356.00	0.00	Green		Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Raising Attainment	Brenda Doku	Newark Youth London	Newark Study Support Club	We want to run a Study Support Club in the Stepney and St. Dunstan's area for children 13-16 year olds, to help them improve their educational attainments, especially supporting those in Year 11, going onto doing their GCSE exams the coming year.	The project is making steady progress and working towards achieving the outcomes of improving the attitude to learning and aspirations of young people. The Project Manager has reported that the first year of the project will be analysed and a report produced on improvements and the number of young people who did well at GCSE exams.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	11,880.00	4,950.00	4,950.00	0.00	Green	The project operate during term time only.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes. The project operates during term time only.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Raising Attainment	Brenda Doku	SocietyLinks Tower Hamlets	Raising Attainment Children and Young People Support Projects 1. Study Support	Children and Young People Support: Study Club -- study support to boost attainment levels, two hours per week	A case study of a 10 year old girl shows the positive improvement made. This service user is preparing to sit her SATs this year and was falling behind her peer group academically. She had protracted ill health which prevented her from attending school and stunted her early development. The project has been able to support her development, give her small group challenges and homework tailored towards her weaknesses. Her mum has reported that she is doing a lot better, her confidence has grown. The school has confirmed that both her literacy and numeracy levels have gone	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	12,600.00	5,600.00	5,600.00	0.00	Green		Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Raising Attainment	Hilary Hughes	Tower Hamlets Parents' Centre	THPC Saturday Study Support Project	This project delivers a 3 hour weekly study support session on a Saturday morning for 40 weeks each year that help improve the attainment of 75 disadvantaged local young people at Key Stages 1 and 2.	Children achieving improved results in their assessments demonstrating progress towards learning outcomes.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	12,600.00	5,600.00	5,600.00	0.00	Green	Activity visit demonstrates high quality teaching. Pupils demonstrate they feel confident as well as aware and proud of the progress they have made.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes. Activity visit demonstrates high quality teaching. Pupils demonstrate they feel confident as well as aware and proud of the progress they have made.

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Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Sports	James Perkins	Children Education Group	Berner Football Academy	Berner Football Academy provides football Club, hosted at CEG, team based activity football on the pitches, enter in locale leagues and tournaments training every Sunday from 11.30 am to 1.30pm. There will be 12-15 children per session with one coach and one volunteer	The project has started with 10 pupils since September 2015 but pupils are increasing gradually. The project is very popular in Berner Estate now. They are doing health exercise and practicing football in the Ropewalk garden football pitch with observation of project co-ordinator.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	18,135.00	7,556.00	0.00	-7,556.00	Green	Have underperformed on the outputs in this period but have over achieved in previous periods and due to the holiday break they received less participants. Lack of funding has made an impact as organisation hasn't received any Mainstream funding since last September 2015, due to not meeting the premises conditions, and continue providing service almost one year on, they are seeking the back payment as soon as possible. The committee has decided to suspend the Berner Football Academy from 1st of November 2016 as CEG have spent all the reserved funds and cannot continue to run the project.	Red	Under performance on outputs in this period. Lack of funding has made an impact as no Main Stream Grant has been paid from the start of the project due to the Premises condition.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Sports	James Perkins	Lord's Taverners	Wicketz	Wicketz' will use the sport of cricket as a catalyst to change the lives of disadvantaged young people across Tower Hamlets. Our aim is to work in partnership with community organisations, to help improve the overall quality of life locally by utilising the power of sport, social and educational opportunities.	Organisations clubs have received great support from local schools and also from the Pavilion Café in Victoria Park who have committed to sponsoring the Wicketz kit and helping to get young people get involved in the club. An open evening was held in the community attended by many of the participants to attract new players, supporters and sponsors. In addition Wicketz joined with other Adult, Junior and Tigers cricket clubs in the area in holding an awards evening which many of the Wicketz players and parents attended.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	24,000.00	10,667.00	10,667.00	0.00	Green	Project is progressing well and have achieved targets	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Sports	James Perkins	Somali Parents and Children's Play Association	Girls' Active play & sports	Girls' Active play & sports provide physical activities for unfit/obese Somali girls in NW, NE and SE clusters; between the ages of 8 to 13 years old. The sessions are unstructured, spontaneous and involve children following their interests and ideas. One session per week at Mile End Adventure Park	All the girls were physically active and had improved their learning ability and achieved well in school however 2 of the girls had behaviour issues when started and has since made significant progress in this quarter showing clear signs in the sessions of playing in a friendly manner and becoming tolerant to others and to each other. All the girls have improved their team work and goal setting skills, which are a very valuable life skills that will serve them as adults All the girls demonstrated great improvement in their confidence and self esteem and they expressed their opinions and views very well and also participated in planning the activities.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	35,010.00	15,559.00	15,559.00	0.00	Green	Project is progressing well and have achieved targets	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Sports	James Perkins	Splash Play	Sports & Play Sessions	SPLASH Play provides inclusive play sessions for children of all abilities & backgrounds, aged 5-13. Play sessions, from different sites, offer various demanding and fun play activities, arts & crafts, sports, healthy cooking, indoor & outdoor games. Volunteers programme gives young people training and work opportunities.	Four workshops were run this quarter. 9 volunteers were trained from the local community to assist in planning and delivering these community events. The volunteers were working towards the following accreditation - AQA Introduction to Play and Playwork, Community Leadership Skills, Introduction to child protection and safeguarding and Health and Safety: Risk Assessment. Children have been encouraged to get involved in group sports game as part of their AQA achievement.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	69,594.00	30,932.00	30,932.00	0.00	Green	Project is progressing well and have achieved targets	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Sports	James Perkins	Tower Hamlets Youth Sport Foundation	Hub Club Programme	The Hub Club programme is a borough-wide scheme where young people can take their first steps into community sports participation as both participants and leaders.	A total of 121 young people aged between 13 - 19 have accessed the Hub Club Programme over the last year. Since coming to Hub Club sessions 87% said they were taking part in sport/physical activity more regularly 90% said they have made new friends, 87% said they have learnt new skills, 87% said they have got better / improved skills and 90% said they have increased in confidence. The feedback above highlights how the Hub Club Programme is having a positive impact on the young people involved and delivering the desired outcomes set out in the grant application	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	55,455.00	20,995.00	20,995.00	0.00	Green	Project is progressing well and have achieved targets	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Sports	James Perkins	Tower Hamlets Youth Sport Foundation	Stepping Stones Programme	The Stepping Stones programme is a borough-wide scheme where young people can take their first steps into community sports participation as both participants and leaders.	239 children aged 7-11 have been engaged in physical activity at the 11 Mini Clubs set up through the Stepping Stones project as well as 27 young people aged 16-21 who were engaged as PETAs (Physical education teaching assistants) Of the PETAs involved in the Stepping Stones project since September 2015, 12 moved into Higher Education at the start of the 2016/17 academic year and 2 have progressed into fulltime employment	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	30,000.00	10,058.00	10,058.00	0.00	Green	Project is progressing well and have achieved targets	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Sports	James Perkins	Vallance Community Sports Association Limited	Sports Access for All	The overall aim of our project is to improve physical and emotional health and wellbeing in children and young people. We aim to work with our partners including Attlee Centre and local secondary schools to target vulnerable groups particularly young people with disabilities	The project activities is helping the organisation to improve the skills and knowledge base of staff and volunteers working with disabled groups to enable them to deliver health and sporting provision for people with Special Educational Needs.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	81,306.00	36,135.00	36,135.00	0.00	Green	Project is progressing well and have achieved targets	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Vulnerable and Excluded	Brenda Doku	Attlee Youth and Community Centre	Connecting Children and Families	Attlee, Home-Start Tower Hamlets and Praxis in collaboration providing inclusive services for children 0-16 years and their families; including migrant families. Services include support in the home, structured drop in sessions, peer therapeutic support, skills, health and wellbeing workshops and exercise classes for adults and play and informal learning for children	The partnership with Praxis and Home Start is working well. Case studies give a flavour of the collaborative work with other agencies such as schools, farms museum to support vulnerable families to access key services. This also has enabled service users to have a sense of independence and develop new skills to enhance their educational and employment prospects. 200 service users have been supported to date. Some parents have reciprocated by volunteering on end-of-site activities.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	61,770.00	25,737.00	25,737.00	0.00	Green	Project is progressing well and have achieved targets	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.

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Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Vulnerable and Excluded	Brenda Doku	Family Action	Tower Hamlets Young Carers Support Service	The Young Carers Schools Project will provide consultancy/capacity building support to local primary and secondary schools to help raise awareness of the needs of young carers and improve processes and around identifying and supporting them to fulfil their potential.	The project is progressing well and has linked up with 6 schools to try and engage more schools in signing up to the charter and motivate them to make Young Carers a priority for their schools. The organisation continues to raise awareness of young carers through organised parental mental health awareness workshops, a discussion group about the DOH's proposal for a new Carers Strategy. In November, 4 further schools signed to the project at the Young Carers: 'Everybody's Business' workshop also in attendance were representatives from CAMHS and the Police.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	58,749.00	24,478.00	24,478.00	0.00	Green		Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Vulnerable and Excluded	Mark Waterman	Osmani Trust	Shaathi Family Support Programme	The Shaathi Family Support programme is both a prevention and intervention programme seeking to work with families that are at risk of breaking down and/or are facing multiple social, financial or health related difficulties	Project has enabled participating families to remain as a family unit, by helping to re-structure families and strengthening relationships within the home through mediation and mentoring work. Families have benefited by participating in family meetings and one-to-one sessions with project staff and through the development of family action plans. The project has removed the need for statutory sector intervention with the families. It has also referred families to relevant local services and enabled young people supported by the project to become more engaged in their education, with the support of their families.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	99,000.00	44,000.00	44,000.00	0.00	Green	Project on track	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Vulnerable and Excluded	Brenda Doku	St Giles Trust	Gamechangers	A borough wide service providing holistic casework support for families with complex issues; including housing support and help to access education, training and employment. Gamechangers has experience of working with families where members are gang involved or otherwise involved with the criminal justice system.	The project provides interventions and partnership working within the 3 PRU centres. The project also continues to support and sustain referred cases made to other agencies such as Spotlight Centre, Streets of Growth, Street Pastors, Rapid Response, Youth Offending Team, Lifeline, in order to deliver a more holistic service to their users. The organisation participates in the monthly Gangs Risk Matrix meetings to identify children and young people who may be affected by gang activity. The project has engaged with 16 beneficiaries on a 1:1 basis, this included 4 new service users. 2 young people disengage from the service. This takes the total to 19 new service users accessing the 1:1 element of the service to date. The project has also made 4 new mentoring matches which takes the total to 23.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	123,000.00	51,250.00	51,250.00	0.00	Green		Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Vulnerable and Excluded	Mark Waterman	Step Forward	Young Peoples Counselling and Support Project	You are welcome to speak in confidence to one of our counsellors at Step Forward about anything that is on your mind, no matter how big or how small it seems. You might want someone to talk to because there are difficulties in your life or because you feel worried, anxious, upset or confused. We will not judge you or tell you what to do. We are here to listen to you and help you to deal with any issues you have and support you to make informed choices about your life. Please contact us to find out more.	The project has been very successful in terms of the number of beneficiaries it has supported and the impact it has had on beneficiaries' lives, in line with intended project outcomes. High proportion of beneficiaries have experienced improvements in their emotional health and in their progress in education, training or employment. Project activity has included therapeutic group and workshop activity for victims of sexual abuse which have increased participants' confidence, self-awareness and ability to look to the future and make changes in their lives.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	150,000.00	66,667.00	66,667.00	0.00	Green	Project on track	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Vulnerable and Excluded	Mark Waterman	Toyhouse Libraries Association of Tower Hamlets	Mellow Parenting	Mellow Parenting is an evidence based, in depth, early intervention suite of parenting programmes targeted to support families who are finding parenting a struggle so they can develop more positive ways to interact & remain a family. Courses are designed for parents & pre-school children together & also for parents-to-be.	The project has delivered one completed Mellow Parenting programme, offering parents and children a variety of structured activities to promote maternal well-being and foster mother-child interactions. Feedback from the programme was good, with parents reporting that participation enabled both them and their children to experience positive changes, including development of self-confidence. A second programme has commenced in October 2016. The project has also delivered a Mellow Bumps course to support pregnant women and prepare them for the birth of their children. This course also received good feedback from its participants. A second Mellow Bumps course has commenced in September 2016.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	50,478.00	23,461.00	23,461.00	0.00	Green	Project on track.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Youth	Brenda Doku	Bangladesh Youth Movement.	'Challenge For Youth' BME & Bangladeshi Girls Development Programme.	"Challenge for Youth" BME & Bangladeshi Girls' Development Programme will operate from BYM's dedicated Youth Centre and via outreach providing myriad activities which enable girls to address social, educational, employment and health issues via constructive leisure activities, health workshops and training programmes on a gender specific basis.	The project has been busy with young people expressing an interest in developing new skills through training opportunities in particular First Aid. BYM has arranged and delivered this training in which the participants successfully passed and received level 2 accreditation in Emergency First Aid At Work.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	39,000.00	16,250.00	16,250.00	0.00	Green		Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Youth	Brenda Doku	City Gateway	Back on Track: Engagement and Progression	This project will reach out to the most vulnerable, disengaged and hard to reach young people aged 13 to 19 (up to 25 with SEN), reduce their risks and engage them in positive activities that motivate them to the point that they want to take on training/education or work.	As at June 2016 the project has supported 73 young people. It has been successful in running a young leaders / volunteer programme, which saw significant change in the young people, in terms of: maturity, confidence, attendance and time-keeping. This was particularly evident with the underrepresented group of white males and girls. City Gateway has delivered street detached work and enrichment sessions in local secondary schools. This developed further awareness and encouraged more young people into this provision. Case studies highlight the work carried out with some of whom now act as role-models for other young people and make a positive impact on their lives in turn.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	45,000.00	11,250.00	11,250.00	0.00	Green		n/a	City Gateway have ended the Back on Track: Engagement and Progression project as at the end of June 2016.

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Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Youth	Brenda Doku	ELT Baptist Church	Young Women's Project	After-School Club for young women aged 13-19 on Friday afternoons (3.15-5.30pm) with a wide range of activities:- arts, crafts, sports, dance, drama, cooking, and workshops. Day trips during school holidays such as rock climbing, AirHop, theatre and Southend. Summer project/residential. Lunch-time arts & crafts clubs in 2 local secondary schools.	The Project Manager reports that young women service users have continued to develop their social skills, their ability to make decisions, encourage others and work together in a team (especially with others they wouldn't normally work with because of age difference or friendship circles) through various fun team building games. 9 Young women took part in the Summer Sporting Project (Snow Boarding, Kayaking, Canoeing and Trampolining) and other fun experiences that helped them become more aware of their health, develop new skills and develop their social and communication skills. 3 gained certificates of achievement in Snowboarding and expressed interest in improving their snowboarding and life skills by attending future courses. 14 young women participated in the After-School Club during the last quarter, continuing to enjoy themselves and grow in confidence through creating arts and crafts that express some of their culture, painting portraits of themselves and creating jewellery and accessories	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	24,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	Green		Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Youth	Brenda Doku	Island House Community Centre	Island House YOU Project	A Youth Project for teenagers in Tower Hamlets South East locality. Working collaboratively with other providers, we aim to increase participation, reduce isolation, raise attainment, improve health wellbeing and promote citizenship through a wide range of weekly activities including sport, street dance & scouting; plus daily diversionary activities throughout school holidays.	The project is progressing well supporting 58 had to reach young people in the last quarter. The Easter and summer Holiday programme attracted many more young people. The Explorer Scouts had an incredible summer period of 13 activity days in July including 3 camps, in August they had 10 days camping in Slovenia and another full week in Germany, and in September there were further activities, including lots of volunteering in the community.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	45,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	Green		Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Youth	Brenda Doku	Newark Youth London	Newark Adelina and Exmouth Youth Project	Our project will provide 9 hours of structured youth provision for children and young people (13-19 year olds) from Shadwell, St. Dunstan's, St. Katherine's & Wapping, Stepney Green and Whitechapel area. We will run 2 youth clubs; Adelina for 2 nights (6hours) and Exmouth 1 night for 3 hours.	The project is progressing well and young people had access to Junior AQA Sports Leaders Award and ASDAN volunteering course. In a case study, a service user reported that their participation in the project has improved their confidence and leadership skills. This person also went on residential trip with the project and enjoyed all the outdoor activities and learned lot and achieved some personal recorded outcomes.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	45,000.00	18,750.00	18,750.00	0.00	Green		Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Youth	Brenda Doku	Ocean Youth Connexions	Ocean Youth Connexions	Ocean Youth Connexion will provide a safe place to be for young people aged 13-19 and up to 25 if SEN. We will provide a youth facility based around the needs of young people, a homework club to raise local young people's attainment levels and two fitness and wellbeing classes.	The Project Manager reports that the project has achieved its recorded outcome targets for the year. The organisation continues to deliver two youth club sessions and the weekend sports session. The Project Manager reports that attendance has been very good especially over the summer period where a lot of girls and young women participated. This was part of a two month programme where young people were exploring identity and roots in the community. The project has achieved its accredited outcome targets for the year and has made 6 NEET referrals to Transition Support Workers and there are plans in place to increase this figure going forward. The PAYP programme made 12 referrals for the customer service course during the summer which was a good sign that referrals can be made if courses	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	45,000.00	18,750.00	18,750.00	0.00	Green		Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Youth	Brenda Doku	Osmani Trust	Aasha Peer Project	The Aasha Programme has a track record spanning over 15 years in dealing with disaffected young people who are involved in gangs, violent crimes and ASB. Aasha's Peer Programme engages these young people to become ambassadors to their peers, changes attitude, promotes understanding, reduces crime and ultimately empowers young people.	During the summer the project has been busy with the promotion of inter-generational sports themed events which were well attended with over two 250 people. Young people involved in planning, preparing and delivering the community event gained valuable skills and experience. Many now feel more confident in their ability organising something of that size as well network with local businesses, charities and residents Osmani has established links with schools to run workshops with young people at risk of anti-social behaviour. The key contacts in schools have been the Behaviour Manager, Social Workers, Head of Year and Deputy Head. Taster workshop sessions are held with a cohort of about 14 young people in years 8/9 and 10/11 to gauge the level of intervention	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	45,000.00	18,750.00	18,750.00	0.00	Green		Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.

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Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Youth	Brenda Doku	Our Base LTD	One Stop Youth Service	Our Base and Cannon Support Link will work in partnership to enhance life opportunities through education, training and recreational activities, provide skills to build self-confidence and prevent gang affiliation and organized crime through targeted youth service delivered in both NW and SW ward clusters over six evenings per week.	Young people have been involved in the planning of activities including community event, and completion of an Accredited Training Course in Customer Service (Level 2 Accredited). Young people were able to complete research online and assist the youth workers in finding a suitable activity within their budget, following a few dedicated sessions about budgeting, value for money and risk assessment. There have many positive comments / feedback from families and residents that support the work of Our Base. Some parents noted a change in attitude and values of the young person, within the familial household; this may be related to workshops held around Equality, Diversity and Respect. Local residents and TRA organisation feedback that they had noticed a decline in loitering and positive attempts from young people in creating a safe neighbourhood – there was constructive discussion held, this quarter, with young people about ASB and the effects this can have in a locality.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	45,000.00	18,750.00	18,750.00	0.00	Green		Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Youth	Brenda Doku	Shadwell Basin Outdoor Activity Centre	Girls Can Adventure - Shadwell Basin Outdoor Activity Centre	'Girls Can Adventure' is a 'long term athletic development' programme open to all girls from the age of 9 up to 18 years old. It uses the vehicle of outdoor and adventure activities to allow young girls to achieve their potential through both gaining technical abilities in adventure sports and exploring and developing themselves in the fields of leadership, teamwork, problem solving and decision making. All this whilst creating a healthy lifestyle and living, with a chance at training for employment skills.	This project is necessarily structured to support a few number of young girls (5) at each session. The project uses a range of outdoor and adventure activities to enable young girls to achieve their potential through both gaining technical abilities in adventure sports and exploring and developing themselves in the fields of leadership, teamwork, problem solving, decision making, creating a healthy lifestyle and living, with a chance at training for employment skills. A case study shows a tangible personal recorded outcome for one of its service users who basic skills of kayaking as she had attended a few previous sessions with a visiting group. However, she had not developed these further and had not. She tried other activities such as climbing sessions with the other girls. Her abilities as a leader came from the respect she was given because of her previous knowledge of kayaking as well as her passion for outdoor sports and her age. However, she was quiet and reserved and has grown in confidence over the past months through the programme. The organisation has now invested time and money in assisting her with coach	01/04/2016	31/08/2018	15,000.00	6,250.00	5,000.00	-1,250.00	Green		Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Youth	Brenda Doku	SocietyLinks Tower Hamlets	Youth Children and Young People Support Projects 1. Girls Group 2. Accredited Training	Children and Young People Support: 1. Girls Group – diversionary activities and support for girls and young women, two sessions per week 2. Accredited Training – opportunity for young people to participate in Arts Award or ASDAN accredited courses	This is an interconnected organisation which fosters intergenerational activities and encourages parents of young children to train and develop relevant skills to help them into employment and to support their children's educational needs. Its annual summer event at the Whitechapel Peabody estate showcased some of the project's work such as arts and crafts, ornaments designed by young people. The young people are also involved in a gardening project and had an array of plants in their allotment and an environmentally friendly indoor vegetable growing aquaponics systems. The organisation provides a case study which shows a tangible personal recorded outcome for one of its service users. Staff coached and built the confidence of this person and encouraged them to fulfil their dream which resulted in being accepted to study	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	45,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	Green		Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Youth	Brenda Doku	St Hilda's East Community Centre	St.Hilda's Youth Hub	St. Hilda's Youth Hub offers inclusive life enhancing social learning opportunities to male and female young people between 13 to 19 years, disabled young people up to 25 years old, delivering a range of innovative, creative and challenging activities within a safe and friendly environment founded on Child Rights principles.	The project reports that St. Hilda's Youth HUB continues to make real impact in the lives of young people, including disabled young people. The project is working with Headliners (another MSG funded project) to support the hard-to-reach young people who will not normally access mainstream services. One project reports that "a young male with physical disabilities has been attending Surjamuki disabled youth project this year, during this period his confidence has improved considerably; he was initially shy and reserved. He now plays active role in the project, engaging with other young people, makes good eye contact and converses well with adults. His bubbly and friendly personality shines through and it is a joy to see how appropriate support can help to bring out the best in young people".	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	39,000.00	16,250.00	16,250.00	0.00	Green		Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Youth	Brenda Doku	Stifford Centre Limited	Stepney Youth Innit @ Stifford Centre	A female only provision for young girls aged 13-19 (up to 25 if SEN), delivering a range of activities and workshop which tackle issues related to bullying, self-harming, sexual exploitation, relationships, body image and more.	This project is necessarily structured to support a few number of young girls (5) at each session. The organisation reports that participants rate the quality of service provided as "Good" or "Very Good" and feel it has actively contributed towards improving their wellbeing.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	15,000.00	6,667.00	6,667.00	0.00	Green		Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.

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Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Youth	Brenda Doku	The Rooted Forum (TRF)	Interventions Without Borders	Interventions Without Borders (IWB) project is a peer-to-peer intermediary resolution and mitigation service that utilises innovative means of role modelling, mentoring and restorative justice to offer offenders/ ex-offenders pathways that reduce territorialism, avert antisocial behaviour, deglamourises gang culture with associated substance misuse, conflict and criminality.	The project has worked with 20 young people that were very difficult to reach as they had multiple issues that they were facing in their life. However being able to do detached work with them they were more willing and participating. The project has managed to work well with the individuals providing for them a platform where they felt comfortable enough to develop a relationship with us which then allowed us to cater to their needs more effectively. Every so often the organisation would reward their efforts by taking them on excursions. The project has continued to identify their needs of young people and to provide them with support and guidance to overcome their own barriers. This cohort of young people has now completed a journey with project and is in a better position in terms of knowing where they want to go in the future with their careers and studies	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	45,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	Green		Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Youth	Brenda Doku	The Rooted Forum (TRF)	Youth INNIT!	A female only provision for young girls aged 13-19 (up to 25 if SEN), delivering a range of activities and workshop which tackle issues related to bullying, self-harming, sexual exploitation, relationships, body image and more.	This is a small group of 5 young girls per session and participants rate the quality of service provided as "Good" or "Very Good" and feel it has actively contributed towards improving their wellbeing. The service users are instrumental in determining the range of activities and they have suggested that they would like a few more study support sessions to help with their homework. Topics that have been covered are healthy eating, cooking, fashion and arts and crafts. There has been a lot of one to one support given to the young girls supporting them through the transitions they are facing in life. Young people have reported that they feel less isolated and happier because of engaging with the service.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	15,000.00	6,667.00	6,667.00	0.00	Green		Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Youth	Brenda Doku	Wadajir Somali Community Centre	Wadajir Homework Club Two	Wadajir's After-school and Homework Club helps young people aged 11-16 with English, maths and sciences to build a strong academic foundation that will help students to become confident, creative and successful adults. Supervised IT facilities are also available to support students' learning.	In order to make up for the missed sessions over summer, the project has been providing youth drop-in sessions for both the girls and the boys on Saturdays and Sundays. The additional sessions from the new premises have proved to be very popular as they give young people the flexibility they desire. The sessions have focussed on teaching the boys group about their culture, from the names and uses of different traditional objects to the meaning of old Somali proverbs. This has sparked an interest to carry out further research about the nomadic Somali culture. The girls has been working with a previous service user, now a successful fashion and design business woman, who has been mentoring current service users in the important lesson she learnt whilst at Wadajir.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	39,000.00	17,333.00	14,083.00	-3,250.00	Green		Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Youth	Brenda Doku	Weavers Community Forum (WCF)	Be Active in the Community (BAC)	Be Active in the Community project is to help inspire, activate & motivate young people learn about themselves, others, and Society, through non-formal education activities which combines enjoyment, challenge and learning.	12 young people noted that the 3-day residential trip has helped them accessing and exploring various new sporting and recreational activities. It has also improved their confidence, self-discipline and enhanced their understanding of Social Cohesion. A Community Safety Workshop with the Safer Neighbourhood Team has helped 15 young people to develop personal awareness on crime and its consequences; it has also prevented them from committing inter-gang crimes. A Young Leaders Award accredited training course has helped young people explore different ways of working with their peers and other younger members. 5 sessions of Interview Skills and CV writing workshops have upskilled some of the young people to get into employment and training. 1 participant referred to Rich Mix Centre for volunteering is now working part time for the organisation. Another participant who was referred to the NHS is now continuing to do apprenticeship with that organisation, both of these mentioned participants have just turned 20 and moved on to develop their	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	45,000.00	18,750.00	18,750.00	0.00	Green		Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families	Youth	Brenda Doku	Young and Talented Ltd	Young and Talented Performing Arts Project	Young and Talented Performing Arts Project, to develop the confidence and skills of children and young people using theatre arts training. The sessions include the very best training with professional practitioners in acting, singing and dance and live performance showcases. Y&T nurtures and develops children for Stage, Screen and Life.	Students have been taking part in the production stage performances. This process has developed young people's imaginations, creative skills and artistic experiences; this built their confidence and self-esteem. The students left the stage with raised aspirations which filtered into other areas of their life creating a positive mind-set. The students who completed their Arts Awards accreditation were celebrated on stage. Other achievements were presented in the programme under the Students Achievements section. Audience members had the opportunity to leave feedback about the live performance on our online survey. 100% of those completing the survey stated that the show was excellent/very good. Parent's feedback: "Brilliant acting and story, just what you'd	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	45,000.00	18,750.00	18,750.00	0.00	Green		Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.

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Theme 2 - Jobs, Skills and Prosperity - Strand 1 Route ways to Employment	R2E	Sajibur Chowdhury	Bowhaven	Equip Initiative	The Equip Initiative provides specialist training and support for people who have experienced mental illness to help them build skills and experience. We offer accredited training and support in I.T. skills; a 12 week volunteering opportunity with a Social Housing Provider; and employment brokerage for those completing the course	Engaged 21 residents up to March 2016 with 4 given ongoing employment support and 11 into accredited training.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	61,170.00	11,894.17	11,894.17	0.00	N/a	Organisation has withdrawn this project from the programme.	N/a	Organisation has withdrawn this project from the programme.
Theme 2 - Jobs, Skills and Prosperity - Strand 1 Route ways to Employment	R2E	Sajibur Chowdhury	DeafPLUS - Breakthrough Deaf and Hearing Integration	Employment for Deaf and Disabled people in Tower Hamlets (EDITH)	A specialist pan-disability Employment Service in Tower Hamlets provided by deafPLUS and Real will provide IAG to address barriers to employment, accredited and non-accredited training including digital skills, volunteering and employment support. Skills of job seekers will be enhanced to gain confidence and motivation to gain and sustain employment	Due to key setbacks such as project starting late and project officer leaving the job, the project has been playing catch-up. However to date they have managed to get 30 deaf and disabled people to complete their non-accredited training and have secured 8 people into jobs.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	114,357.00	50,825.00	31,766.00	-19,059.00	Green	Progress gives confidence that outcomes may be achievable - to be reviewed next period. The RAG rating is subject to the upcoming verification visit.	Amber	Under performance on outputs due to late start and staffing issues. Project is now fully staffed and significant improvement is expected in the coming months. Still on course to achieve all targets by the end of the project.
Theme 2 - Jobs, Skills and Prosperity - Strand 1 Route ways to Employment	R2E	Sajibur Chowdhury	Four Corners	ZOOM (formerly known as Creativity Plus)	ZOOM: FUTURES IN CREATIVE MEDIA is a specialist, 3-month training scheme, offering high-quality training in film/TV craft/production skills, followed by mentoring and employability support. Applications are invited from unemployed people aged 18-30 in Tower Hamlet	This project is unique to the rest of the employment projects as it focuses on helping people find jobs in the creative industries sector. The project has done relatively well. They have met their target for both getting people into accredited training and securing people into jobs. To date, they have got 16 people to complete their accredited training and secured two people into jobs that are sustained for at least 13 weeks	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	104,169.00	46,297.33	37,616.58	-8,680.75	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes. The RAG rating is subject to the upcoming verification visit.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes. Monitoring Report received 17 November. Visit scheduled for January 2017
Theme 2 - Jobs, Skills and Prosperity - Strand 1 Route ways to Employment	R2E	Sajibur Chowdhury	Island House Community Centre	ABLE - Adult Basic Learning & Employment - Readiness Project	This collaborative consortium project works to integrate basic skills and adult education training with employment preparation courses and volunteer work placements to help support & up-skill people in SE locality of Tower Hamlets to move them closer to the job market.	The ABLE (Adult Basic Learning and Employment) project is the most successful employment project so far. It has surpassed all its targets. To date, it has helped 54 residents complete their accredited training, 19 residents into work or volunteer placements and 4 residents into employment with jobs that are sustained for at least 13 weeks	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	90,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes. The RAG rating is subject to the upcoming verification visit.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes. Visit undertaken 24 November 2016.
Theme 2 - Jobs, Skills and Prosperity - Strand 1 Route ways to Employment	R2E	Ali Ahmed	Limehouse Project Limited	Enhancing Vocational Access (EVA)	EVA offers economically inactive/unemployed women an integrated incremental programme of personal development, employability and vocational training to improve their life chances. EVA targets women who seek work opportunities compatible with their experience, interests and family commitments such as Health & Social Care, childcare or self-employment based on domestic skills.	To date the organisation recruited 217 women to participate on the project, of these 163 participants continued to actively engage the capacity building programme offered. 63 of the beneficiaries continued on path to gaining certification; with the remaining 49 beneficiaries to gain certification by January 2017. They conduct 1:1 with each beneficiary in addition to training offered in order to support them with personal and professional goals and increase life chances, building aspiration and motivation. During period Q4, they held employability day in partnership with Body shop HR team, with beneficiaries supported to improve their application writing skills and interview techniques. The organisation reported that they seek new innovative methods and partnerships models to engage beneficiaries in activities and programmes, from employability days to offering private work spaces to complete course homework, as well as working closely with local schools and parents.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	138,849.00	61,712.00	61,712.00	0.00	Green		Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 2 - Jobs, Skills and Prosperity - Strand 1 Route ways to Employment	R2E	Sajibur Chowdhury	Mind In Tower Hamlets	Upskill	Upskill is a new service which aims to support people with mental health issues to get closer to the labour market. Developing social enterprise models of employment, we will offer direct work place experience, training and placements in related business areas which will support our clients to access work	Upskill have made a lot of connections and have networked across the borough and as a result the project is well known throughout. They have helped 18 residents with mental health needs find work or volunteer placements and 6 people into jobs that are sustained for at least 13 weeks.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	207,504.00	92,224.00	74,932.00	-17,292.00	Green	Progress reported shows project has some difficulties but has identified actions to achieve agreed outcomes. The RAG rating is subject to the upcoming verification visit.	Green	Progress reported shows project has some difficulties but has identified actions to achieve agreed outcomes. Visit undertaken 1 December 2016.
Theme 2 - Jobs, Skills and Prosperity - Strand 1 Route ways to Employment	R2E	Sajibur Chowdhury	Newark Youth London	Women into Work	Our project aims to increase employability skills of all women in Tower Hamlets, specifically targeting BAME women and supporting them to move closer to the job market and into work through assessment, one to one support, supported work placements/volunteering, improving essential basic skills, training, enterprise and back to work seminars	This project works with BAME women that are furthest away from the labour market and have been on benefits for a number of years. Despite the difficulty in getting this group engaged and motivated to find work, they have helped 37 residents complete their accredited training and 10 residents into work or volunteer placements.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	58,431.00	25,969.33	21,100.08	-4,869.25	Green	Progress reported shows project has some difficulties but has identified actions to achieve agreed outcomes. The RAG rating is subject to the upcoming verification visit.	Green	Progress reported shows project has some difficulties but has identified actions to achieve agreed outcomes. Visit scheduled for 19 December 2016.
Theme 2 - Jobs, Skills and Prosperity - Strand 1 Route ways to Employment	R2E	Ali Ahmed	Osmani Trust	Education & Employment	The Education & Employment Project was established in 2006. Our aim is to develop the capacity, knowledge and skills of young people, especially those facing barriers, marginalised, so that they are able to access and benefit from training and developmental opportunities with the view to improving their quality of life.	Since the start 87 clients were engaged on the project out of 80 target, of these 44 were assessed (target 44), and 44 clients received ongoing support (target 44). The project also had 41 clients access non-accredited training meeting the target, similarly 22 clients received accredited training in compliance with the target. 21 clients went on work placements against a target of 22 and 14 accessed jobs that were sustained at the minimum of 13 weeks, out of 20 clients target, the provider explained that this was due to some of the clients leaving work without.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	90,291.00	40,129.00	40,129.00	0.00	Green		Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.

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Theme 2 - Jobs, Skills and Prosperity - Strand 1 Routeways to Employment	R2E	Ali Ahmed	The Prince's Trust	Bridging The Gap	Led by The Prince's Trust, the 'Bridging the Gap' programme is an innovative, high impact course designed for marginalised young people living Tower Hamlets. Through targeted outreach we will engage those young people furthest from the job market and provide them with 1-1 support, development opportunities and employment skills.	The Prince's Trust update - has met all agreed targets for Quarter 2 (July to September 2016) 2016/2017 and over achieved on some outputs (Young people engagement, referrals to other organisations, Accredited training, Non Accredited training, 13 weeks sustained in employment). One young person started full time employment in June 16, the delivery team were tracking his sustainment in employment progress. The young person decided he wanted to study sports at College instead of employment. In addition The Prince's Trust will be claiming our first 13 weeks sustained in employment outcome this quarter. The young person is doing very well in their job and is enjoying the learning experience. Partner update - Streets of Growth - has met all agreed targets for Quarter 2 (July to September 2016) 2016/2017. Two new NEET young adults (this is an over achievement) have been recruited to the programme and have enrolled on the Streets of Growth Earn Your Vision which consists of: Employability Training gaining skills in presentation and interview skills, confidence building, development of interpersonal skills, embedded numeracy and literacy skills.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	110,148.00	48,955.00	48,955.00	0.00	Green		Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 2 - Jobs, Skills and Prosperity - Strand 1 Routeways to Employment	R2E	Sajibur Chowdhury	Tower Hamlets Parents' Centre	THPC ICT Embedded Women's ESOL Project	The THPC ICT Embedded Women's ESOL Project is a three year initiative that will offer ICT embedded ESOL Classes to 90 unemployed women from the Borough. It will improve their skills thus, helping them to enhance employment prospects.	THPC ICT Embedded Women's ESOL Project receives the least funding amongst the employment projects funded by the MSG programme, at £6,853 a year. They work with BAME women ensuring that they come closer to job market by improving their English to a functional level and increase their self-confidence. To date, they have helped 30 people by providing them with ongoing support and completing action plans and 4 residents into work or volunteer placements.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	20,559.00	9,137.33	7,424.08	-1,713.25	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes. The RAG rating is subject to the upcoming verification visit.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes. Visit scheduled for 14 December 2016.
Theme 2 - Jobs, Skills and Prosperity - Strand 2 - Social Welfare Advice Services	SWAS	Ali Ahmed	Account3 Ltd	LAP 5 Advice Partnership	This project operates across LAP5 and will be providing Social Welfare Advice Services based on the needs of Tower Hamlets residents. The advice sessions will be provided in DDA compliant, comfortable and friendly setting, maintaining confidentiality and trust. The service will be delivered by Account3 in partnership with Legal Advice Centre. Free face-to-face advice service for residents includes: 1. Welfare Benefits 2. Money/Debt 3. Employment 4. Housing/Homelessness 5. Council Tax 6. Education and special educational needs 7. Consumer	The project exceeded its targeted outputs since the start of the project, they supported 2,016 clients out of target 1,300, these clients presenting 2,596 new cases out of a target 2,383. They achieved over 60% positive outcome for clients.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	150,000.00	66,667.00	66,667.00	0.00	Green		Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 2 - Jobs, Skills and Prosperity - Strand 2 - Social Welfare Advice Services	SWAS	Ali Ahmed	Bromley By Bow Centre	Integrated Generalist Advice Service for the North East Cluster	Using new design methods and creative approaches we will provide a whole person focused advice service that equips local people to lead independent, resilient and sustainable lives, whilst producing better outcomes and reducing public sector costs.	The project supported 1,300 clients, meeting the target number of clients for period, they exceeded agreed target output for number of new cases dealt to date dealing with 2,598 out of target 2,383. They achieved over 60% positive outcomes for clients.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	150,000.00	66,667.00	66,667.00	0.00	Green		Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 2 - Jobs, Skills and Prosperity - Strand 2 - Social Welfare Advice Services	SWAS	Ali Ahmed	Citizens Advice Bureau (East End CABx)	Tower Hamlets Borough Wide Advice	Free, confidential and independent advice to help all Tower Hamlets residents resolve the problems they face including Benefits, Housing, Money/Debt, Employment, Immigration, Consumer, Family and Personal issues. Tower Hamlets Citizens Advice Bureau leads the service with partners including Ocean Somali Community Association, Praxis, Chinese Association of Tower Hamlets and DeafPLUS.	Since the start of the project the partners exceeded agreed target outputs, of the 6,500 target clients they supported 6,901, they also exceeded target number of new cases, dealing with 9,553 out of 7,583 target new cases. The project is meeting its agreed outcomes for clients with financial and non-financial outcomes exceeding 60%. The demand for the services continues to rise with sessions running at full capacity, with the many of the cases presented being complex and therefore requiring specialist legal input. The Evening Legal Advice Service appointments are fully booked three weeks ahead of schedule due to the demand on our Pro Bono advice sessions.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	735,000.00	326,668.00	326,668.00	0.00	Green		Green	Tower Hamlets Chinese Association is a partner in this project and they have asked to withdraw from the partnership effective from January 2017. CAB as the lead is proposing to deliver this contract to the Chinese Community through a partnership with the Tower Hamlets Community of Refugees from Vietnam from January 2017. Targets are being achieved and replacing the partner organisation will ensure the project will continue to be on track.
Theme 2 - Jobs, Skills and Prosperity - Strand 2 - Social Welfare Advice Services	SWAS	Ali Ahmed	Island Advice Centre	LAP 8 Generalist Advice Service	General Help and Casework in benefits, debt and housing, open door sessions Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10 to 12, telephone advice 020 7987 9379 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10 to 12, appointments available daily. Check website island-advice.org.uk for more details.	The project supported 1,008 clients exceeding its target of 975 clients since Sept 2015, however they had a slight drop in the target number of cases dealing with 2,149 out of a target of 2,167. they achieved in excess of 60% positive outcomes. the service was reconfigured to reduce burden on clients by ensuring where possible to provide full advice and support at drop-in sessions without the need to return for appointments. Leaving the most complex cases for appointments.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	150,000.00	66,667.00	66,667.00	0.00	Green		Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.

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Theme 2 - Jobs, Skills and Prosperity - Strand 2 - Social Welfare Advice Services	SWAS	Ali Ahmed	Island Advice Centre	Tower Hamlets Trainee Advice Project	The project aims to improve capacity, quality and access to the boroughs advice services. We recruit and train volunteers to become advice workers, liaising with advice agencies to secure voluntary work placements. We deliver training for volunteers and paid workers and facilitate/develop LBTH's advice sector website www.thcan.org.uk and network meetings.	The project successfully recruited 20 trainee/volunteer advisors, who have been attending a weekly advice training course (Advice UKs Learning to Advise), with attendance over 90%. Units completed covered include Advice Skills and Welfare Rights, debt and housing. 4 of the volunteers have dropped out due to finding employment, 16 completed the course and obtained the Learning to Advice certificate. 15 are hoping to carry on and do Level 3 NVQ Advice and Guidance (if they secure funding from the Canary Wharf Trust). Most trainees have been carrying out the minimum required 6 hours per week volunteering and 8 different agencies have a volunteer. 20 volunteer law students were also recruited since the start of the project to increase the capacity of local advice providers, with some being trained to complete PIP/ESA50 forms and found them work placements in advice centres. Tower Hamlets Community Advice Network (THCAN) and Welfare Rights Advisors Forum meetings have been facilitated quarterly; both are well attended by local advice agencies. The monthly information on benefits issues sent to over 100 advisors in the borough THCAN website is updated regularly with changes in advice service provision and information for advisors available. 4 Fact sheets a quarter are posted on THCAN website and disseminated to local advice providers, with topics including ESA appeals, Discretionary Housing Benefit, Debt Advice.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	138,000.00	61,333.00	61,333.00	0.00	Green		Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 2 - Jobs, Skills and Prosperity - Strand 2 - Social Welfare Advice Services	SWAS	Ali Ahmed	Legal Advice Centre	Social Welfare Advice - NW Ward Cluster (LAP 1 and 2)	The project will provide a free, confidential welfare and legal advice services to local residence based in LAP 1&2 on a range of areas including welfare benefits, housing, debt, employment, education and consumer law. The services will be delivered across various venues in the Bethnal Green, Spitalfields and Whitechapel areas.	The project exceeded its agreed target outcomes to date, both in terms of financial and none financial outcome, achieving over 60% positive outcomes for clients in each quarter, which are recoded by tracking financial gain with benefits claims, reviews/appeals, employment settlements and other financial and non-financial outcomes i.e. housing and debt outcomes.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	300,000.00	133,333.00	133,333.00	0.00	Green		Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 2 - Jobs, Skills and Prosperity - Strand 2 - Social Welfare Advice Services	SWAS	Ali Ahmed	Limehouse Project Limited	LAP 3 & 4 Advice Service	We work alongside local communities in Shadwell, St Dunstan's, Stepney Green and St Katharine's and Wapping to offer high quality information and advice services on welfare rights, debt and money and housing issues.	The project supported 1,862 clients (out of a target of 1,925) presenting 3,217 cases (out of target number of cases of 2,980 cases). They achieved over 60% positive outcomes for clients	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	165,000.00	73,333.00	73,333.00	0.00	Green		Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 2 - Jobs, Skills and Prosperity - Strand 2 - Social Welfare Advice Services	SWAS	Ali Ahmed	Limehouse Project Limited	Advice Consortium LAP 7	We work alongside local communities in Limehouse, Lansbury, Poplar and East India to offer high quality information and advice services on welfare rights, debt, money and housing issues.	The project supported 1,771 clients (out of a target of 2,000) presenting 3,199 cases (out of target number of cases of 2,750 cases), these targets achieved are due to demand in service and clients presenting multiple matters. They achieved over 60% positive outcomes for clients	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	180,000.00	80,000.00	80,000.00	0.00	Green		Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 2 - Jobs, Skills and Prosperity - Strand 2 - Social Welfare Advice Services	SWAS	Ali Ahmed	Stifford Centre Limited	South-west cluster Advice Partnership	The provision of locality generalist advice (Welfare, Debt and housing) services, for residents of the SW Ward Cluster (Laps 3 & 4 -- Stepney, Whitechapel, Wapping & St Katherine's and Shadwell), delivered in partnership with Wapping Bangladeshi Association(WBA), Bangladeshi Youth Movement (BYM) and Fair Finance.	The project exceeded its agreed target outcomes to date, both in terms of financial and none financial outcome, they reported 62% of positive outcomes for matters dealt with, achieving 20% for housing targets and 22% on welfare benefit matters dealt with.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	150,000.00	66,667.00	66,667.00	0.00	Green		Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 2 - Jobs, Skills and Prosperity - Strand 2 - Social Welfare Advice Services	SWAS	Ali Ahmed	Tower Hamlets Law Centre	Specialist Welfare Advice Partnership	The Specialist Welfare Advice Partnership comprising Tower Hamlets Law Centre, Island Advice Centre and Legal Advice Centre aims to deliver a quality assured service providing legal advice, casework and representation in Welfare Benefits, Housing, Education and Employment.	The organisation supported 1,848 clients exceeding agreed target of 1,300 clients since the start of the project. They are achieving in excess of 60% positive outcomes for clients in compliance with the agreed targets.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	433,776.00	192,789.00	192,789.00	0.00	Green		Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 2 - Jobs, Skills and Prosperity - Strand 2 - Social Welfare Advice Services	SWAS	Ali Ahmed	Toynbee Hall	Tower Hamlets Debt and Money Advice Service	Our team can help you in complete confidence with a wide range of debt problems including: pay-day loans, credit or store cards, council tax arrears, catalogue or hire purchase debt, overdrafts, court fines, rent or mortgage arrears, bankruptcy and utility debt. For details please visit our website: http://www.toynbeehall.org.uk/debt-advice	The project reported Initial assessment 77% achieved against quarterly targets. Debt advice cases – over 60% positive outcomes achieved for clients. The Money Management Support 50% achieved positive outcomes for clients, the organisation anticipates that going forward this will be much higher.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	120,000.00	53,332.00	53,332.00	0.00	Green		Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 3 - Prevention Health and Wellbeing	Lifelong Learning and Sport	Abu Sufian	Bethnal Green Weightlifting Club	Bethnal Green Weightlifting Club	Strength training classes for all. We offer Open Session training in Weightlifting and Powerlifting and special classes for the over 55s, 14-18 Year Olds and Female Beginners.	Our women-only intro sessions have continued well and a significant proportion of attendees have gone on to join in with regular Open Session training. Open Session training likewise continues strongly - we are particularly pleased by the number of Olympic Weightlifting newcomers who have joined in recent months and are making great progress. Our programmes for older people and for women who are new to strength training have been notably successful - our conversion rate from "try out" to "regular trainer" is over 50% and 100% of the regular attendees have demonstrated measurable increase in strength and muscular endurance. Our tutors have observed that the level of social interaction across social and age groups is clearly increased for each attendee over time. We are also please to note that 2 of our volunteers have qualified as BPL Level 1 Powerlifting	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	56,880.00	25,280.00	15,800.00	-9,480.00	Green	The project is on track overall; subject to a monitoring visit which is in the process of being organised/agreed. The organisation is yet to agree/sign a lease with the council. The last monitoring visit took place on 25/04/16.	Green	The project is on track overall. However, the organisation is yet to agree / sign a lease with the Council. Payments are withheld until this condition has been met. Visit scheduled for January 2017.

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Theme 3 - Prevention Health and Wellbeing	Lifelong Learning and Sport	Nasim Ahmed	Black Women's Health and Family Support	BWHAFS Lifelong Learning programme: Textile & Designs Project, ESOL Classes, and ICT Drop-in Project	BWHAFS weekly Textile & Designs project, ESOL Classes, and ICT Drop-in Project during term-time is open to women seeking basic English language and digital skills for improved communication, access to services and wellbeing. Learners will be signposted to our fitness classes, swimming sessions, health talks and welfare advice sessions.	Small women are receiving weekly ESOL provision to improve language skills to reduce language barrier and isolation. ICT provision to improve communication and digital skills Textile & Designs Programme to be self-sufficient and independent. Support and Signpost older women to weekly welfare rights advice sessions, monthly health talks, weekly fitness sessions, and forth-nightly swimming sessions to promote good health and be more resilience.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	37,800.00	16,800.00	9,958.52	-6,841.48	Green	Project on track to delivering all outputs and outcomes. Quarter payment to be made after monitoring is complete.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 3 - Prevention Health and Wellbeing	Lifelong Learning and Sport	Sajibur Chowdhury	Limehouse Project Limited	Limehouse Project's 'First Steps for Women Learning English and ICT'	Limehouse Project runs 38-week pre-entry ESOL and ITC courses in the autumn of each year from 2015 for women aged 20+ who can benefit from spoken, reading and written English skills for practical every day communication.	This project has met all their targets. To date, out of 15 targeted to increase confidence to speak English, They helped 16 BAME women feel confident to speak English.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	31,680.00	14,080.00	14,080.00	0.00	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes. The RAG rating is subject to the upcoming verification visit.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes. Visit scheduled for 16 December 2016.
Theme 3 - Prevention Health and Wellbeing	Lifelong Learning and Sport	Sajibur Chowdhury	Limehouse Project Limited	Fit4Life Women In Sport Programme	The LHP Fit4Life Women in Sports programme aims to reduce barriers to, and increase participation in, fitness and group sports activities for young women aged 18-25 and women aged 45+ through the delivery of scheduled keep-fit sessions, team sports activities, walking excursions, and swimming opportunities.	Fit4Life Women In Sport Programme have surpassed all their targets. Out of 45 targeted, they have achieved in getting 60 participants feel more confident in their self-image, becoming more active and improving/developing stronger fitness levels.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	62,640.00	27,840.00	27,840.00	0.00	Green	Progress reported shows project is above target and likely to achieve agreed outcomes. The RAG rating is subject to the upcoming verification visit.	Green	Progress reported shows project is above target and likely to achieve agreed outcomes. Visit scheduled for 16 December 2016.
Theme 3 - Prevention Health and Wellbeing	Lifelong Learning and Sport	Abu Sufian	London Tigers	London Tigers Healthy Living Project	London Tigers Healthy Living Project runs sessions in badminton, cricket, football and aerobics for men, women and children to support those people into developing healthier lifestyles.	All groups on track and progressing well toward achieving their individual health goals. To date the project has delivered 270 physical activity sessions with 3850 attendances.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	126,000.00	49,750.00	49,750.00	0.00	Green	The project is on track overall. A monitoring visit has been scheduled for 17/11/16.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes. Visit undertaken 17 November 2016.
Theme 3 - Prevention Health and Wellbeing	Lifelong Learning and Sport	Abu Sufian	Magic Me	Intergenerational Arts Programme	Magic Me will run a programme of intergenerational arts projects bringing together older people 55+ and young people 9-16. Working with specialist creative artists, in weekly sessions, younger and older participants will learn new skills, share existing experience, exchange ideas and create performances, exhibitions etc for public audiences.	In the period between September 2015 to the end of June 2016 the project has delivered 14 workshop sessions, working with 20 participants who performed the dance piece as part of International Women's Day. 'I Live In It' has been highly successful with participants providing overwhelmingly positive feedback commenting on their overall improved levels of fitness, confidence, wellbeing and general happiness. Between July -September 2016 the project has delivered 3 taster and 2 introductory sessions, working with 44 beneficiaries.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	46,440.00	20,640.00	20,640.00	0.00	Green	The project is on track overall. Minor issues have been identified. The next monitoring visit has been scheduled for 17/01/17.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes. Visit scheduled for 17 January 2017.
Theme 3 - Prevention Health and Wellbeing	Lifelong Learning and Sport	Nasim Ahmed	Royal London Society for Blind People	Health and Wellbeing Group	Health and Wellbeing Groups to provide VI young people aged 11-25 with the opportunity to participate in physical activity sessions that develop their resilience, confidence and independence. The sessions allow children to learn about healthy lifestyles and the fundamentals of movement and signpost them to other opportunities in their community.	Vision impaired (VI) beneficiaries have: Adopted a healthier lifestyle, increase their social networks and advocate a healthy lifestyle amongst their peers by engaging in sporting activities. Increased their resilience and ability to make choices and have the confidence to identify and engage with others. Increased their participation in sustainable activities and engagement in their local community.	01/01/2016	31/08/2018	43,520.00	20,400.00	4,080.00	-16,320.00	Green	Project on track to delivering all outputs and outcomes. Quarter payment to be made after monitoring is complete.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 3 - Prevention Health and Wellbeing	Lifelong Learning and Sport	Abu Sufian	Tower Hamlets Youth Sport Foundation	Active Families	A project aimed at improving understanding of health, increasing levels of physical activity, reducing obesity and improving knowledge of borough sporting opportunities amongst parents and families at schools focussed on by Tower Hamlets' National Child Measurement Programme.	Between July and September 2016 period the project has seen 20 families and 64 participants - on average families attended 2 activities each. The fathers' residential activity increased a greater sense of cohesion between the generations. The project is continuing to increase parent's access to a range of sports and activities and increased their awareness of what is on offer in their local areas. The May-Term Time day trip and the summer program of day trips provided opportunities for families to increase their physical activity participation together.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	126,000.00	46,322.00	46,322.00	0.00	Green	The project is on track overall; subject to a monitoring visit which is in the process of being organised/agreed. The last monitoring visit took place on 28/07/16.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes. Visit scheduled for January 2017.
Theme 3 - Prevention Health and Wellbeing	Lifelong Learning and Sport	Abu Sufian	Vallance Community Sports Association Limited	SEN Health Development Programme	The aim of our project is to the improve health and wellbeing of people with disabilities through healthy lives activities, weekly physical activity and annual sporting events. We aim to work with our partners including LBTH Sport Development Team, the Core Project based at the Attlee Centre and 10 Disabled Groups.	30 beneficiaries (people with disabilities) have attended project activities regularly. They have improved their health and well-being. On the 18th of August 2016 the organisation in partnership with APASEN took part in the International Day of People with Disability event at the Mile End Sports Centre. There were more than 150 people with a disability participated in healthy life style and sporting activities.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	90,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00	Green	The project is on track overall. The last monitoring visit took place on 08/09/16.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 3 - Prevention Health and Wellbeing	Lunch Club	Nasim Ahmed	Age UK East London	Appian Court Activity Centre & Lunch Club	Appian Court Health Activity Centre and Lunch Club is a vibrant community Hub for older people based in Bow, open to all Tower hamlets residents. A wide range of activities are offered five days a week. The centre is led and shaped by service users. Newcomers Welcome! 02071833032 or info@ageukeastlondon.org.uk	This quarter saw 4 celebratory events taking place. Gateway Housing are redeveloping the care homes and many residents have moved into different schemes however due to publicity and new initiatives the number of new service users has increased nearly double from the previous quarter. The number of unique users has also increased as well as the numbers attending the Women and Men's group have increased. Due to the organisational investment in our own database and training, recording is more robust. This has lead to an increase in number also being signposted and receiving generalist advice and information.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	94,860.00	42,160.00	34,255.00	-7,905.00	Green	Project on track to delivering all outputs and outcomes. Quarter payment to be made after monitoring is complete.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.

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Theme 3 - Prevention Health and Wellbeing	Lunch Club	Abu Sufian	Children Education Group	Harkness Luncheon Club	CEG Harkness Luncheon club provide freshly cooked Meal on site for over fifties; 7 years experience chef maintaining food safety rating 5. Serve fresh meal, health and social activities and support for older people, as well as the opportunity to meet up with other people who share similar interests.	Between July and September 2016 the project has been accessed by 70 beneficiaries. The beneficiaries have received freshly cooked meals, participated in exercise classes and health advice sessions. The lunch club activities are attended by both men and women. To date the project has delivered 147 lunch club sessions, 15 health advice sessions and 42 physical exercise sessions.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	33,120.00	14,720.00	0.00	-14,720.00	Green	The project is on track overall. The last monitoring visit took place on 20/10/16. The organisation is yet to agree/sign a lease with LBTH. The lunch club project has ceased to continue until quarterly payments are released.	Red	The lunch club project has ceased to continue as no Main Stream Grant has been paid from the start of the project due to the Premises condition.
Theme 3 - Prevention Health and Wellbeing	Lunch Club	Abu Sufian	Chinese Association of Tower Hamlets	Chinese and Vietnamese Elderly Luncheon Club	CATH's Luncheon Club is aimed primarily, but not exclusively, at Chinese and Vietnamese Elders who wish to improve their physical and mental wellbeing. Through our programme of fun and informative activities, and exercise classes, we wish to give attendees the awareness and knowledge to work on raising their own health.	The project is delivering better access to a cost effective and valued service that promotes health and well-being, independence and social inclusion. The project has been successful in providing opportunities for Chinese elders to take part in physical and social activities as well as receiving advice and assistance in practical matters. In this quarter the project has delivered 26 lunch club sessions and 7 health promotion sessions. The project has been accessed by 77 users in the last quarter.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	30,600.00	13,600.00	13,600.00	0.00	Green	The project is on track overall. The last monitoring visit took place on 22/09/16.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 3 - Prevention Health and Wellbeing	Lunch Club	Nasim Ahmed	Community of Refugees from Vietnam - East London	Vietnamese/Chinese Elderly Luncheon Club	The Elderly Luncheon Club opens twice a week on Monday and Thursdays from 9am - 3pm, providing a Vietnamese healthy hot meal and different activities including monthly health talks, tai chi, table tennis and indoor games, to enhance the lives of Vietnamese/Chinese people reducing social isolation, loneliness and promoting independence.	CRV East London luncheon club brings Vietnamese/Chinese older people together to enjoy a hot nutritious meal and socialise with friends at the same time. Between 40 and 45 elderly members meet each other on Monday and Thursday every week. The luncheon club proves to be as much social as well as nutritional occasions, members are pleased with all of our activities and two summer outing trips were also organised and well attended during summer times.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	51,480.00	22,880.00	22,880.00	0.00	Green	Project on track to delivering all outputs and outcomes.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 3 - Prevention Health and Wellbeing	Lunch Club	Sajibur Chowdhury	Dorset Community Association	Older People Lunch Club	The projects to provide older people per week aged fifty and over the opportunity to attend a locally lunch club provision. To enhance the lives of older people who may be at risk of social isolation or gradually losing their independence, through the provision of a range of activities.	The lunch club at Dorset Community is doing very well. It has more or less met all their targets and to date have managed to get 41 new residents to participate in their project and have referred 43 residents to other organisations. They have also carried out a number of activities that had attendance levels above target relating to healthy eating, fitness, ESOL and digital literacy.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	39,060.00	17,360.00	17,360.00	0.00	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes. The RAG rating is subject to the upcoming verification visit.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes. Visit undertaken 23 November 2016.
Theme 3 - Prevention Health and Wellbeing	Lunch Club	Abu Sufian	Ensign Youth Club	Unity	The project is intended to provide social interactive service for local elderly people 50+ from Bangladeshi and Somali by providing weekly structure coffee morning and healthy affordable meal with health and recreation activities based on their need and abilities.	In the Jul-Sep 2016 period the project has delivered 25 combined coffee morning and lunch club sessions, 3 healthy eating workshops and 2 health promotion workshops. In this period the project has seen 22 beneficiaries.	01/01/2016	31/08/2018	24,320.00	9,120.00	9,120.00	0.00	Green	The project is on track overall. The last monitoring visit took place on 06/09/16.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 3 - Prevention Health and Wellbeing	Lunch Club	Sajibur Chowdhury	Limehouse Project Limited	Limehouse Luncheon Club for Elders	The LLCE brings people aged 55+ together to enjoy a healthy meal, socialise and partake in group activities such as gentle exercises and games. With general advisers on hand to assist with any worries being faced, it aims to help relieve loneliness, increase self-confidence and enhance each elder's quality of life.	This project had a major setback early on with one of the lunch halls not ready for use as works were still being carried out. Despite that, they have made significant progress to catch up to their targetted outputs. To date, they have referred 30 residents to other organisations.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	42,120.00	18,720.00	15,210.00	-3,510.00	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes. The RAG rating is subject to the upcoming verification visit.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes. Visit scheduled for 9 January 2017.
Theme 3 - Prevention Health and Wellbeing	Lunch Club	Nasim Ahmed	Somali Senior Citizens Club	Somali Senior Citizens Club	Our project aims to promote health and well being of vulnerable local community (Tower Hamlets). This project is to support and enhance the lives of elderly individuals who suffer from social isolation, economic deprivation and lack of independence by providing luncheon club and supplementary activities, social and cultural integration. The project will be delivering at our Granby Hall Centre address .	Beneficiaries have reported: Improved healthy eating through the provision of healthy, subsidized meals Reduced isolation and boredom by making social connections and participating in a range of activities Improved quality of life and fitness through keep exercises and health promotion	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	97,560.00	43,360.00	35,230.00	-8,130.00	Green	Project on track to delivering all outputs and outcomes. Quarter payment to be made after monitoring is complete.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 3 - Prevention Health and Wellbeing	Lunch Club	Abu Sufian	St Hilda's East Community Centre	St Hilda's Lunch Club Plus	St. Hilda's Lunch Club Plus service provides health and wellbeing opportunities to older people from Weavers Ward and wards elsewhere in Tower Hamlets. Open to all, our service offers activities enabling users to stay active, including group exercises, Computer classes, nutritious lunches, opportunities to meet others in a friendly setting, and much more.	The Lunch Club service continues to provide a wide range of activities and services for its elderly user group. The activities have increasing focus on health & well-being outcomes. As well as the Tai Chi and Keep Fit classes, we have added a third exercise class (Zumba) to the Tuesday sessions. We continue to provide a healthy lunch service, cooked by a chef on site, using organic locally sourced produce from St Hilda's Food Co-op. In the Jul-Sep 2016 period the project has delivered 64 lunch club sessions, 22 physical activity sessions and 7 information/health promotion workshops. In this period the project has seen 54 beneficiaries.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	50,400.00	22,400.00	22,400.00	0.00	Green	The project is on track overall. The last monitoring visit took place on 12/10/16.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 3 - Prevention Health and Wellbeing	Lunch Club	Nasim Ahmed	Toynbee Hall	Wellbeing Centre	The Wellbeing Centre is a welcoming community space for any person over 50 to meet, learn, socialise, get fit and stay healthy. It offers a wide variety of health, fitness, learning and social activities, support planning, translation skills and a light lunch Tuesday – Thursday.	Beneficiaries have reported: Reduced loneliness and social isolation Improved physical and mental wellbeing Improved understanding of health & wellbeing Greater sense of community cohesion	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	42,120.00	18,720.00	4,680.00	-14,040.00	Green	Project on track to delivering all outputs and outcomes. Quarter payment to be made after monitoring is complete.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 3 - Prevention Health and Wellbeing	Lunch Club	Nasim Ahmed	Wadajir Somali Community Centre	Wadajir Poplar Elderly Lunch Club Two	Wadajir's Poplar Lunch Club for older women meets four days a week from Monday to Thursday 10 am--2pm to share freshly cooked halal meals. Women are also welcome to join in traditional Somali dance sessions, craft workshops for improved physical and mental health as well as regular health talks.	Helped reduce the social isolation of older Somali ethnic women by providing a safe environment for them to interact with each other; Reduced stress and induced illnesses as a result of isolation and depression; Improved members' physical and mental wellbeing through regular participation in physical exercises; Improved socialisation through active involvement in community activities through volunteering	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	56,160.00	24,960.00	20,280.00	-4,680.00	Green	Project on track to delivering all outputs and outcomes. Quarter payment to be made after monitoring is complete.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.

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Theme 3 - Prevention Health and Wellbeing	Lunch Club	Abu Sufian	Wapping Bangladesh Association	Wapping Senior Citizen's Lunch Club	The lunch club will enable WBA to increase socialisation to reduce loneliness, social isolation and promote a healthier lifestyle through improved healthy lives activities that will encourage and engage older people. The Lunch Club will give them the chance to socialise while enjoying a hot, healthy balanced and nutritious meal.	The Wapping Senior Citizen's Lunch Club project offers a package of services for isolated and vulnerable elderly people in the community. In this period from July to September 2016 the project has delivered 37 lunch sessions, 24 exercise sessions, 24 complementary therapy sessions and 2 health promotion sessions. In this period 80 beneficiaries accessed one or more of the activities offered through the lunch club service.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	46,800.00	20,800.00	20,800.00	0.00	Green	The project is on track overall. The last monitoring visit took place on 22/09/16.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 3 - Prevention Health and Wellbeing	PHW	Nasim Ahmed	Ability Bow	Keep Moving	Keep Moving supports people with long-term health conditions or disabilities to take part in exercise and improve their self-management of health. This borough-wide project offers one:one gym sessions, small exercise groups and empowers participants to make healthy choices including improved activity, nutrition and taking a fuller part in the community.	75% participants reported increased independence 75% participants taking part in 30 minutes of moderate activity per day or the closest to this amount according to their ability and medical guidance. 100% participants taken part in regular physical activity 100% participants reported increased knowledge of healthy living 25% participants reported they are more likely to take part in other activities 100% participants reported an improvement in their GAS scores 60% participants report an improvement in their Warwick Edinburgh scores	01/01/2016	31/08/2018	88,000.00	41,250.00	24,750.00	-16,500.00	Green	Project on track to delivering all outputs and outcomes. Quarter payment to be made after monitoring is complete.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 3 - Prevention Health and Wellbeing	PHW	Nasim Ahmed	Age UK East London	Friend at Home	Funded by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, Age UK East London Befriending Service brings together socially isolated older people with volunteers living or working in Tower Hamlets to share experiences and enhances each other's lives by providing social and emotional support through linking generations within the local community	Improved health More Older people engaged in social interaction report increased emotional health and wellbeing More People living with mental health and dementia given health information report better self-management of their health conditions Reduce loneliness and isolation More older people engaged in social interaction report reduced social isolation and loneliness. It is anticipated that through the befriending partnership they will be encouraged and supported to engage in community activities. Greater sense of community cohesion More Older People and volunteers from a range of cultural backgrounds engage in cross inter-generational activity learning from each other. Increased knowledge and access to information and advice More older people enabled to access a range of social care, health and leisure information as a result of engaging with their befriender.	01/10/2015	31/08/2018	102,083.00	43,750.00	35,000.00	-8,750.00	Green	Project on track to delivering all outputs and outcomes. Quarter payment to be made after monitoring is complete.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 3 - Prevention Health and Wellbeing	PHW	Nasim Ahmed	Bangladesh Youth Movement.	'Live Healthy - Enjoy Life' (Bangladeshi women Health & Development Project	"Live Healthy -- Enjoy Life" will operate from BYM's Women's Centre providing a programme of proactive and responsive health development activities ensuring women stay healthy and attend to their own health needs. Added value will be achieved by engaging volunteers to build capacity and foster self-help.	"Live Healthy -- Enjoy Life" has enabled Bangladeshi females of all ages to: Live healthier lives in terms of sexual activity [support for pregnancy / birth control and also guidance as regards sexually transmitted diseases], diet and learning how to care for their own health needs and those of their families Gain opportunities to volunteer, undergo personal development in terms of their skills, confidence and practical experience to deliver peer health support whilst building their own confidence and health to participate in community activity thus alleviating isolation that many are experiencing	01/01/2016	31/08/2018	54,400.00	20,400.00	20,400.00	0.00	Green	Project on track to delivering all outputs and outcomes. Quarter payment to be made after monitoring is complete.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 3 - Prevention Health and Wellbeing	PHW	Abu Sufian	Breathing Space	Breathing Space	Breathing Space teaches Mindfulness Based Approaches (MBAs) to help people look after their mental health. We use MBA's for preventing relapse into depression, addiction and to manage stress and anxiety. Our teachers are trained and supervised by an NHS consultant psychiatrist and have extensive experience of mindfulness practice and teaching.	To date 27 beneficiaries have completed the mindfulness course and 7 beneficiaries have completed the retreat course. The participants that complete the courses/retreats complete end of course evaluation. Participants score highly when rating the courses/retreats; a high percentage of participants reported an improvement on their health and wellbeing at the end of the course.	01/10/2015	31/08/2018	43,750.00	18,750.00	18,750.00	0.00	Green	The project is on track overall. The last monitoring visit took place on 30/09/16	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 3 - Prevention Health and Wellbeing	PHW	Sajibur Chowdhury	Bromley By Bow Centre	Fit for All	Fit for All a peer-lead physical activity programme enhancing the lives of older Tower Hamlets residents aged 50+ to be well and live life to the full, focusing on the North East Cluster, Fit for All engages those experiencing social isolation who want to increase independence while having fun	Despite starting 4 months later than planned, they have done tremendously well in catching up to their outputs. They have managed to get 76 residents to participate in their project and 28 residents referred to other organisations.	01/01/2016	31/08/2018	68,480.00	25,680.00	25,680.00	0.00	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes. The RAG rating is subject to the upcoming verification visit.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes. Visit undertaken 29 November 2016.
Theme 3 - Prevention Health and Wellbeing	PHW	Sajibur Chowdhury	DeafPLUS - Breakthrough Deaf and Hearing Integration	Deaf+Positive Wellbeing Project	This project will tackle health inequalities and social isolation amongst deaf and hard of hearing people by providing lipreading classes, accessible mental health workshops and accessible walking tours. This project will also provide free Deaf Awareness Training to GPs and health professionals to crucially improve access for deaf people	This project has massively surpassed their targets relating to getting residents to access their service and continuously finding new residents to participate in their project.	01/01/2016	31/08/2018	88,000.00	33,000.00	33,000.00	0.00	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes. The RAG rating is subject to the upcoming verification visit.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes. Visit scheduled for 14 December 2016.

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Theme 3 - Prevention Health and Wellbeing	PHW	Nasim Ahmed	Family Action	Somali Mental Health Promotion	This project will deliver an schools-based project, designed to build the capacity of local primary and secondary schools to identify and support young carers. A dedicated schools worker will deliver resources, training and advice to schools to help them gain Young Carers Charter status.	A steering group, to plan and develop the project and provide community input into ongoing delivery. Developed a women's only keep fit group, in which 15 women have attended over the last quarter. Somali residents have increased knowledge/awareness around mental health Somali residents are more able to accessing support when it is needed. Voluntary and statutory sector staff have increased capacity to identify and respond to mental ill health in Somali community	01/01/2016	31/08/2018	36,800.00	13,800.00	6,900.00	-6,900.00	Green	Project on track to delivering all outputs and outcomes. Quarter payment to be made after monitoring is complete.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 3 - Prevention Health and Wellbeing	PHW	Nasim Ahmed	Green Candle Dance Company	Dance for Health at Oxford House	Dance for Health at Oxford House is for older people aged 55+, and delivers two, thirty week workshops a year from 10.30 - 12.30. The Tuesday sessions are aimed at more active older people, whilst the Friday sessions are specifically aimed at participants with mild - moderate dementia and their carers.	The Tuesday Green Candle Senior Dance Company has been very busy with strong numbers in attendance at extra rehearsals and workshops in the run up towards two performances at the end of the summer term in July at Sutton House in Hackney and at Green Candle's Sagacity! festival celebrating older people dancing at Oxford House. In September they returned from a summer break and started working on the final piece of what is a challenging and ambitious dance. The Senior Dancers took part in the H&W and FES-1 self-evaluations. Falls Efficacy Scale: Of the 14 Tuesday dancers who took part in the questionnaire 43% demonstrated an improvement in confidence with their stability Health & Wellbeing: 16 participants took part, an upward trend was demonstrated in six categories and two categories remained consistent. Example: Movement Retention Capacity increased by 5.88% & General Mobility increased by 3.53%. The Friday Remember to Dance sessions provide weekly dance sessions with live music for people with early to mid-stage dementia still living in the community, and their carers. The sessions are joyful, uplifting and stimulating for participants and carers. 4 sessions have been delivered this quarter as on target, 1 at the end of the summer term in July and 3 at the beginning of the autumn term in September	01/10/2015	31/08/2018	83,125.00	35,625.00	30,875.00	-4,750.00	Amber	Project is on track to deliver all outputs and outcomes. To work with organisation on a new variation of contract request which is to be reported at the next Commissioners decision making meeting.	Amber	A Significant Variation request was considered at the Commissioners Meeting of 8 November 2016 and the decision stated that further work on the outcomes were required. A meeting is scheduled for 14 December 2016 with the organisation and the Theme Lead to resolve this.
Theme 3 - Prevention Health and Wellbeing	PHW	Abu Sufian	Island House Community Centre	Health & Wellbeing Project 2015-18	The Island House Health & Wellbeing project delivers a full and varied holistic programme of activities to promote health awareness, encourage healthy lifestyles, reduce isolation and improve mental health & wellbeing for adults in the SE ward cluster of Tower Hamlets. We're helping you build a better quality of life.	Overall, from July to September 2016, the project delivered 79 sessions (151 hours) with 697 attendances benefitting 212 people, 121 new this quarter. To date the project has surpassed all the annual targets with 318 sessions (target 293), 2761 attendances (target 2583) and 596 beneficiaries (target 250)	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	87,120.00	38,720.00	38,720.00	0.00	Green	The project is on track overall. The last monitoring visit took place on 14/09/16.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 3 - Prevention Health and Wellbeing	PHW	Sajibur Chowdhury	Mind In Tower Hamlets	Wellbeing Service - Coping with Life Recovery Training Programme	Coping with Life Recovery Training programme - A 6 week course of workshops based on a person's individual Wellness Recovery Action Plan (Wrap). Designed to support participants to gain knowledge, skills and coping strategies to make positive life changes. This workshops will help participants discover their own simple, safe Wellness Tools and develop a list of things to do every day to stay as well as possible The coping with life skills workshops and WRAP are for anyone, any time. They will support you in being the way you want to be and doing the things you want to do. This will include the option of accessing	The Wellbeing Service has continuously performed well quarter by quarter. They have surpassed all their targetted outputs and have made real progress towards their outcomes such as improving the mental health and emotional wellbeing of local Tower Hamlets residents. They have also made huge strides in increasing the participant's awareness of their own emotional needs, understanding where to go to get help and support, increasing their own coping strategies and building resilience.	01/01/2016	31/08/2018	81,600.00	30,600.00	30,600.00	0.00	Green	Progress reported shows project is above target and likely to achieve agreed outcomes. The RAG rating is subject to the upcoming verification visit.	Green	Progress reported shows project is above target and likely to achieve agreed outcomes. Visit scheduled for 14 December 2016.
Theme 3 - Prevention Health and Wellbeing	PHW	Nasim Ahmed	Praxis Community Projects Ltd	Praxis Health Check	A holistic health & wellbeing service for Tower Hamlets residents including initial assessment, advice & casework to resolve practical & legal issues, health & wellbeing group work, workshops & activities, & onward referral to health screening, counselling & therapy services, and other wellbeing activities in the borough.	Beneficiaries have had: Access to a holistic 1:1 assessment to identify their health & wellbeing needs; Gained a better understanding of their health issues, of their entitlement to healthcare, and of health & wellbeing services in the borough; Become less socially isolated and more connected to social, cultural, community and wellbeing networks; Improved confidence and emotional and physical health and wellbeing.	01/01/2016	31/08/2018	64,000.00	24,000.00	24,000.00	0.00	Green	Project on track to delivering all outputs and outcomes. Quarter payment to be made after monitoring is complete.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 3 - Prevention Health and Wellbeing	PHW	Abu Sufian	The Rooted Forum (TRF)	Bridging The Gap	Bridging The Gap (BTG) intergenerational project brings together the elderly and younger residents of the Borough from diverse cultures and faiths to overcome prevalent distrust, stereotypes and prejudices often held between people of varied ages. BTG enables digital inclusion, independence, wellbeing, shared learning of life lessons and transferable skills.	The intergenerational project allows the younger members of the community to help the elderly get over their fears of learning how to operate computers. Through the ICT programme elderly users are able to set up emails accounts and start socialising with their friends and family members. To date 14 beneficiaries completed the 12 session ICT programme; 34 physical activity/mobility sessions delivered with 166 attendances	01/01/2016	31/08/2018	48,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	0.00	Green	The project is on track overall. The last monitoring visit took place on 09/09/16	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.

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Theme 3 - Prevention Health and Wellbeing	PHW	Abu Sufian	Tower Hamlets Friends and Neighbours	Older People's Befriending Project	This project will focus on older people, many whom have depression or dementia, and aim to reduce loneliness and social isolation and improve their health and well-being through targeted interventions. We will work throughout the borough providing one to one befriending and advocacy support to people in their own homes.	This project targets the most isolated and vulnerable older people in the borough of Tower Hamlets, where loneliness and inactivity contribute to an increase in mental and physical wellbeing, and where 90% of people are referred with depression and 40% of service users have dementia. The charity develops a personal care plan for every service user based on their need and through enhanced befriending work with clients to improve their health and well being. To date from October 2015 until September 2016, 45 people have been supported so far receiving at least a fortnightly visit, 296 sessions/visits undertaken and 338 hours of support given. Targeted interventions may include reminiscence activities inside and outside the home, lifestyle changes where clients are provided information about diet, sleeping pattern's etc. Service users are also encouraged to increase their physical activity either through activities at home or outside the home.	01/10/2015	31/08/2018	102,083.33	43,750.00	43,750.00	0.00	Green	The project is on track overall. The last monitoring visit took place on 02/11/16.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes. Visit undertaken 2 November 2016.
Theme 3 - Prevention Health and Wellbeing	PHW	Nasim Ahmed	Toynbee Hall	Wellbeing in Tower Hamlets	Wellbeing in Tower Hamlets (WITH) delivers workshops to vulnerable clients including older people, people with mental health issues and people with learning disabilities around wellbeing, staying safe, mental health awareness and stigma, and memory. WITH comes to your site and facilitates discussions and conversations to increase wellbeing.	Users are able demonstrate knowledge of where to go for help and support around issues of abuse and safeguarding Users have reported a greater understanding of memory and how to stay mentally healthy Users have been able to recognise symptoms of common mental health conditions and where to go for support Users feel confident to try new social activities and to set goals to live more independently	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	29,880.00	12,450.00	2,490.00	-9,960.00	Amber	Project now on track to delivering all outputs and outcomes. A number of outputs were lower on previous quarters and the organisation is now catching accordingly. Quarter payment to be made after monitoring is complete.	Amber	Project now on track to delivering all outputs and outcomes and due to be classed as Green by March 2017. The organisation has moved into a new building and staffing issues have had an impact on previous delivery. An Action Plan is now in place to ensure previous outputs shortfall is made up.
Theme 4 - Third Sector Organisation al Development - Priority 1 - Support to Council Funded Organisations	T4 Specific	Mark Waterman	Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Service	Support to Council funded organisations	This project will help LBTH funded voluntary organisations to develop and maintain effective systems, improve their financial and project management and achieve quality assurance accreditations. We will provide in depth development support, training courses and information to help organisations to ensure that they are well-run, effective, stable and sustainable.	Project, which is a partnership between THVCS and Volunteer Centre Tower Hamlets, provides training, advice and support to organisations funded by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets in order to develop their systems and improve their financial and project management. Project has been successful overall in delivering its output targets, assisting LBTH grant-funded organisations to be ready to deliver their Council-funded projects. Areas which the project has provided support to organisations on includes LBTH monitoring system, premises, fundraising, governance, staff recruitment, volunteering, charity registration, grant agreements, sustainability, pensions, service user involvement, health and safety and social media. Project has delivered a number of training courses relating to voluntary sector management, policy and volunteering. Feedback from organisations participating in these courses has	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	166,800.00	74,133.00	74,133.00	0.00	Green	Project on track.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 4 - Third Sector Organisation al Development - Priority 2 - General Support to Organisations in the Borough	T4 General	Mark Waterman	Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Service	Supporting VCS organisations based in Tower Hamlets	This project will help Tower Hamlets voluntary organisations to develop and maintain effective systems, plan effectively, raise funds, manage projects and staff, and achieve quality assurance accreditations. We will provide development support, training courses and information to help local organisations ensure that they are well-run, effective, stable and sustainable.	Project, which is a partnership between THCVS, Volunteering Centre Tower Hamlets and Tower Hamlets Community Transport, assists voluntary organisations in the borough, through advice and training, to develop and maintain effective systems, plan effectively, raise funds, manage projects and staff and achieve quality assurance accreditations. Project has been successful overall in delivering its output targets and supporting the development of a strong voluntary sector in the borough. It has provided advice to organisations on a range of areas, including fundraising, staff management, setting up new organisations, volunteering, data protection, premises and pensions. It has also delivered a range of training course dealing with volunteering and voluntary sector management - e.g. staff management and training for trustees. Feedback from organisations participating in this training has been positive. The project has also delivered Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme accredited training in driving and first aid and delivered minibus journeys to support local voluntary sector activity.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	343,200.00	152,533.00	152,533.00	0.00	Green	Project on track.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 4 - Third Sector Organisation al Development - Priority 3 - Strategic Partner Project	T4 Strategic	Mark Waterman	Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Service	Strategic partner project	THCVS's strategic partner project provides and supports representation, networking and partnership among voluntary organisations and between the statutory, business and voluntary sectors. We run forum meetings, courses and an annual conference for the sector and gather information about provision in the borough in online directories of projects and premises.	Project provides and supports representation, networking and partnership among voluntary sector organisations and between the statutory, business and voluntary sectors in the borough. Project's main achievements over first funding year include: - input into and support on consultation process for LBTH Community Building Review process - made representations to Commissioners and worked with LBTH Officers to secure revisions to Main Stream Grant Payment By Results process - support in the consultation process for LBTH Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy - involvement in the co-production process for LBTH Cohesion Commissioning - working with partners to widen the membership of the Third Sector Advisory Board	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	270,000.00	120,000.00	120,000.00	0.00	Green	Project on track.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.

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Theme 5 - Community Engagement, Cohesion and Resilience	CECR	Hilary Hughes	Betar Bangla Ltd	Positive Citizenship	Betar Bangla through this "Positive Citizenship" project holds workshops on Citizenship for local residents. It also transmits radio programmes on citizenship themes with a panel of experts to explain and answer questions from local residents.	In the current quarter Betar Bangla held two further workshops as part of its Positive Citizenship programme. The workshops accommodated 24 beneficiaries in total (1st workshop consists of 14 and 2nd workshop of 10 in workshop). During each workshop attendees chose topic areas that they felt was relevant to their concept of citizenship and then developed these by both by group and individual work to explore issues that arose. These issues then were debated or discussed in more detail through recorded debates or interview. The programming, in line with the funding requirements, provided an opportunity to explore further the concepts of citizenship with the wider community. The broadcasts on Betar Bangla community radio station have been archived and are available for review. Evaluation of feedback forms and pre-training forms for the attendees show that there is an increase in awareness of issues regarding citizenship.	01/09/2015	31/03/2017	14,727.00	12,401.67	12,401.67	0.00	Green	An activity visit was made this during quarter. I saw a well organised environment in which everyone seemed to work comfortably. The trainer demonstrated specialist knowledge in the subject areas. There was evidence of appropriate planning. A participatory stimulating teaching style was used that included role play. The trainer provided constructive feedback to participants alongside support and guidance. Participants showed evidence of learning. They had opportunities to practise their skills and consolidate learning. Course content was appropriate to both the funding stream and organisations priorities. Meeting of the learning objectives was demonstrated in participant's feedback. This small local organisation demonstrates specialist appropriate services as well as a clear understanding of our funding priorities. Grant finance monitoring demonstrates that the project is on track to utilise the grant appropriately. Issues identified during monitoring have been addressed through officer guidance and referral for support from the THCVS. This they took up and implemented changes that addressed risk.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes. An activity visit took place in the quarter that showed satisfactory delivery of the project. Issues identified during monitoring have been addressed through officer guidance and referral for support from the THCVS.
Theme 5 - Community Engagement, Cohesion and Resilience	CECR	Hilary Hughes	City Gateway	Women's Voice	Women's Voice seeks to empower women to become leaders and spokespersons in their communities. This project provides Women's Voice sessions for 80 marginalised women from a variety of cultural backgrounds. 15 participants will act as Community Advocates using leadership skills and attend local community forums/ meetings, providing a voice to the most excluded members of the community. Women's Voice aims to help women overcome barriers to participation in their wider community and create sustainable, inter-generational change.	Participants who are raised up as Community Advocates have exercised leadership skills in their volunteering placements, have increased confidence and learnt to speak up on issues that affect the marginalised members of the local community and act to engage these marginalised members in community activities.	01/09/2015	31/03/2017	16,000.00	13,473.67	13,473.67	0.00	Green	The women's project is on track to hit the target of 80 marginalised women from a variety of cultural backgrounds to engage in Women's Voice or Inspirational Women sessions. At this stage only verification visits have been undertaken that confirm the outputs put in the monitoring form are in line with what was expected as well as backed up by paperwork. As an activity visit has not been taken so my knowledge of delivery and quality is limited. However, this month I met a couple of local Somali women who recently engaged in the women's provision provided by this organisation. This unsought feedback was all positive. An activity visit will take place as a priority.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 5 - Community Engagement, Cohesion and Resilience	CECR	Hilary Hughes	Dorset Community Association	Get Involved	Weavers community forum meetings bringing together local residents to share issues and resolve them by supporting participants to implement innovative community based activities. The project aims to develop positive inclusion, cohesion and resilience whilst bringing about positive social impact. Activities includes volunteers working with groups of residents to tackle 10 issues over length of grant, training and community events.	An evaluation report was received this quarter covering September 2015 to September 2016. This demonstrated 9 Weavers community engagement meetings bringing together a representative group of residents (with 55 registered), events, outings and training activities. Issues for the community engagement meetings were determined by the participants. Outcome measurement demonstrates substantial progress of participants towards outcomes. Dorset reports that this has broken down existing divisions and built greater inclusion/cohesion. The work has resulted in many positive outcomes/impacts, raised awareness antisocial behaviour. 6 volunteers have gained valuable work experience and engaged with local residents.	01/09/2015	31/03/2017	15,551.00	13,095.58	10,640.16	-2,455.42	Green	The evaluation received from this organisation demonstrates the achievement that has been obvious during monitoring and activity visits. This organisation is one of the smallest and newest funded under this theme. The project relies on substantial volunteering including completion of monitoring reports. I have no concerns about this provision; it demonstrates the effectiveness of small local front line groups. I have monitored this organisation for a few years prior to this award and am impressed with the professional infrastructure development the organisation has implemented with engagement of appropriate range of professional support alongside the passion of volunteers to get it right. Grant finance monitoring demonstrates that the project is on track to utilise the grant on the project as well as contribute towards core costs. Issues around apportionment of core costs identified in monitoring have been resolved.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 5 - Community Engagement, Cohesion and Resilience	CECR	Hilary Hughes	East London Advanced Technology Training	Equal Voices	The project aims to engage newly-arrived migrant women to be empowered, engaging with equal participation on local issues that are important and meaningful to them. Equal Voices provides participatory citizenship sessions, skills-sharing and community organising that supports effective communication between cultural groups. The project aims to create more equal voices in local community life by empowering women in Tower Hamlets to recognise their role and skills in contributing to their communities.	100% of the participants completed the first course and attended citizenship sessions each week. The learners worked well together and formed good relationships and supported each other well. There was 1 skills workshop and 1 community volunteering activity delivered this quarter. Six participants worked on two separate campaigns; one listening campaign focused on housing needs of other students and local residents in Tower Hamlets and another, 'Love London, no place to hate'. This was an anti-racism campaign to show solidarity with communities impacted instances of racist and xenophobic abuse. Beneficiaries have learnt about democracy and how the system of government in the UK works and have improved confidence speaking and listening to others and are more aware of their rights and responsibilities as a citizen of the UK. Outcome measurement demonstrated participants feeling more empowered and inspired by contributing their opinions and ideas, they also felt that their voices had been heard and this has motivated them to want to continue to help foster community cohesion. Beneficiaries reported feeling much more confident about speaking up about issues, by discussing, agreeing or disagreeing with an idea. They reported that they felt more involved in their community and had minimised their risk of becoming isolated. Additional outcomes have included:	01/09/2015	31/03/2017	15,073.00	12,239.00	12,239.00	0.00	Green	Monitoring and case studies submitted demonstrate achievement in individual's progress towards proposed and additional outcomes. They also demonstrate wider impacts including changes made in a school to bring about increased safety of playground time for pupils. Over this reporting period the project had planned reduced activity due to the term time nature of the work. ELATT's adult training work has been rated as outstanding by OFSTED and they have recently won awards for their provision. This quality is reflected in the funded provision. The second course is now in progress and demonstrates equal success will be achieved. ELATT is active in sourcing funding to develop and continue this successful project to accommodate the needs of more newly-arrived migrant women living in Tower Hamlets. During monitoring verification visits I have met with a finance officer who has been able to demonstrate that our small contribution towards the costs of this project is used for the purpose of grant.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.

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Theme 5 - Community Engagement, Cohesion and Resilience	CECR	Hilary Hughes	London Gypsy and Traveller Unit	We are Tower Hamlets Residents too!	We are Tower Hamlets Residents too! Is a project supporting the representation and strengthening the voice of Gypsies and Travellers in Tower Hamlets. It aims to increase understanding of Gypsy and Traveller culture, breakdown barriers and celebrate the Traveller community as part of the rich diversity in Tower Hamlets.	Outcomes evidence demonstrated include increase participation by TH Travellers in the residents association (two this quarter) with a widening of the numbers of residents taking more active roles and giving opinions. A focus group looking at suggestions to put forward to consultations by the NHS on making it NHS services more accessible for Gypsy and Travellers was held. Strengthening of engagement in the life of local schools through the parent's meetings is demonstrated through a case study. During this quarter a member of the residents group gave a presentation with support to a primary school. Work continues on the developments of Cross Rail and Tower Hamlets to the site. Outcome evidence demonstrates residents successfully representing their concerns to the council through letters and emails. Increased skills and confidence to represent their community is demonstrated through participation in a number of wider forums. For example, the LGTU' seminar Planning for the Accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers in London held in July. Here members gave presentations of their experiences of campaigning for sites and changing government policy. Digital inclusion also continues to be addressed with training this quarter on book keeping when starting a	01/09/2015	31/03/2017	15,020.00	12,648.42	12,648.42	0.00	Green	This is the first mainstream grant award to provide services for Gypsies and Travellers in the borough. Significant progress is demonstrated through effective professional community development work implemented by a successful specialist organisation. Our grant mainly contributes to the salary of the Community Development worker. Focus continues to be on building community representation from TH Gypsy and Travellers on formal groups and structures for the purposes of increasing the number of TH Travellers influencing decisions that impact their community. The project demonstrates significant movement to outcomes in this area with more active local Gypsy and Travellers, working together to tackle their problems. Digital inclusion is incorporated advantaging participants who have limited access.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 5 - Community Engagement, Cohesion and Resilience	CECR	Hilary Hughes	Newark Youth London	Newark Women's Project	Our project will organise 4 borough wide women's events per year with a view to creating a more inclusive and tolerant 'One Tower Hamlets' where disadvantaged and excluded women are made aware of mainstream services and other support services and given information on how to access these services.	This quarter a "Women into Business" event was held, to engage local women to find out more about setting up their own start up enterprises and businesses. This event was organised in partnership with Tower Hamlets Community Homes and SHEWISE. The event took place at the Taring East Community Centre. 42 participants attended. A crèche was provided so that mothers were free to engage. Five Volunteers supported the event. Analysis of evaluation forms, shows participants reported increased confidence and motivation as well as enhanced knowledge of how to start up their own business. The volunteers and community leaders reported increased confidence and skills. Eight volunteers also achieved accredited Level 2 Leadership certificates. The project worker incorporates initiatives to ensure events attract a culturally diverse range of women. Consequently, this project can demonstrate some success in enabling participants to have meaningful interactions with people from different backgrounds.	01/09/2015	31/03/2017	13,239.00	11,148.64	11,148.64	0.00	Green	Continuous project improvements implemented by Newark Youth to these events is significant. Events are exciting and aim to inspire the women. Although one off work doesn't bring about the individual outcomes that working with women over a longer period do the project evidence has revealed many participants enrol in their other projects or take up referrals with other local provision. Movement towards outcomes for volunteers is significant and validated through accreditation. Finance monitoring demonstrates that activity costs are higher than expected and it is clear that the grant is being used appropriately.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 5 - Community Engagement, Cohesion and Resilience	CECR	Hilary Hughes	Somali Parents and Children's Play Association	Somali Women Engagement Forum	This project aims to develop Somali women as leaders who can speak for the interests of their community and promotes community cohesion to help build strong and resilient community. Activities include weekly sessions, coffee / discussion events with women from other communities volunteering and supporting the women with community engagement.	The organisation reports that this quarter 18 Somali women engaged in group sessions, leadership workshops, coffee morning / discussion forum. IT support (digital inclusion session) were also provided. Evaluation reported shows that 80% of the women were active and participated wider Somali community activities. The organisation reports the women choose to be active within the local Somali community as they are not confident enough to attend English speaking meetings. However, they do enable the women to access other local provision to address needs. They report attendance was good except for July/August due to the summer holidays. Many of the participating women tell me they do or have engaged in other local provision.	01/09/2015	31/03/2017	16,000.00	13,473.68	10,105.25	-3,368.43	Red	Staff have been working with me to ensure delivery is in line with the agreement and gaps of service are addressed. A timetable of increased activity is in place to address reduced output demonstrated. Recently there has been a difficulty with the project venue, causing a new challenge for the organisation. However, this small local specialist organisation demonstrated commitment to the service and participants in how quickly they resolved this. After attending to find no project in place a number of unannounced activity visits have been undertaken since. The reason given for me seeing no activity was that the project had changed the time of the project in order to meet the needs of the women over the summer period. I should have been informed. The latest unannounced activity visits have seen a project in place but brought about concerns about content and quality of sessions. Staff tell me participants report they like my engagement. An outcome analysis report is due. I continue to work closely with this organisation on project development. I have referred them to and they are engaged with support from the THCVS. By the time of the meeting I will have undertaken a planned monitoring visit to look at records, related organisational activity and project finances, as well as have undertaken a planned activity visit at the next discussion event (due to held on the 6 December 2016).	Amber	This project has moved from Red to Amber in the last performance monitoring period. A timetable of increased activity is in place to address reduced outputs demonstrated. After a visit found no project in place a number of unannounced activity visits have been undertaken since. These visits have found the project running although more monitoring is advised to ensure content and quality of sessions. The organisation is engaged in support with the THCVS.
Theme 5 - Community Engagement, Cohesion and Resilience	CECR	Hilary Hughes	Stifford Centre Limited	Residents and Neighbours Club	A Residents & Neighbours Club (R&NC) in the Stepney & St Dunstan's wards aiming at developing positive inclusion, cohesion and resilience social impact. This project aims to recruit 125 residents to participate in the meetings/visits of the R&NC, ensuring that the recruitment is representative of the demographic profile of Stepney & St Dunstan's wards. Activities include community based workshops and eight key neighbourhood/ward issues/ concerns responded to by the end of the project.	During our R&NC meetings residents have been involved in developing solutions to local issues that they had faced previously or currently dealing with. Residents have been engaging to act for the wider benefit of our community and overcome barriers in achieving equal participation in community life. Case studies and monitoring returns demonstrate outcomes on track and successful volunteering is in place.	01/09/2015	31/03/2017	14,936.00	12,577.68	10,219.38	-2,358.30	Green	This provision demonstrates it has increased participants understanding about how their immediate social world functions. Meeting notes demonstrate discussion have taken place about problems encountered, religion, community and housing issues. Outcome measurement and reporting demonstrates that participants have developed skills and confidence that has made them more likely to be actively involved in solving community problems. I have encouraged more action about engaging participants in resolving issues identified and from the latest monitoring return I can see this has been addressed. Case studies include examples of community engagement.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.

Theme	Strand	Staff Name	Organisation Name	Project Title	Project Description	Key Achievements	Start Date	End Date	Grant Amount	Forecast	Paid Amount	Variance	RAG Status	Comments	Revised RAG Status	Revised Comments
Theme 5 - Community Engagement, Cohesion and Resilience	CECR	Hilary Hughes	The Rooted Forum (TRF)	Collective Conscience Project	A localised strategic partnership that brings together local service providers, community groups and other stakeholders to address local issues that undermine community cohesion. Forum activities include youth outreach provision in Shadwell and Wapping during Ramadhan, developing Watney Market and a Community Fun Day. The project aims to engage, support and sustain cohesion and resilience amongst local residents and organisations through diversity representation, regional activism and community leadership.	This project is implemented through the collaboration of separate local community groups and representatives of statutory authorities, resulting in joint initiatives. Initially work was undertaken to establish shared understanding of the dimension of local issues to be tackled through the network and planning actions to meet them. This quarter the Rooted Forum engaged all the partner organisations to plan to organise and deliver a Shadwell Festival (Fun Day). It was held on Sunday 31st July 2016 and was attended by over 400 local residents. The Shadwell Festival took place on the green square on Tarling Street/Morris Street. The event allowed residents from different backgrounds to come out and mingle with one another. The forum managed to collect statistics about resident views on Shadwell. Additionally the forum managed to get several organisations to work together to deliver this event which they consider a big success. An evaluation	01/09/2015	31/03/2017	15,200.00	12,800.00	10,400.00	-2,400.00	Green	The project has successfully implemented and continues to implement planned activities to meet shared priorities. I have attended a stakeholders meeting as part of my monitoring. Outcome analysis and evaluation is due this quarter. This project demonstrates the difference a local organisation can make to an area through effective engagement with others. Grant finance monitoring demonstrates that the project is on track to utilise the grant appropriately.	Green	Progress reported shows project is on track and likely to achieve agreed outcomes.
Theme 5 - Community Engagement, Cohesion and Resilience	CECR	Hilary Hughes	Wapping Bangladesh Association	WBA Community Engagement & Citizenship Project	Working with local residents to build a stronger community where people come together and work with the wider community to tackle community issues collectively and build a stronger community. This project aims to bring about integration and partnership work with the focus on a healthier and active community. Activities includes supporting volunteers to undertake community activity with local residents, developing residents to participate in community activities and themed workshops for local communities.	This project focuses on supporting independent community action by supporting social action by volunteers working with residents to make effective local changes to mitigate local issues. Monitoring reveals it makes contributions to broader social outcomes in terms of increasing people's quality of life, enhancing community competencies and building community strengths. The organisation reports the following that the project is running well now. The 5 volunteers who started working on April-June period were still engaged to the end of September 2016 to make up some delivery shortfall. As part of the monitoring undertaken I have attended one of the themed presentation and talks. I was impressed by the session delivered. Positive successes have been proven in making constructive local impact as well as bringing people of different backgrounds together. Not easy for a small local organisation associated	01/09/2015	31/03/2017	15,520.00	13,069.47	4,467.36	-8,602.11	Amber	Unfortunately, the organisation has not evidenced it has implemented the full project. They are now working with the support of the volunteer centre and the project was advertised on their website to recruit new volunteers. As a result, five new volunteers have been recruited for the new period of October 2016-March 2017. Citizenship workshop sessions are being carried by project worker and volunteers as well as in house session for local residents. I continue to work with this organisation as a priority as the project is under consideration for a reduction of grant or extended activities in the undertaken I have offered time to support delivery. This has recently been taken up.	Green	The organisation is working with the THCVS and the Volunteer Centre to and has recruited five new volunteers for the Oct 16 - Mar 17 period. Outputs are on track to be delivered by the end of the project.

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Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families - Community Languages				G10	G8, A1, R1	G9, A1	G10								
Black Women's Health and Family Support	BWHAFS' Somali Mother Tongue Programme	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Boundary Community School	BCS Mother Tongue Project	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Chinese Association of Tower Hamlets	Chinese Independent School of Tower Hamlets (Mother Tongue Classes)	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Cubitt Town Bangladeshi Cultural Association	Cubitt Town Bangladeshi Cultural Association	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Culoden Bangladeshi Parents Association	Culoden Bengali Mother Tongue Programme	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	AMBER	GREEN	GREEN								
EC Lighthouse Ltd	EC Lighthouse/ Lithuanian School	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Limehouse Welfare Association	Limehouse Mother Tongue Classes (Bengali)	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Stifford TJRS Community Centre	Stifford Community Language Services	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Teviot British Bangladeshi Association	Opportunity	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	RED	AMBER	GREEN								
Wapping Bangladesh Association	Wapping Bengali Mother Tongue Community Languages Project	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families - Culture				G8, R2	G6, R4	G6, A2, R2	G7, A1, R2								
Green Candle Dance Company	BanglaHop! after school project	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Half Moon Young People's Theatre	Professional theatre venue for young people in Tower Hamlets	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Mile End Community Project	Female Leadership and Empowerment Project	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	RED	RED	RED	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Monakka Monowar Welfare Foundation	Life-changing Musical and Keep-fit Project	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	RED	AMBER	RED								
Pollyanna Training Theatre	Musical Theatre & Performance Arts Course	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Ragged School Museum	Family Learning Holiday Programme	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	RED	RED	GREEN								
The Shadwell Community Project	The People GAP	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	RED	RED	AMBER	AMBER								
Udichi Shilpi Gosthi	Udichi Performing Arts and Festivals Programme for Young People	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Wapping Bangladesh Association	Wapping Children's Arts Education Project	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Weavers Adventure Playground Association	Play On	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families - Raising Attainment				G9	G8, A1	G9	G9								

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Black Women's Health and Family Support	BWHAFS Supplementary School Programme	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Chinese Association of Tower Hamlets	Chinese After School Homework Club	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Community of Refugees from Vietnam - East London	Home-School Liaison Project	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Culloden Bangladeshi Parents Association	Culloden Supplementary School	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	AMBER	GREEN	GREEN								
Graduate Forum	Top Tutors	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Headliners (UK)	Digital Citizens	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Newark Youth London	Newark Study Support Club	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
SocietyLinks Tower Hamlets	Raising Attainment Children and Young People Support Projects 1_ Study Support	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Tower Hamlets Parents' Centre	THPC Saturday Study Support Project	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families - Sports				G7	G7	G7	G6, R1								
Children Education Group	Berner Football Academy	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	RED								
Lord's Taverners	Wicketz	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Somali Parents and Children's Play Association	Girls' Active play & sports	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Splash Play	Sports & Play Sessions	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Tower Hamlets Youth Sport Foundation	Hub Club Programme	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Tower Hamlets Youth Sport Foundation	Stepping Stones Programme	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Vallance Community Sports Association Limited	Sports Access for All	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families - Vulnerable & Excluded				G5, A1	G5, A1	G6	G6								
Attlee Youth and Community Centre	Connecting Children and Families	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Osmani Trust	Shaathi Family Support Programme	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Step Forward	Young Peoples Counselling and Support Project	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Toyhouse Libraries Association of Tower Hamlets	Mellow Parenting	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								

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Family Action	Tower Hamlets Young Carers Support Service	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
St Giles Trust	Gamechangers	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	AMBER	AMBER	GREEN	GREEN								
Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families - Youth				G13, A1, R1	G13, A1, R1	G15, A2	G17								
Bangladesh Youth Movement	"Challenge For Youth" BME& Bangladeshi Girls Development Programme.	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
City Gateway	Back on Track: Engagement and Progression	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	RED	RED	AMBER	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
ELT Baptist Church	Young Women's Project	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Island House Community Centre	Island House YOU Project	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Newark Youth London	Newark Adelina and Exmouth Youth Project	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Ocean Youth Connexions	Ocean Youth Connexions	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	AMBER	GREEN	GREEN								
Osmani Development Trust	Aasha Peer Project	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
One Base LTD	One Stop Youth Service	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Shadwell Basin Outdoor Activity Centre	Youth INNIT! - Shadwell Basin	01/04/2016	31/08/2018	n/a	n/a	GREEN	GREEN								
Social Links Tower Hamlets	Youth - Children and Young People Support Projects 1. Girls Group; 2. Accredited Training	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
St Hilda's East Community Centre	St.Hilda's Youth Hub	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Stifford TJRS Community Centre	Stepney YouthInit	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	n/a (Grant Offer Letter being negotiated)	n/a	GREEN	GREEN								
The Rooted Forum (TRF)	Interventions Without Borders	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
The Rooted Forum (TRF)	Youth INNIT!	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Wadajir Somali Community Centre	Wadajir Homework Club Two	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	AMBER	GREEN								
Weavers Community Forum (WCF)	Be Active in the Community (BAC)	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	AMBER	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Young And Talented Ltd	Young and Talented Performing Arts Project	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Theme 2 - Jobs, Skills and Prosperity - Strand 1 Routeways to Employment				G9, A1	G10	G9	G8, A1								
Bowhaven	Equip Initiative	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
DeafPLUS - Breakthrough Deaf and Hearing Integration	Employment for Deaf and Disabled people in Tower Hamlets (EDITH)	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	AMBER	GREEN	GREEN	AMBER								

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Four Corners	ZOOM (formerly known as Creativity Plus)	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Island House Community Centre	ABLE - Adult Basic Learning & Employment - Readiness Project	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Limehouse Project Limited	Enhancing Vocational Access (EVA)	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Mind In Tower Hamlets	Upskill	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Newark Youth London	Women into Work	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Osmani Development Trust	Education & Employment	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
The Prince's Trust	Bridging The Gap	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Tower Hamlets Parents' Centre	THPC ICT Embedded Women's ESOL Project	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Theme 2 - Jobs, Skills and Prosperity - Strand 2 - Social Welfare Advice Services				G11	G11	G11	G11								
Account3 Ltd	LAP 5 Advice Partnership	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Bromley By Bow Centre	Integrated Generalist Advice Service for the North East Cluster	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Citizens Advice Bureau (East End CABx)	Tower Hamlets Borough Wide Advice	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Island Advice Centre	LAP 8 Generalist Advice Service	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Island Advice Centre	Tower Hamlets Trainee Advice Project	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Legal Advice Centre	Social Welfare Advice - NW Ward Cluster (LAP 1 and 2)	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Limehouse Project Limited	Advice Consortium LAP 7	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Limehouse Project Limited	LAP 3 & 4 Advice Service	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Stifford TJRS Community Centre	South-west cluster Advice Partnership	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Tower Hamlets Law Centre	Specialist Welfare Advice Partnership	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Toynbee Hall	Tower Hamlets Debt and Money Advice Service	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Theme 3 - Prevention Health and Wellbeing - Lifelong Learning and Sport				G8	G9	G9	G9								
Bethnal Green Weightlifting Club	Bethnal Green Weightlifting Club	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								

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Black Women's Health and Family Support	BWHAFS Lifelong Learning programme: Textile & Designs Project, ESOL Classes, and ICT Drop-in Project	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Limehouse Project Limited	Fit4Life Women In Sport Programme	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Limehouse Project Limited	Limehouse Project's 'First Steps for Women Learning English and ICT'	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
London Tigers	London Tigers Healthy Living Project	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Magic Me	Intergenerational Arts Programme	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Royal London Society for Blind People	Health and Wellbeing Group	01/01/2016	31/08/2018	n/a	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Tower Hamlets Youth Sport Foundation	Active Families	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Vallance Community Sports Association Limited	SEN Health Development Programme	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Theme 3 - Prevention Health and Wellbeing - Lunch Club				G11	G11, A1	G11, A2	G11, R1								
Age UK East London	Appian Court Activity Centre & Lunch Club	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Children Education Group	Harkness Luncheon Club	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	RED								
Chinese Association of Tower Hamlets	Chinese and Vietnamese Elderly Luncheon Club	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Community of Refugees from Vietnam - East London	Vietnamese/Chinese Elderly Luncheon Club	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Dorset Community Association	Older People Lunch Club	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Ensign Youth Club	Unity	01/01/2016	31/08/2018	n/a	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Limehouse Project Limited	Limehouse Luncheon Club for Elders	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Somali Senior Citizens Club	Somali Senior Citizens Club	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
St Hilda's East Community Centre	St Hilda's Lunch Club Plus	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Toynbee Hall	Wellbeing Centre	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	AMBER	AMBER	GREEN								
Wadajir Somali Community Centre	Wadajir Poplar Elderly Lunch Club Two	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Wapping Bangladesh Association	Wapping Senior Citizen's Lunch Club	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Theme 3 - Prevention Health and Wellbeing				G6	G11, A2, R1	G10, A4	G12, A2								

Organisation Name	Project Title	Start Date	End Date	Period 01 (Sep-Dec 15)	Period 02 (Jan-Mar 16)	Period 03 (Apr-Jun 16)	Period 04 (Jul-Sept 16)	Period 05 (Oct-Dec 16)	Period 06 (Jan-Mar 17)	Period 07 (Apr-Jun 17)	Period 08 (Jul-Sept 17)	Period 09 (Oct-Dec 17)	Period 10 (Jan-Mar 18)	Period 11 (Apr-Jun 18)	Period 12 (Jul-Aug 18)
Ability Bow	Keep Moving	01/01/2016	31/08/2018	n/a	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Age UK East London	Friend at Home	01/10/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	AMBER	GREEN								
Bangladesh Youth Movement	"Live Healthy - Enjoy Life" (Bangladeshi women Health & Development Project	01/01/2016	31/08/2018	n/a	RED	AMBER	GREEN								
Breathing Space	Breathing Space	01/10/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Bromley By Bow Centre	Fit for All	01/01/2016	31/08/2018	n/a	AMBER	GREEN	GREEN								
DeafPLUS - Breakthrough Deaf and Hearing Integration	Deaf+Positive Wellbeing Project	01/01/2016	31/08/2018	n/a	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Family Action	Somali Mental Health Promotion	01/01/2016	31/08/2018	n/a	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Green Candle Dance Company	Dance for Health at Oxford House	01/10/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	AMBER	AMBER	AMBER								
Island House Community Centre	Health & Wellbeing Project 2015-18	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Mind in Tower Hamlets	Wellbeing Service - Coping with Life Recovery Training Programme	01/01/2016	31/08/2018	n/a	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Praxis Community Projects Ltd	Praxis Health Check	01/01/2016	31/08/2018	n/a	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
The Rooted Forum (TRF)	Bridging The Gap	01/01/2016	31/08/2018	n/a	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Tower Hamlets Friends and Neighbours	Older People's Befriending Project	01/10/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Toynbee Hall	Wellbeing in Tower Hamlets	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	AMBER	AMBER								
Theme 4 - Third Sector Organisational Development				G3	G3	G3	G3								
Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Service	Support to Council funded organisations	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Service	Supporting VCS organisations based in Tower Hamlets	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Service	Strategic partner project	01/09/2015	31/08/2018	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN								
Theme 5 - Community Engagement, Cohesion and Resilience				G10, A1	G9, A2	G10, A1	G9, A1								
Betar Bangla	Positive Citizenship	01/09/2015	31/03/2017	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN			n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
City Gateway	Women's Voice	01/09/2015	31/03/2017	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN			n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Dorset Community Association	Get Involved	01/09/2015	31/03/2017	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN			n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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East London Advanced Technology Training	Equal Voices	01/09/2015	31/03/2017	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN			n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
London Gypsy and Traveller Unit	We are Tower Hamlets Residents too!	01/09/2015	31/03/2017	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN			n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Newark Youth London	Newark Women's Project	01/09/2015	31/03/2017	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN			n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Somali Parents and Children's Play Association	Somali Women Engagement Forum	01/09/2015	31/03/2017	AMBER	AMBER	RED	AMBER			n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Stifford TJRS Community Centre	Residents and Neighbours Club	01/09/2015	31/03/2017	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN			n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
The Rooted Forum (TRF)	Collective Conscience Project	01/09/2015	31/03/2017	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN			n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
UpRising	UpRising East London Leadership Programme	01/09/2015	31/03/2017	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Wapping Bangladesh Association	WBA Community Engagement & Citizenship Project	01/09/2015	31/03/2017	GREEN	AMBER	GREEN	GREEN			n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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15 December 2016

Attention to Abu Sufian

Mainstream Grants
Third Sector

Hi Abu

RE: CEG Mainstream Grants

I am writing to you regarding Tower Hamlets mainstream grants and the rent agreement supposed to be happening on September 2015. However we continued the projects until 3rd of November 2016. Unfortunately the rent agreement did not continue and still we are waiting for the grant to be released.

Further to our last meeting with Mayor John Biggs and other Council relevant officers on 20th June 2016 where a decision had been made that the rent agreement will take place and the grants will be released, despite providing a budget how much rent we can rise toward the rent, since then we never heard anything from anyone about our approved grants or rent agreement.

As you know we were not paid since September 2015, now a full year, and we continued the projects, pay staffs and expenditures with reserve funds. This is radically depleting, and we do not have any more reserve funds to continue Lunch Club and Berner Football Academy.

Ultimately, this means that as we are not receiving any funds, we have suspended Harkness Luncheon Club and Berner Football Academy from 3rd of November 2016. We will resume the project soon as we received our approved grants.

Moreover the Berner Football Academy staffs are happily to continue with their project despite not having their salary since the project started and they are hoping to get paid soon as we received the mainstream funding, we have provided four quarter report and now the council owes our organisation £6045.00 for Berner Football Academy.

Similarly we have provided four quarter reports for the Harkness Luncheon Club and now the council owes our organisation £11040.00

The total funding shall be pay by the council to Children Education Group which are £17085.00, weather the council make rent agreement or not, however we are seeking this funding now

Furthermore as we providing continues reports we were never worn by the council to discontinue the projects until we receive any funding, therefore we continued the project and paid salary to staffs and usual expenditures

Our Projects:

Mother Tongue Education Project, Harkness Luncheon Club, Home Work Study Support Club, Bangla Drama School, Berner Football Academy, Din Fitness Club, Women's Day Centre, Saturday Art Club, Saturday Girls Club, Creative Media, Memory Recall Show, Berner News

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I hope the council make appropriate decision to provide services to our elderly generation and general community

Thank You I look forward hearing from you from soon as possible

Yours faithfully,



Jamalur Rahman
Chairperson (Trustee)

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Theme 1 Children, Young People and Families

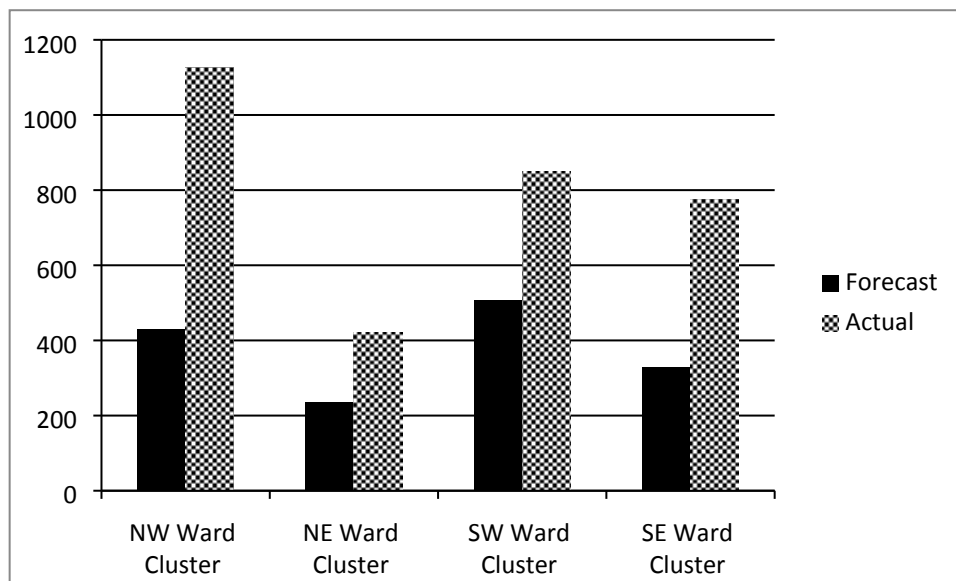
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Theme 1 – Children, Young People & Families: This theme focuses on seeking the following key outcomes:

- Improved levels of participation, educational attainment and progression for children and young people.
- Children and young people are protected from harm and families are supported to provide a safe environment.
- Harmful relationships among peer/gender groups are reduced.
- Improved physical (such as reduced levels of obesity) and emotional health and wellbeing in children and young people.
- Reduced levels of substance misuse and sexual abuse, violent crime (including domestic violence) and anti-social behaviour.

Geographical Breakdown

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Raising Attainment Project Portfolio – Children’s Services

No. of live projects – Jul-Sep 16	No. of projects classed as GREEN	No. of projects classed as AMBER	No. of projects classed as RED
9	9	0	0

There are 9 projects in this category; all classed as ‘Green’ and meeting the agreed expenditure targets, service outputs and outcomes as indicated in monitoring reports and case studies received. All projects are working closely with schools and parents to provide reciprocal feedback on their young students. Officers will continue to work with organisations to ensure quality driven provision.

Vulnerable & Excluded Families Project Portfolio – Children’s Services

No. of live projects – Jul-Sep 16	No. of projects classed as GREEN	No. of projects classed as AMBER	No. of projects classed as RED
6	6	0	0

There 6 projects in this category; all of which are classed as ‘Green’ and are on course to meet the agreed expenditure targets, service outputs and outcomes as indicated in monitoring reports received.

Community Languages Project Portfolio - CLC

No. of live projects Jul-Sep 2016	No. of projects classed as GREEN	No. of projects classed as AMBER	No. of projects classed as RED
10	10	0	0

There are 10 projects in this category; all of which are classed as ‘Green’ and are on course to meet the agreed expenditure targets, service outputs and outcomes as indicated in monitoring reports received.

Youth Services Project Portfolio - CLC

No. of live projects – Jul-Sep 16	No. of projects classed as GREEN	No. of projects classed as AMBER	No. of projects classed as RED
16	16	0	0

There are 16 projects in this category; all of which are classed as ‘Green’ and are on course to meet the agreed expenditure targets, service outputs and outcomes as indicated in monitoring reports received. City Gateway have ended the Back on Track: Engagement and Progression project as at the end of June 2016.

Sports Project Portfolio - CLC

No. of live projects – Jul-Sep 16	No. of projects classed as GREEN	No. of projects classed as AMBER	No. of projects classed as RED
7	6	0	1

There are 7 active projects in this category; 6 of which are classed as 'Green' and are on course to meet the agreed expenditure targets, service outputs and outcomes as indicated in monitoring reports received.

1 project classed as Red:

Children Education Group – Berner Football Academy

Under performance on outputs in this period. Lack of funding has made an impact as no Main Stream Grant has been paid from the start of the project due to the Premises condition not being met.

Culture Project Portfolio - CLC

No. of live projects – Jul-Sep 16	No. of projects classed as GREEN	No. of projects classed as AMBER	No. of projects classed as RED
9	7	1	1

There are 9 active projects in this category; 7 classed as 'Green' and are on course to meet the agreed expenditure targets, service outputs and outcomes as indicated in monitoring reports received.

Mile End Community Project – Female Leadership and Empowerment Project has withdrawn from the programme.

1 project classed as Red:

Monakka Monowar Welfare Foundation (MMWF) - Life-changing Musical and Keep-fit Project

Organisation withdrew from the project in late October 2016, then suggested the possibility of a revision to outputs and the resumption of project activities in December 2016 if suitable premises were obtained. It has not responded to LBTH deadline for business plan for proposed revised outputs and has been provided a deadline of 21st December 2016 to submit a detailed business plan and a request for variation.

1 project classed as Amber:

The Shadwell Community Project - The People GAP

Commissioners have approved a significant variation request for project, relating to its match funding budget. However, provider will be

submitting another significant variation request relating to number of beneficiaries. Recommend that Commissioners approve SCP's significant variation request for reduced outputs for Period 4 (July-September 2016) and Period 8 (July-September 2017), enabling the project to move off AMBER to GREEN. The move off Amber would be conditional on SCP having implemented the following actions prior to Grant Scrutiny Sub-Committee meeting on 11th January 2017 and Commissioners Decision Making Meeting on 17th January 2017:

- submission of a satisfactory finance monitoring returns for Periods 1 to 3 to LBTH
- submission of outstanding monitoring information for Period 4 to LBTH
- having a clear target date for an action plan to improve organisational management and project management. This plan should include appropriate SMART targets
- introducing better communication systems with LBTH. SCP has demonstrated delays in responding to e-mails and telephone calls from LBTH.

Theme 2 Jobs, Skills & Prosperity

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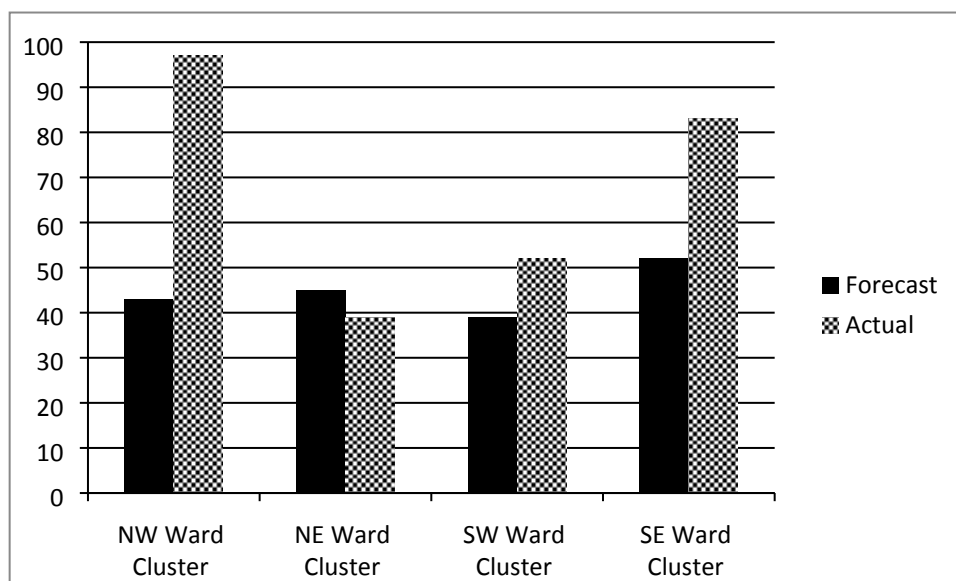
Theme 2 – Jobs, Skills & Prosperity: This theme focuses on seeking key outcomes including:

- Measurable increase in the numbers of people moved closer to the labour market and prepared for sustained employment.
- Reduce the numbers of residents in the borough with no qualifications or training
- Improved integration of pathway to work employment support services
- Reduction in numbers of residents negatively impacted by welfare reforms
- Minimisation of the number of residents facing housing repossessions
- Increase in the numbers of residents supported with addressing problem debts
- Increases in number of residents on low incomes receiving their correct benefit /tax credit entitlement
- Empowering residents and building resilience

Routeways to Employment

Geographical Breakdown

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Routeways to Employment Project Portfolio – D&R

No. of live projects – Jul-Sep 16	No. of projects classed as GREEN	No. of projects classed as AMBER	No. of projects classed as RED
9	8	1	0

There 9 active projects in this category; 8 of which are classed as 'Green' and are on course to meet the agreed expenditure targets, service outputs and outcomes as indicated in monitoring reports received.

1 project classed as Amber:

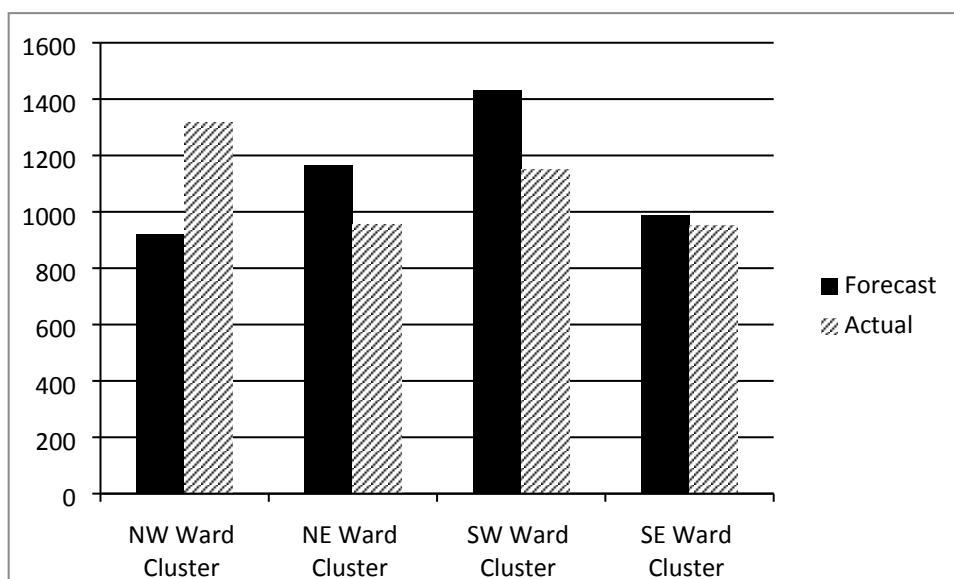
DeafPLUS – Employment for Deaf and Disabled people in Tower Hamlets (EDITH)

Under performance on outputs due to late start and staffing issues. Project is now fully staffed and significant improvement is expected in the coming months. Still on course to achieve all targets by the end of the project.

Social Welfare Advice Services

Geographical Breakdown

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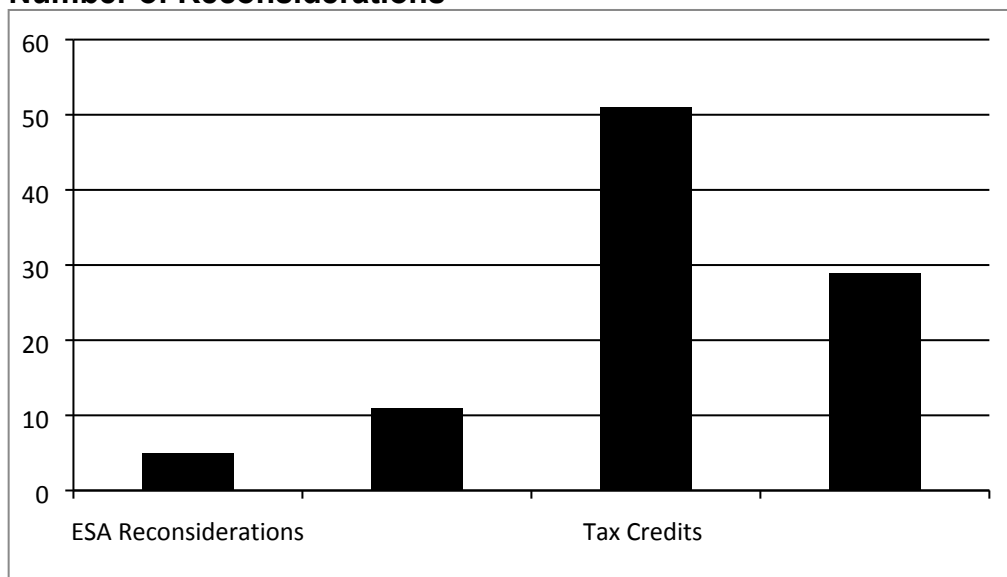
Social Welfare Advice Services Project Portfolio – D&R

No. of live projects – Jul-Sep 16	No. of projects classed as GREEN	No. of projects classed as AMBER	No. of projects classed as RED
11	11	0	0

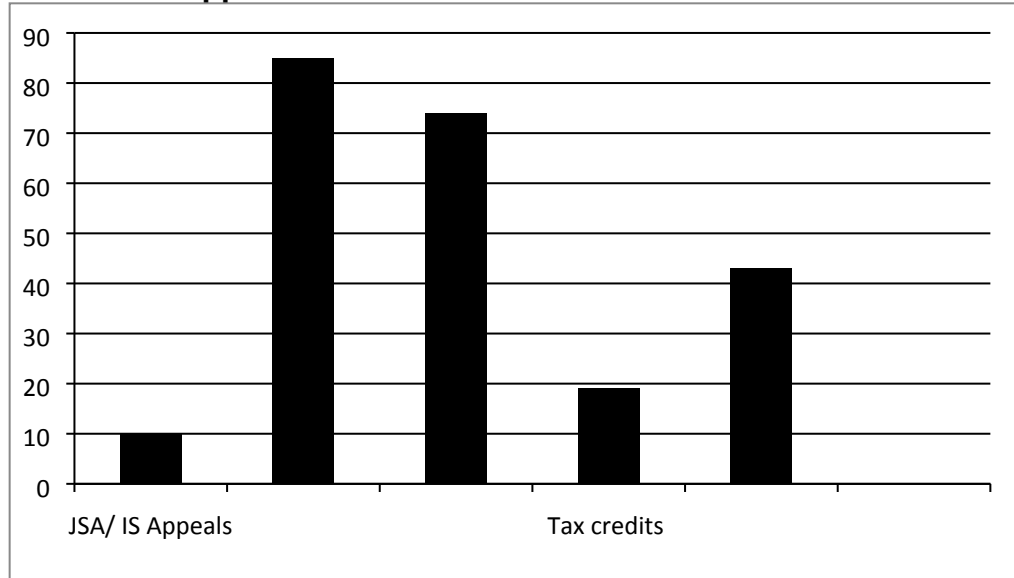
There 11 active projects in this category; all of which are classed as 'Green' and are on course to meet the agreed expenditure targets, service outputs and outcomes as indicated in monitoring reports received.

Key Social Welfare Advice outcomes achieved in the quarter include:

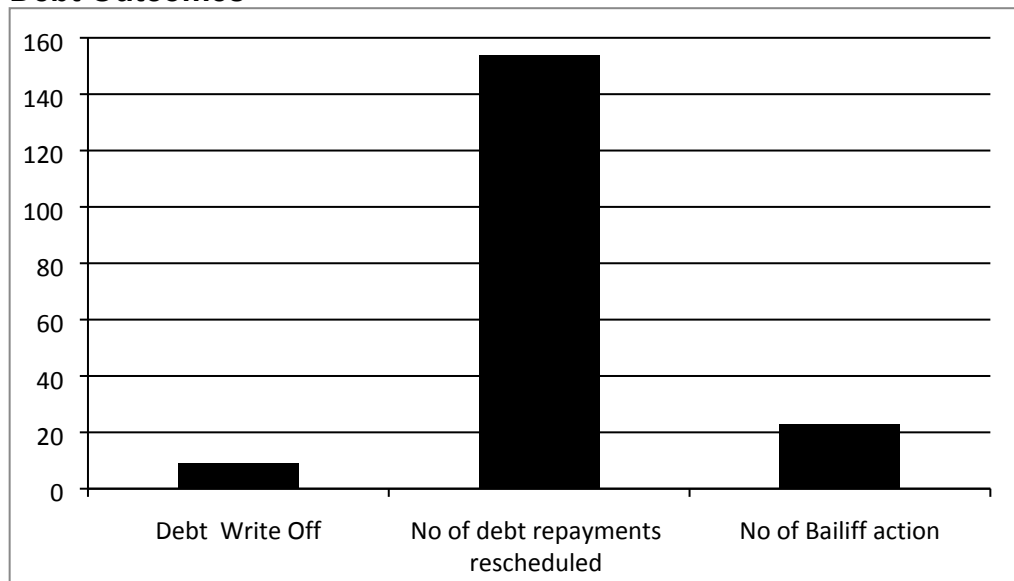
Number of Reconsiderations



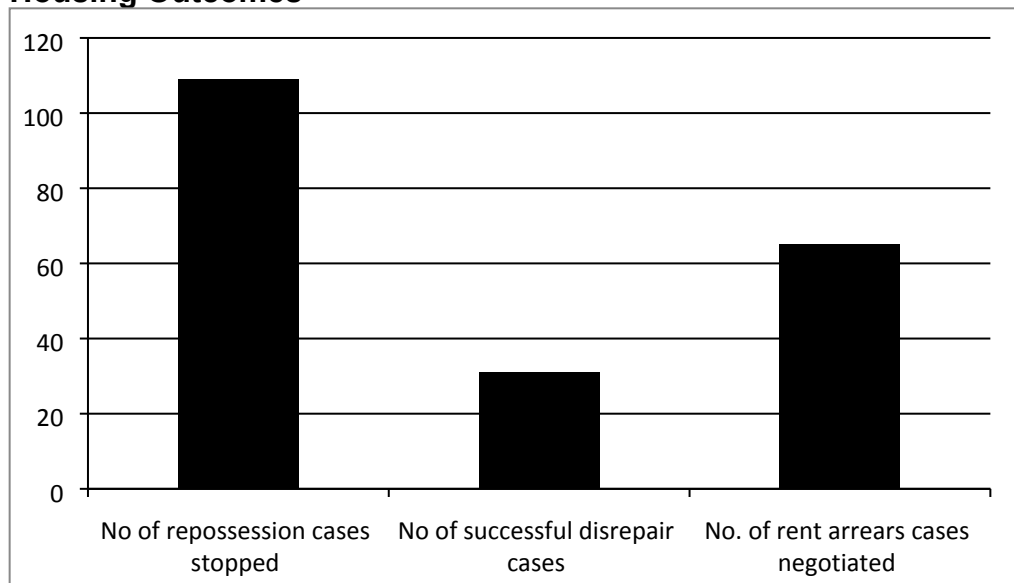
Number of Appeals



Debt Outcomes



Housing Outcomes



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Theme 3 Prevention Healthy and Wellbeing

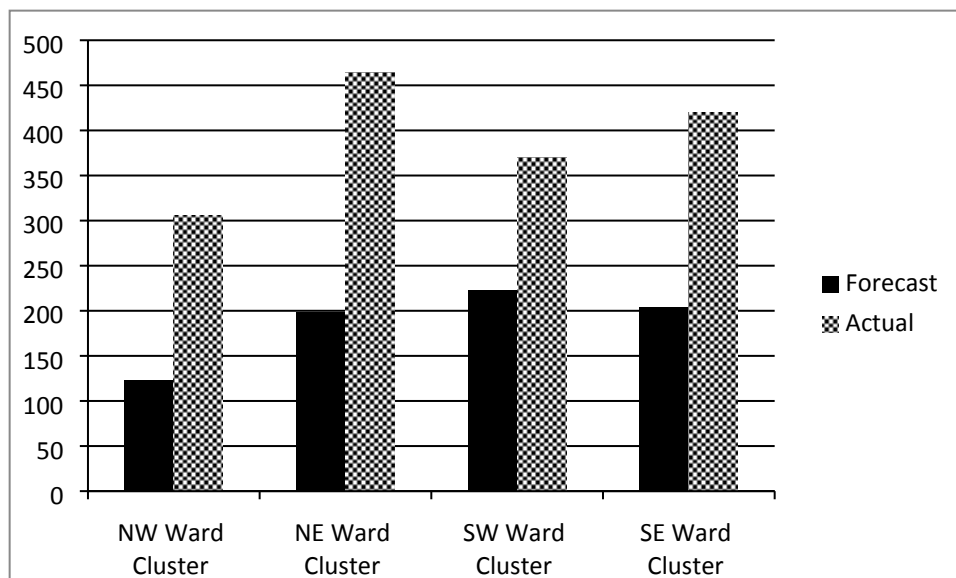
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Theme 3 – Prevention, Health & Wellbeing: This theme focuses on seeking key outcomes including:

- Increased number of vulnerable residents leading healthier lifestyles through improved diets, taking regular exercise and related activities, including lunch club attendees
- Improved emotional health and wellbeing of children and young people and families
- Reduced loneliness and social isolation
- Greater community cohesion
- Increased knowledge about where to go for advice and information
- Improved health and well-being through access to cultural activity that brings people together, allows for self-expression including projects around memory and cross generational activity

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Prevention, Health & Wellbeing Project Portfolio – Adult Services

No. of live projects – Jul-Sep 16	No. of projects classed as GREEN	No. of projects classed as AMBER	No. of projects classed as RED
14	12	2	0

There are 14 projects in this category; 12 of which are classed as 'Green' and are on course to meet the agreed expenditure targets, service outputs and outcomes as indicated in monitoring reports received.

There are 2 projects classed as Amber:

Green Candle Dance Company
Dance for Health at Oxford House

Project is on track to deliver all outputs and outcomes. Green Candle attended a constructive meeting with Officers on 14th December 2016 and discussed revisions to their variation request.

Toynbee Hall
Wellbeing in Tower Hamlets

Project performance is now on track to deliver all outputs and outcomes. A number of outputs were lower on previous quarters but the organisation has made some staffing adjustments and is now making good progress. Officers anticipate the Project will be Green performance rated by March.

Lunch Club Project Portfolio – Adult Services

No. of live projects – Jul-Sep 16	No. of projects classed as GREEN	No. of projects classed as AMBER	No. of projects classed as RED
12	11	0	1

There are 12 projects in this category; 11 of which are classed as 'Green' and are on course to meet the agreed expenditure targets, service outputs and outcomes as indicated in monitoring reports received.

1 project classed as Red:

Children Education Group
Harkness Luncheon Club

The lunch club project has ceased to continue as no Main Stream Grant has been paid from the start of the project due to the Premises condition.

Lifelong Learning & Sport Project Portfolio - CLC

No. of live projects Jul-Sep 16	No. of projects classed as GREEN	No. of projects classed as AMBER	No. of projects classed as RED
9	9	0	0

There are 9 projects in this category; all of which are classed as 'Green' and are on course to meet the agreed expenditure targets, service outputs and outcomes as indicated in monitoring reports received.

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Theme 4 Third Sector Organisational Development

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Theme 4 – Third Sector Organisational Development: This theme focuses on seeking key outcomes including:

- Increased number of local VCS organisations with Quality Assurance accreditations
- Increased levels of external grant funding secured by local VCS organisations
- Increase in the number of organisation able to effectively manage grant funded activities and better demonstrate the impact of their work
- Improved sustainability of specialist resources that are used by a wide range of third sector organisations to deliver their work

Theme 4 is focused on supporting organisations rather than individual beneficiaries. Organisations from across the borough are currently being supported by the Theme 4 projects.

- In relation to support for LBTH Funded Organisations training/support sessions have been provided covering a range of activities including those outlined below.
 - governance
 - fundraising
 - premises
 - LBTH on-line monitoring system
 - recruitment of project staff
 - volunteering
- In relation to Supporting VCS organisations based in Tower Hamlets training/support sessions have been provided covering a range of activities including those outlined below.
 - insurance
 - policies and procedures
 - data protection
 - volunteering
 - volunteering standards
 - fundraising

Project Portfolio – Resources

No. of live projects – Jul-Sep 16	No. of projects classed as GREEN	No. of projects classed as AMBER	No. of projects classed as RED
3	3	0	0

There 3 projects in this category; all of which are classed as ‘Green’ and are on course to meet the agreed expenditure targets, service outputs and outcomes as indicated in monitoring reports received.

Support to Council funded organisations

Project, which is a partnership between THVCS and Volunteer Centre Tower Hamlets, provides training, advice and support to organisations funded by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets in order to develop their systems and improve their financial and project management.

Project has been successful overall in delivering its output targets, assisting LBTH grant-funded organisations to be ready to deliver their Council-funded projects. Areas which the project has provided support to organisations on includes LBTH monitoring system, premises, fundraising, governance, staff recruitment, volunteering, charity registration, grant agreements, sustainability, pensions, service user involvement, health and safety and social media.

Project has delivered a number of training courses relating to voluntary sector management, policy and volunteering. Feedback from organisations participating in these courses has been favourable.

Supporting VCS organisations based in Tower Hamlets

Project, which is a partnership between THCVS, Volunteering Centre Tower Hamlets and Tower Hamlets Community Transport, assists voluntary organisations in the borough, through advice and training, to develop and maintain effective systems, plan effectively, raise funds, manage projects and staff and achieve quality assurance accreditations.

Project has been successful overall in delivering its output targets and supporting the development of a strong voluntary sector in the borough. It has provided advice to organisations on a range of areas, including fundraising, staff management, setting up new organisations, volunteering, data protection, premises and pensions. It has also delivered a range of training course dealing with volunteering and voluntary sector management - e.g. staff management and training for trustees.

Feedback from organisations participating in this training has been positive. The project has also delivered Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme accredited training in driving and first aid and delivered minibus journeys to support local voluntary sector activity.

Strategic Partner Project

Project provides and supports representation, networking and partnership among voluntary sector organisations and between the statutory, business and voluntary sectors in the borough. Project's main achievements over first funding year include:

- input into and support on consultation process for LBTH Community Building Review process
- made representations to Commissioners and worked with LBTH Officers to secure revisions to Main Stream Grant Payment By Results process
- support in the consultation process for LBTH Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy
- involvement in the co-production process for LBTH Cohesion Commissioning
- working with partners to widen the membership of the Third Sector Advisory Board.

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Theme 5 Community Engagement, Cohesion and Resilience

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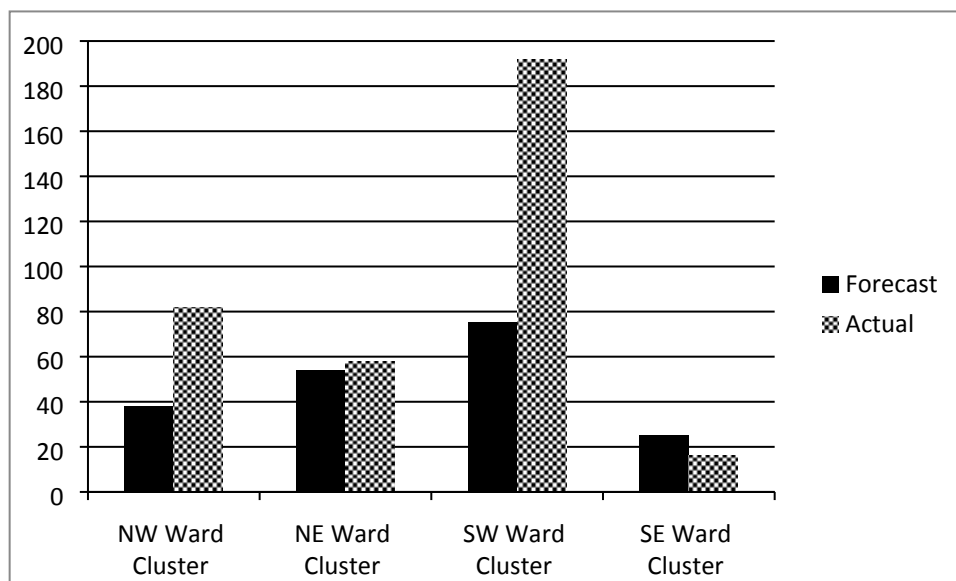
Theme 5 – Community Engagement, Cohesion and Resilience:

This theme focuses on seeking key outcomes including:

- Identifiable increase in numbers of local residents taking on key leadership and representational roles within the community
- Increase in number of people who feel they are getting on better with others in their communities, as identified from annual community surveys
- Increased opportunities for communities to work together on local improvement projects, cultural celebration and exchange

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Project Portfolio – LPG

No. of live projects – Jul-Sep 16	No. of projects classed as GREEN	No. of projects classed as AMBER	No. of projects classed as RED
10	9	1	0

Nine out of the ten funded projects in July to September 16 are classified as 'Green' and all report they are meeting expected outputs. Where appropriate projects have demonstrated activities aimed an inclusion of participants from different communities, targeting those that are not accessing their project. Many have shown continuous improvement in the quality of projects resulting in improved outcomes for participants.

1 project is classed as Amber:

Somali Parents and Children's Play Association - Somali Women Engagement Forum

Staff have been working with the Grant Officer to ensure delivery is in line with the agreement and gaps of service are addressed. A timetable of increased activity is in place to address reduced output demonstrated. Recently there has been a difficulty with the project venue, causing a new challenge for the organisation. However, this small local specialist organisation demonstrated commitment to the service and participants in how quickly they resolved this.

After attending to find no project in place a number of unannounced activity visits have been undertaken since. The reason given to the Grant Officer seeing no activity was that the project had changed the time of the project in order to meet the needs of the women over the summer period. The Grant Officer should have been informed of this.

The latest unannounced activity visits have seen a project in place but brought about concerns about content and quality of sessions.

An outcome analysis report is due. The Grant Officer continues to work closely with this organisation on project development. The organisation has been referred to and is engaged with support from the THCVS. A monitoring visit is planned to look at records, related organisational activity and project finances , as a planned activity visit at the next discussion event.

An update of Grant Officer findings and support for projects classed as Green:

Betar Bangla – Positive Citizenship

An activity visit was made this during quarter. I saw a well organised environment in which everyone seemed to work comfortably. The trainer demonstrated specialist knowledge in the subject areas. There was evidence of appropriate planning. A participatory stimulating teaching style was used that included role play. The trainer provided constructive feedback to participants alongside support and guidance. Participants showed evidence of learning. They had opportunities to practise their skills and consolidate learning. Course content was appropriate to both the funding stream and organisations priorities. Meeting of the learning objectives was demonstrated in participant's feedback. This small local organisation demonstrates specialist appropriate services as well as a clear understanding of our funding priorities. Grant finance monitoring demonstrates that the project is on track to utilise the grant appropriately. Issues identified during monitoring have been addressed through officer guidance and referral for support from the THCVS. This they took up and implemented changes that addressed risk.

City Gateway – Women's Voice

The women's project is on track to hit the target of 80 marginalised women from a variety of cultural backgrounds to engage in Women's Voice or Inspirational Women sessions. At this stage only verification visits have been undertaken that confirm the outputs put in the monitoring form are in line with what was expected as well as backed up by paperwork. As an activity visit has not been taken so my knowledge of delivery and quality is limited. However, this this month I met a couple of local Somali women who recently engaged in the women's provision provided by this organisation. This unsought feedback was all positive. An activity visit will take place as a priority.

Dorset Community Association – Get Involved

The evaluation received from this organisation demonstrates the achievement that has been obvious during monitoring and activity visits. This organisation is one of the smallest and newest funded under this theme. The project relies on substantial volunteering including completion of monitoring reports. I have no concerns about this provision; it demonstrates the effectiveness of small local front line groups. I have monitored this organisation for a few years prior to this award and am impressed with the professional infrastructure development the organisation has implemented with engagement of

appropriate range of professional support alongside the passion of volunteers to get it right. Grant finance monitoring demonstrates that the project is on track to utilise the grant on the project as well as contribute towards core costs. Issues around apportionment of core costs identified in monitoring have been resolved effectively by the organisation.

East London Advanced Technology Training – Equal Voices

Monitoring and case studies submitted demonstrate achievement in individual's progress towards proposed and additional outcomes. They also demonstrate wider impacts including changes made in a school to bring about increased safety of playground time for pupils. Over this reporting period the project had planned reduced activity due to the term time nature of the work. ELATT's adult training work has been rated as outstanding by OFSTED and they have recently won awards for their provision. This quality is reflected in the funded provision. The second course is now in progress and demonstrates equal success will be achieved. ELATT is active in sourcing funding to develop and continue this successful project to accommodate the needs of more newly-arrived migrant women living in Tower Hamlets. During monitoring verification visits I have met with a finance officer who has been able to demonstrate that our small contribution towards the costs of this project is used for the purpose of grant.

London Gypsy and Traveller Unit – We are Tower Hamlets Residents too!

This is the first mainstream grant award to provide services for Gypsies and Travellers in the borough. Significant progress is demonstrated through effective professional community development work implemented by a successful specialist organisation. Our grant mainly contributes to the salary of the Community Development worker. Focus continues to be on building community representation from TH Gypsy and Travellers on formal groups and structures for the purposes of increasing the number of TH Travellers influencing decisions that impact their community. The project demonstrates significant movement to outcomes in this area with more active local Gypsy and Travellers, working together to tackle their problems. Digital inclusion is incorporated advantaging participants who have limited access.

Newark Youth London – Newark Women's Project

Continuous project improvements implemented by Newark Youth to these events is significant. Events are exciting and aim to inspire the women. Although one off work doesn't bring about the individual outcomes that working with women over a longer period do the project evidence has revealed many participants enrol in their other projects or take up referrals with other local provision. Movement towards outcomes for volunteers is significant and validated through

accreditation. Finance monitoring demonstrates that activity costs are higher than expected and it is clear that the grant is being used appropriately.

Stifford Centre – Residents and Neighbours Club

This provision demonstrates it has increased participants understanding about how their immediate social world functions. Meeting notes demonstrate discussion have taken place about problems encountered, religion, community and housing issues. Outcome measurement and reporting demonstrates that participants have developed skills and confidence that has made them more likely to be actively involved in solving community problems. I have encouraged more action about engaging participants in resolving issues identified and from the latest monitoring return I can see this has been addressed. Case studies include examples of community engagement.

The Rooted Forum – Collective Conscience Project

The project has successfully implemented and continues to implement planned activities to meet shared priorities. I have attended a stakeholders meeting as part of my monitoring. Outcome analysis and evaluation is due this quarter. This project demonstrates the difference a local organisation can make to an area through effective engagement with others. Grant finance monitoring demonstrates that the project is on track to utilise the grant appropriately.

Wapping Bangladesh Association – WBA Community Engagement & Citizenship Project

The organisation is now working with the support of the volunteer centre and the project was advertised on their website to recruit new volunteers. As a result, five new volunteers have been recruited for the new period of October 2016-March 2017. Citizenship workshop sessions are being carried out by the project worker and volunteers as well as in house session for local residents. I continue to work with this organisation as a priority and have offered time to support delivery. This has recently been taken up.

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Variation to Grant Offer Letter

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Your request will be considered and a decision made as soon as possible following receipt of all required information.

1. Organisation & Project Details:

1.1 Organisation name	The Shadwell Community Project
1.2 Contact for correspondence	Mr Mark Halden
Project title	The People GAP
Project start date	01/09/2015
Total agreed Grant	£24,999.00

Please provide a general statement to explain why you are requesting a variation to your project (*you may attach other information as required*).

The output figures in section 3.4 & 3.5 for the period July/Sept 2016 and July/Sept 2017 were not corrected in the Draft Offer letter. Figures currently read 230 & 225 respectively, but should read 130 & 125 respectively.

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The Shadwell Community Project (SCP) has acknowledged to LBTH its mistake in agreeing to the current target number of beneficiaries for July to September 2016 and July to September 2017, although it has also suggested that LBTH should have picked up this mistake when the Grant Offer Letter for the project was negotiated in 2015. LBTH specifically asked SCP to put forward output totals for each period of the project's three years of funding after SCP received a Main Stream Grant (MSG) offer in 2015 which was only 30% of the original amount it applied for. LBTH took SCP's proposed beneficiary numbers at face value as it believed that the organisation was best placed to know what the project could deliver.

SCP only realised its mistake when LBTH queried about its underperformance for number of project beneficiaries in Period 4 (July-September 2016). For this period 125 beneficiaries were recruited against a target of 225, with SCP initially failing to report on its progress against this output in its monitoring return to LBTH.

SCP's Senior Worker has stated that the organisation was under pressure in 2015, during the time of the Grant Offer Letter negotiations, due to funding restrictions and lack of administrative staff. It believes that this contributed to the mistake it made. SCP did not realise that a further amendment to the Grant Offer Letter was required when it put through its significant variation request in October 2016 (relating to reduction in match funding and referral-based outputs).

Organisation has a good reputation in the community for its work with the adventure playground, but has demonstrated significant weaknesses in its management of The People GAP project. It is receiving ongoing and significant support from Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Service (THCVS), through its Support for Council Funded Organisations project, which involves the development of an action plan for SCP.

2. Project Funding & draw-down of Grant Award:

Set out below are details of the agreed project funding (*as per your Grant Offer Letter*). We have also provided details of the actual level of LBTH grant which you have received to date.

Agreed Project Funding				
2015/16		Sep/Dec	Jan/Mar	TOTAL
Council Grant Award		£2,778	£2,083	£4,861
Organisation own funds		£750	£750	£1,500
Other Project Funds		£8,201	£7,451	£15,652
TOTAL		£11,729	£10,284	£22,013

Actual LBTH Grant					
Actual Grant Received			£2,778	£0	£2,778

2016/17	Apr/Jun	Jul/Sep	Oct/Dec	Jan/Mar	TOTAL
Council Grant Award	£2,084	£2,083	£2,083	£2,083	£8,333
Organisation own funds	£750	£750	£750	£750	£3,000
Other Project Funds	£7,451	£7,451	£7,451	£7,451	£29,804
TOTAL	£10,285	£10,284	£10,284	£10,284	£41,137

Actual LBTH Grant					
Actual Grant Received	£	£	£	£	£

2017/18	Apr/Jun	Jul/Sep	Oct/Dec	Jan/Mar	TOTAL
Council Grant Award	£2,084	£2,083	£2,083	£2,083	£8,333
Organisation own funds	£750	£750	£750	£750	£3,000

Other Project Funds	£7,451	£7,451	£7,451	£7,451	£29,804
TOTAL	£10,285	£10,284	£10,284	£10,284	£41,137
Actual LBTH Grant					
Actual Grant Received	£	£	£	£	£

2018/19	Apr/Jun	Jul/Aug		TOTAL
Council Grant Award	£2,083	£1,389		£3,472
Organisation own funds	£750	£500		£1,250
Other Project Funds	£7,451	£4,967		£12,418
TOTAL	£10,284	£6,856		£17,140
Actual LBTH Grant				
Actual Grant Received	£	£		£

Please provide information to clarify any requested variation to your project funding as set out above (you may attach a spreadsheet or other information as required).

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Set out below are details of the agreed project expenditure (as per your Grant Offer Letter).

Agreed Project Expenditure				
2015/16		Sep/Dec	Jan/Mar	TOTAL
Salaries		£8,824	£8,924	£17,748
Beneficiary Costs		£235	£235	£470
Other Costs		£615	£450	£1,065
TOTAL		£9,674	£9,609	£19,283

2016/17	Apr/Jun	Jul/Sep	Oct/Dec	Jan/Mar	TOTAL
Salaries	£9,166	£9,166	£9,165	£9,165	£36,662
Beneficiary Costs	£275	£275	275	£275	£1,100
Other Costs	£450	£450	£450	£450	£1,800
TOTAL	£9,891	£9,891	£9,890	£9,890	£39,562

2017/18	Apr/Jun	Jul/Sep	Oct/Dec	Jan/Mar	TOTAL
Salaries	£9,629	£9,629	£9,629	£9,629	£38,516
Beneficiary Costs	£295	£295	£295	£295	£1,180
Other Costs	£470	£470	£470	£470	£1,880
TOTAL	£10,394	£10,394	£10,394	£10,394	£41,576

2018/19	Apr/Jun	Jul/Aug		TOTAL
Salaries	£9,773	£9,773		£19,546
Beneficiary Costs	£320	£290		£610
Other Costs	£490	£360		£850
TOTAL	£10,583	£10,423		£21,006

Please provide information to clarify any requested variation to your project expenditure as set out above (you may attach a spreadsheet or other information as required).

3. Project Outcomes Outputs/Activities

The information within tables 3.1 to 3.6 sets out details of the original outcomes and outputs that were agreed for your project and which are set out within your Grant Offer Letter

3.1 Targeted Project Outcomes

1. Volunteering: SCP will provide opportunities for volunteers to support vulnerable children and families: from at least 7 to 12 volunteers per annum.
2. According to external evaluations 80% plus of users will make continued use of the project after the first visit: we want to reach 85%
3. Annually, 15 to 20 5/6 year olds children come to our project for the first time and a similar number of older new arrivals in the neighbourhood: this intake will be maintained.
4. All committee members and staff develop their skills through attending training courses: these courses will include training in capacity building: at least 7 people attending an average of 1 courses pa: (last year 5 people attended courses).
5. Progress for every child/young person: We work reflectively -- inviting children to think-through problems and suggest their own solutions, tackle activities/tasks they have not done before
6. Monthly users footfall of 400 will rise to 450

3.2 Targeted Project Milestones

MILESTONE

Review/update current website and initiate work on safe, mediated, on-line participation that will make it easier for members and users to know what happening at the project and to contribute to decision making within our project.

29/02/2016

MILESTONE

Open new children's and young people's café

To operate from our new log cabin: a fully equipped kitchen and café: run by children/young people, for children/young people, to promote better knowledge and skills enabling better, healthier diets while introducing basic social enterprise and job skills, better diets (that contribute to better behaviour and improved capacity to learn). Parents and adult carers can be customers if they accompanied by someone under 16 or a young person with special needs/disabilities.

31/07/2016

MILESTONE

Extend opening hours to five days a week all year around

30/09/2016

MILESTONE

Focus group launch for new participatory management structure: the current management committee becomes a Board of Trustees meeting quarterly and handling the serious issues of funding, safeguarding, employment policies, general policy generation and strategic planning. A new steering/advisory group -- more accessible to many local people will meet monthly and lead on projects, programmes of activity, local fundraising, trips and events. The aim is to enable a huge increase in engagement and participation. Currently the legalistic aspects of governance and its responsibilities puts local people off the idea of formal membership of the management committee.

31/05/2016

MILESTONE

Improve bike workshop to reach a wider audience The café log cabin frees up former space to create a larger bike workshop, building on our success in introducing bikes to girls from communities formerly uncomfortable with girls constructing and riding bikes for cultural, religious and/or safety reasons. 30/09/2016

MILESTONE

Complete major re-build and enhancement of site: Timber structures have a limited life. While smaller play structures like dens can be built and re-built by children and young people on a regular basis, the larger play structures, high walkways, aerial runway and larger swings need adult led building. Once upon a time adventure playground could exclusively use re-cycled timber and telegraph poles: no longer. Health and safety and the purchase cost of all timber now means re-builds are very expensive and technically complex.

30/08/2017

3.3 Project Outputs	Apr/Jun 2015	Jul/Aug 2015	Sep/Dec 2015	Jan/Mar 2016	TOTAL
Number of users accessing services			170	105	275
Number of users accessing services for the first time			5	2	7
Number of residents referred to other organisations			0	0	0
Referral to and from school			0	0	0
Referral from Children's Centre			0	0	0
Referral to Social Services			0	0	0
Referral to other organisation for leisure or educational activity			0	0	0
Referral from and to Health organisations			0	0	0

3.4 Project Outputs	Apr/Jun 2016	Jul/Sep 2016	Oct/Dec 2016	Jan/Mar 2017	TOTAL
Number of users accessing services	125	225	120	110	580
Number of users accessing services for the first time	3	10	5	2	20
Number of residents referred to other organisations	0	0	0	0	0
Referral to and from school	0	0	0	0	0
Referral from Children's Centre	0	0	0	0	0
Referral to Social Services	0	0	0	0	0
Referral to other organisation for leisure or educational activity	0	0	0	0	0
Referral from and to Health organisations	0	0	0	0	0

3.5 Project Output	Apr/Jun 2017	Jul/Sep 2017	Oct/Dec 2017	Jan/Mar 2018	TOTAL
Number of users accessing services	130	230	125	115	600
Number of users accessing services for the first time	5	12	5	3	25
Number of residents referred to other organisations	0	0	0	0	0
Referral to and from school	0	0	0	0	0
Referral from Children's Centre	0	0	0	0	0
Referral to Social Services	0	0	0	0	0
Referral to other organisation for leisure or educational activity	0	0	0	0	0
Referral from and to Health organisations	0	0	0	0	0

3.6 Project Output	Apr/Jun 2018	Jul/Aug 2018	Sep/Dec 2018	Jan/Mar 2019	TOTAL
Number of users accessing services	170	105			275
Number of users accessing services for the first time	5	2			7
Number of residents referred to other organisations	0	0			0
Referral to and from school	0	0			0
Referral from Children's Centre	0	0			0
Referral to Social Services	0	0			0
Referral to other organisation for leisure or educational activity	0	0			0
Referral from and to Health organisations	0	0			0

Please provide information to clarify how the requested variation to your project will affect the levels of outputs / milestones and outcomes as set out within the above tables (you may attach a spreadsheet or other information as required).

The output figures in section 3.4 & 3.5 for the period July/Sept 2016 and July/Sept 2017 were not corrected in the Draft Offer letter stage. Figures currently read 230 & 225 respectively, but should read 130 & 125 respectively.

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As outlined on page 1, SCP has acknowledged its mistake to LBTH for the output figures it originally provided for July to September 2016 and July to September 2017, which was an administrative error. The original higher levels of beneficiary targets for the above periods relate to the organisation's original application for MSG, which was for a sum of £83,454. The MSG allocation awarded to SCP in 2015 for 2015-18 was £24,999, which is 30% of the MSG that it applied for. SCP only became aware of its mistake through the LBTH monitoring process for the project for Period 4.

The original application had a target of 2,150 beneficiaries. If the proposed variation for beneficiary numbers is approved then beneficiary numbers would be 1,530 (compared to the current number of 1,730). The unit cost for beneficiaries supported for the proposed revised beneficiary numbers is significantly better than that for the original application, being 42% of the original unit cost:

Beneficiary Unit Costs

Application - £83,454 / 21,150 = £38.81

Variation request - £24,999 / 1,530 = £16.34

Reduction of the numbers for the July-September 2016 and July-September 2017 periods would bring the scheduled numbers for these periods more in line with other periods for the project. This would enable the project to be delivered successfully. The project has been on RED for Periods 1 to 3 due to late monitoring returns for Periods 1 and 2 and incomplete finance monitoring returns for all three periods. The problems in relation to the finance monitoring returns were connected to the original match funding budget for the project which was based on SCP's original MSG application and was thus at too high a level. The Commissioners agreed at their Decision Making meeting on the 8th November that this match funding budget be reduced by 64%. This should assist SCP to make satisfactory finance monitoring returns for Periods 1 to 3 with the assistance of THCVS. SCP's LBTH Grant Officer has also offered support in this process.

4. Project Beneficiaries

The total estimated usage per year for you project is 480 geographically this is broken down as follows.

Cluster	Ward	Number
NW	Bethnal Green	13
	Spitalfields & Banglatown	12
	St Peter's	5
	Weavers	22
NE	Bow East	10
	Bow West	9
	Bromley North	5
	Bromley South	2
	Mile End	5
SW	Shadwell	276
	St Dunstan's	8
	Stepney Green	32
	St Katherine's and Wapping	31
	Whitechapel	8
SE	Blackwall & Cubitt Town	9
	Canary Wharf	4
	Island Gardens	6
	Lansbury	4
	Limehouse	9
	Poplar	10
	TOTAL	480

Please provide information to clarify how the requested variation to your project will affect the overall level of outputs and outcomes as set out within the above table. This information should include clarification of any anticipated changes to the number or range of targeted beneficiaries in terms of their protected characteristics/equality groups.

Variations in sections 3.4 and 3.5 will affect yearly beneficiary totals therefore will also affect ward totals. The above figures are estimates as the nature of the project doesn't allow for this level of detail. Some users can come and go without leaving any definite address details. The numbers of users from each post code will vary on a week to week basis depending how many and who attends. The above total is the collation of totals from each of the four yearly reporting periods.

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As indicated by SCP above, the new estimate for project beneficiaries by council ward are based on where project beneficiaries from September 2015 to September 2016 have lived. There would be a decrease in the percentage of beneficiaries from the South West ward cluster (-9.7%) and increases in the percentage of beneficiaries from the North West (5.6%), North East (3.2%) and South East (0.9%) clusters.

5. General

The completed form should be returned to your assigned Grant Officer together with any other information which has been requested.

You will be sent confirmation of receipt together with an estimate of the timeframe for a decision.

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	Oversight	Manager
Overall comments:	SCP has asked for reduction in beneficiaries for the July-September periods in 2016 and 2017 as it mistakenly failed to revise down its outputs for these periods when it agreed the Grant Offer for the project and when it put forward a significant variation request in October 2016. The original error was an administrative mistake which SCP believe arose due to challenges it faced in 2015 around funding and staff numbers. SCP is receiving assistance from THCVS to develop an organisation action plan which should hopefully remove the potential for such errors.	

	<p>The reduction in beneficiary numbers for July-September 2016 and for July-September 2017, by 100 beneficiaries each period, will make the beneficiary numbers for these periods more consistent with other periods and offer realistic targets for the project. As outlined on page 8, the revised project would offer a unit cost for beneficiaries supported which is 42% of the equivalent unit cost included in SCP's original application.</p>	
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>Variation is recommended for approval.</p>	
<p>Confirmation:</p>		
<p>Action:</p>		

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Variation to Grant Offer Letter

If you wish to seek a variation to your current Grant Offer Letter please complete and return this official request form. You will be contacted if any further information is required.

Your request will be considered and a decision made as soon as possible following receipt of all required information.

1. Organisation & Project Details:

1.1 Organisation name	Citizens Advice Bureau (East End CABx) – Lead Partner
1.2 Contact for correspondence	Ms Yasmin Alam
Project title	Tower Hamlets Borough Wide Advice (Partnership)
Project start date	01/09/2015
Total agreed Grant (over 3 Years)	£735,000.00
Partners	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DeafPlus - breakthrough Deaf and Hearing Integration, 2. Ocean Somali Community Association 3. Praxis 4. Tower Hamlets Community of Refugees from Vietnam

Please provide a general statement to explain why you are requesting a variation to your project (you may attach other information as required).

Tower Hamlets Chinese Association has made a request to withdraw from the partnership effective from January 2017.

We are proposing to deliver this contract to the Chinese Community through a partnership with the Tower Hamlets Community of Refugees from Vietnam from January 2017.

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One of the partners wishes to withdraw from the partnership. See below.

2. Project Funding & draw-down of Grant Award:

Set out below are details of the agreed project funding (*as per your Grant Offer Letter*). We have also provided details of the actual level of LBTH grant which you have received to date.

Agreed Project Funding					
2015/16			Sep/Dec	Jan/Mar	TOTAL
Council Grant Award			£81,668	£61,250	£142,918
Organisation own funds			£30,104	£22,578	£52,682
Other Project Funds			£	£	£
TOTAL			£111,772.00	£83,828	£195,600
Actual LBTH Grant					
Actual Grant Received			£81,668	£61,250	£142,918

2016/17	Apr/Jun	Jul/Sep	Oct/Dec	Jan/Mar	TOTAL
Council Grant Award	£61,250	£61,250	£61,250	£61,250	£245,000
Organisation own funds	£22,577	£22,578	£22,577	£22,578	£90,310
Other Project Funds	£	£	£	£	£
TOTAL	£83,827	£83,828	£83,827	£83,828	£335,310
Actual LBTH Grant					
Actual Grant Received	£61,250	£61,250	£0	£0	£122,500

2017/18	Apr/Jun	Jul/Sep	Oct/Dec	Jan/Mar	TOTAL
Council Grant Award	£61,250	£61,250	£61,250	£61,250	£245,000
Organisation own funds	£22,577	£22,578	£22,577	£22,578	£90,310
Other Project Funds	£	£	£	£	£
TOTAL	£83,827	£83,838	£83,827	£83,828	£335,310
Actual LBTH Grant					
Actual Grant Received	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0

2018/19	Apr/Jun	Jul/Aug		TOTAL
Council Grant Award	£61,250	£40,832		£102,082
Organisation own funds	£22,577	£15,052		£37,629
Other Project Funds	£	£		£
TOTAL	£83,827	£55,884		£139,711
Actual LBTH Grant				
Actual Grant Received	£0	£0		£0

Please provide information to clarify any requested variation to your project funding as set out above (you may attach a spreadsheet or other information as required).

Please see attached spread sheet.

A total of £22,987 funding for the period January 2017 – August 2018 to be allocated to Tower Hamlets Citizens Advice to deliver information, advice contract to the Chinese community in partnership with the Tower Hamlets Community of Refugees from Vietnam.

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The budget will not be varied. The request relates to one of the delivery partners withdrawing.

Set out below are details of the agreed project expenditure (as per you Grant Offer Letter).

Agreed Project Expenditure				
2015/16		Sep/Dec	Jan/Mar	TOTAL
Salaries		£48,754	£36,562	85,316
Beneficiary Costs		£	£	
Other Costs		£63,017	£47,267	110,284
TOTAL		£111,771	£83,829	£195,600

2016/17	Apr/Jun	Jul/Sep	Oct/Dec	Jan/Mar	TOTAL
Salaries	£36,559	£36,559	£36,559	£36,559	146,236
Beneficiary Costs	£	£	£	£	
Other Costs	£47,268	£47,269	£47,268	£47,269	189,074
TOTAL	£83,827	£83,828	£83,827	£83,828	335,310

2017/18	Apr/Jun	Jul/Sep	Oct/Dec	Jan/Mar	TOTAL
Salaries	£36,661	£36,661	£36,661	£36,661	146,644
Beneficiary Costs	£	£	£	£	
Other Costs	£47,167	£47,166	£47,167	£47,166	188,666
TOTAL	£83,828	£83,827	£83,828	£83,827	£335,310

2018/19	Apr/Jun	Jul/Aug		TOTAL
Salaries	£36,460	£24,307		£60,767
Beneficiary Costs	£	£		£
Other Costs	£47,367	£31,577		£78,944
TOTAL	£83,827	£55,884		£139,711

Please provide information to clarify any requested variation to your project expenditure as set out above (you may attach a spreadsheet or other information as required).

Tower Hamlets Chinese Association requested t to withdraw from the partnership effective from January 2017.

We are proposing to deliver this contract to the Chinese Community through a partnership with the Tower Hamlets Community of Refugees from Vietnam from January 2017.

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The impact of the proposed delivery changes will be limited as the service will be dedicated for local Chinese community. Social Welfare Advices Services delivered from Chrisp Street Market Idea Store, to ensure ease of access for local Chinese community in the area.

In addition both Chinese Association of Tower Hamlets and Tower Hamlets Vietnamese Refugee organisations will be referring clients. The CAB will work with both organisations to increase awareness of the services and monitor client engagement very closely, the service will be reviewed.

3. Project Outcomes Outputs/Activities

The information within tables 3.1 to 3.6 sets out details of the original outcomes and outputs that were agreed for your project and which are set out within your Grant Offer Letter

3.1 Targeted Project Outcomes

The service will provide generalist welfare benefits advice and will result in the following outcomes for clients accessing the service:

Our service will achieve the following outcomes:

1. Empowering 6,000 resident's per annum by informing them of their legal rights and responsibilities, particularly in relation to benefits, housing, debt and employment.
2. Maximising income and take-up of benefits and tax credit entitlements, particularly residents affected by welfare reforms and low income households moving into work -- increasing incomes by £2m pa and improving employment sustainability.
3. Reducing levels of debt through access to our qualified debt advisers and follow-up support on budget planning -- renegotiating £1m debt repayments and negotiating/writing-off £100,000 debts.
4. Increasing the community's awareness of housing rights and providing advocacy to sustain tenancies and prevent/reduce homelessness.
5. Help 6,000 clients to resolve their problems, with 60% of cases leading to demonstrably positive outcomes.
6. Help 6,000 clients to enhance their wellbeing and reduce stress.
7. Empower 6,000 clients to improve problem-solving and ability to navigate systems.

8. 6,000 clients increase sense of social and financial inclusion.

We will also aim to ensure that at least 60% of users achieve a positive outcome and our satisfaction rating surpasses 85% at 'Good' or 'Very Good' levels.

3.2 Targeted Project Milestones

Milestone

6,000 clients helped with 7,000 enquiries in each project year (pro-rata for first seven months -- 3,500 clients; 4,084 enquiries). The milestone target dates will be each year from 31/03/2016--31/03/2018.

31/03/2016

Milestone

£2 million income gained for residents in each project year (pro-rata for first seven months -- £1.17m) through increased benefit and tax credit take-up, successful appeals/reviews, income tax and utility rebates, charitable grants.

31/03/2016

Milestone

£1 million debts rescheduled/written-off for residents in each project year (£583,000 for first seven months) through debt advice and budgeting help.

31/03/2016

Milestone

500 homelessness cases prevented in each project year (292 cases for first seven months) through housing advice and advocacy.

31/03/2016

Milestone

4,200 problems (60% enquiries) result in demonstrably positive outcomes following advice in each project year (2,450 problems for first seven months).

31/03/2016

Milestone

4,000 clients report indirect improvement -- improved wellbeing, stress reduced, empowered, improved confidence etc. in each project year (2,333 clients for first seven months).

31/03/2016

3.3 Project Outputs			Sep/Dec 2015	Jan/Mar 2016	TOTAL
Number of new enquiries / new matter starts (NMS)			2,333	1,750	4,083
Number of clients assisted			2000	1,500	3,500
Number of residents referred to other organisations			533	400	933
Drop-in advice sessions			36	27	63
Telephone advice sessions			64	48	112
Evening advice sessions			16	12	28
Weekend advice sessions					0
Numbers of appointments			840	630	1,470

3.4 Project Outputs	Apr/Jun 2016	Jul/Sep 2016	Oct/Dec 2016	Jan/Mar 2017	TOTAL
Number of new enquiries / new matter starts (NMS)	1,750	1,750	1,750	1,750	7,000
Number of clients assisted	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	6,000
Number of residents referred to other organisations	400	400	400	400	1,600
Drop-in advice sessions	27	27	27	27	108
Telephone advice sessions	48	48	48	48	192
Evening advice sessions	12	12	12	12	48
Weekend advice sessions					0
Numbers of appointments	630	630	630	630	2,520

3.5 Project Output	Apr/Jun 2017	Jul/Sep 2017	Oct/Dec 2017	Jan/Mar 2018	TOTAL
Number of new enquiries / new matter starts (NMS)	1,750	1,750	1,750	1,750	7,000
Number of clients assisted	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	6,000
Number of residents referred to other organisations	400	400	400	400	1,600
Drop-in advice sessions	27	27	27	27	108
Telephone advice sessions	48	48	48	48	192
Evening advice sessions	12	12	12	12	48
Weekend advice sessions					0
Numbers of appointments	630	630	630	630	2,520

3.6 Project Output	Apr/Jun 2018	Jul/Sep 2018	Oct/Dec 2018	Jan/Mar 2019	TOTAL
Number of new enquiries / new matter starts (NMS)					
Number of new enquiries / new matter starts (NMS)	1,750	1,167			2,917
Number of clients assisted	1,500	1,000			2,500
Number of residents referred to other organisations	400	267			667

Drop-in advice sessions	27	18			45
Telephone advice sessions	48	32			80
Evening advice sessions	12	8			20
Weekend advice sessions					0
Numbers of appointments	630	420			1,050

Please provide information to clarify how the requested variation to your project will affect the levels of outputs / milestones and outcomes as set out within the above tables (you may attach a spreadsheet or other information as required).

There will be no change to the project target outputs, outcomes or overall grant from the authority. Instead of the Chinese Association delivering the advice service we will be delivering this service one day a week from the Crisp Street Idea Store, on a combination of drop in /appointments service.

We will operate on an appointment basis once the take up of the session increases. The Vietnamese Refugee group will be making referrals to Citizens Advice.

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The requested variation will have no impact on the agreed project outputs and outcomes.

The project is achieving / exceeding agreed targets. For the period covering Sept 2015 to Sept 2016 partners supported 6,901 clients exceeding agreed target of 6,000 p/a. In the same period they dealt with 9,553 new matter starts /new cases again exceeding the target of 7,583.

Going forward we are confident that the partners will continue to achieving / exceeding their targets.

4. Project Beneficiaries

The total estimated usage per year for you project is **6,000** geographically this is broken down as follows.

Cluster	Ward	Number
NW	Bethnal Green	462
	Spitalfields & Banglatown	694
	St Peter's	491
	Weavers	265
NE	Bow East	321
	Bow West	226
	Bromley North	180
	Bromley South	220
	Mile End	406
SW	Shadwell	293
	St Dunstan's	316
	Stepney Green	321
	St Katherine's and Wapping	243
	Whitechapel	417

Cluster	Ward	Number
SE	Blackwall & Cubitt Town	135
	Canary Wharf	192
	Island Gardens	107
	East India and Lansbury	440
	Limehouse	96
	Poplar	175
	TOTAL	6000

Please provide information to clarify how the requested variation to your project will affect the overall level of outputs and outcomes as set out within the above table. This information should include clarification of any anticipated changes to the number or range of targeted beneficiaries in terms of their protected characteristics/equality groups.

There will be no impact on the project if the variation is approved. We will work towards ensuring access for the Chinese community to information and advice. The Chinese community attend Chrisp Street market which is the reason we have decided to deliver the service from the Idea store, also will take direct referrals from Tower Hamlets Vietnamese Refugee group. We will work with the group to increase awareness of our services and monitor client engagement very closely. This will be reviewed monthly and quarterly update reports will be provided to London Borough of Tower Hamlets. We will also aim to recruit volunteers from the Chinese community, through our volunteer training programme.

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The proposed delivery changes will have no impact on agreed targets and budget. It is proposed that the lead partner delivers the advice sessions from Chrisp Street Market Idea Store, with referrals from Tower Hamlets Community of Refugees from Vietnam.

Purpose:

To agree the request for variation to the grant agreement.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that that the requested variation is approved.

5. General

The completed form should be returned to your assigned Grant Officer together with any other information which has been requested.

You will be sent confirmation of receipt together with an estimate of the timeframe for a decision.

	Oversight	Manager
Overall comments:		
Recommendation:		
Confirmation:		
Action:		

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Grants Forward Plan 2016/17


20 December 2016 – Commissioners Decision Making Meeting in Public

	Report Title	Lead Officer	Officer Confirmation	Notes
1	Exercise of Commissioners Discretion	Steve Hill		
2	Grants Forward Plan	Steve Hill		
3	MSG Quarterly Monitoring Report	Steve Hill / Zena Cooke		

14 February 2017 – Commissioners Decision Making Meeting in Public

	Report Title	Lead Officer	Officer Confirmation	Notes
1	Exercise of Commissioners Discretion	Steve Hill		
2	Grants Forward Plan	Steve Hill		
3	Event Fund Applications	Shazia Hussain / Steve Murray		

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<p>Non-Executive Report of the:</p> <p>Grants Scrutiny Sub Committee</p> <p>11th January 2017</p>	
<p>Report of: Graham White</p>	<p>Classification: Unrestricted</p>
<p>Update on Co-Production Pilot Project</p>	

Originating Officer(s)	Emily Fieran-Reed
Wards affected	All wards

Summary

The current Mainstream Grants (MSG) programme for Community Engagement, Cohesion and Resilience ends at the end of March 2017. Beyond that date, the Council will co-produce and co-commission activity for this theme – this is known as the Co-Production Pilot. This report has three elements:

1. A change to the original timetable of this co-commissioning such that delivery of the commissioned work on cohesion will now commence from 1st September 2017 rather than 1st April 2017.
2. An update on progress of the project to date
3. Details of the support that will be provided to Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) organisations to enable them to participate in co-production and to tender for commissioned contracts.

Recommendations:

The Grants Scrutiny Sub-Committee is recommended to:

1. Note the new timetable for the Co- Production Pilot Project
2. Note progress on the project to date
3. Note support which will provided to voluntary and community sector organisations to participate in the co- production process and bid for future funding

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

1.1 This report is for information only. No decisions are required.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

2.1 Not applicable.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

Background

3.1 The Council's Mainstream Grants (MSG) Programme is one of a range of funding sources available to Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) organisations within the borough to support their work on community engagement, cohesion and resilience. The Mainstream Grants Programme 2016-18 was restructured initially into 4 Themes but following a consultation event, the programme was structured into 5 themes with the additional theme 5 being Community Engagement, Cohesion and Resilience. This theme therefore does not have a history of being funded prior to the 2015/18 programme.

3.2 The 2015/18 MSG programme runs from 1 September 2015 to the end of August 2018. Whilst the grants for the other 4 themes were awarded for the full period of the grants programme, theme 5 only runs for a period of 19 months (September 2015 to March 2017). In the original MSG documentation, the Council's intention to continue to undertake activity in the area of cohesion beyond the period of the current grants was made clear.

3.3 In order to bring this work in line with the funding period for the other MSG Themes it is planned to fund further cohesion activity until the end of August 2018. The budget available for Community Engagement, Cohesion and Resilience activity is £105,000 per annum, which, over the period of the co-production pilot (until the end of August 2018) amounts to £148,750 in total.

3.4 In line with the Council's Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Strategy, it has been agreed that the future of Community Engagement, Cohesion and Resilience activity will be delivered by a process of co-production and co-commissioning. This will act as a pilot, which will build relationships and generate understanding and learning which can be subsequently used to scale up this approach across other Council areas.

Timetable

3.5 A timescale had originally been agreed for this pilot project, which would have seen delivery of the new contracts agreed under this process commencing on 01/04/2017. Due to difficulties in appointing suitable staff to deliver the project, and the need to ensure minimum standards for the quality of the project, the timescale has now slipped; consequently contract delivery will now commence by 01/09/2017. As the timetable allows a generous 3 months for

contract mobilisation prior to delivery, we will be encouraging funded organisations to commence delivery sooner, and therefore delivery could start as early as 1st June 2017. The delivery period will end at the end of August 2018, in accordance with the original timetable.

3.6 The total level of funding available for commissioning (£148,750) will remain the same as for the original timetable, with delivery over a shorter period (12 months rather than 17 months).

3.7 Overall Project Timetable

Task	Duration (working days)	Start	End
Project Management	24 weeks	18/10/2016	31/03/2017
Co-production and capacity building training and workshops	9 weeks	28/11/2016	29/01/2017
Preparation of tender documentation	1 week	30/01/2017	03/02/2017
Procurement and legal processes	2 weeks	04/02/2017	26/02/2017
Tender period	4 weeks	27/02/2017	26/03/2017
Tender evaluation and moderation	3.5 weeks	29/03/2017	09/05/2017
Procurement and legal documentation and processes to check evaluation and award decision	3 days	10/05/2017	30/05/2017
Contract/s Award by end of May		31/05/2017	31/05/2017
Contract Mobilisation	3 months	01/06/2017	31/08/2017
Contract Delivery Starts	1 year	01/09/2017	31/08/2018

Co-Production Pilot Progress to Date

3.8 The following have been achieved to date:

- Project manager appointed
- Contracts issued to New Economics Foundation (NEF) to provide training and facilitation support; and Professor Ted Cantle to provide cohesion training
- Delivery of workshop to Council Officers to explore co production and outcome frameworks
- 2 workshops developed for community and voluntary sector, key council staff and partners on co-production (Jan 11th and 26th)
- Community cohesion training session with Professor Ted Cantle developed (February 8th-morning)
- 2 facilitation sessions to co- produce an outcomes framework, specification and method statement developed (first session February 8th – afternoon).

Support to Voluntary and Community Sector

- 3.9 A fundamental aspect of effective co-production is building and maintaining trust. It is important that the Council acts in ways, which demonstrates to the VCS that they have a good understanding of the circumstances in which they are delivering services to local people. It is also important that the Council creates an environment, which enables future commissioned projects to have the maximum chance of achieving their outcomes as possible, and consequently obtains best value for the monies spent.
- 3.10 The Committee are therefore requested to note that the following opportunities for VCS organisations and the wider Tower Hamlets community have been created as part of this project:
- Co-production training
 - Community cohesion training
 - Participation in co-production session to develop an outcomes framework
 - Session to feed in comments on the draft specification
 - Training on developing consortia and partnerships with other organisations
 - Training on tendering for commissioning opportunities
- 3.11 Participation in these sessions is open to the public and would not place the recipient organisation in any privileged position in the next bidding round.

4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 4.1 This report provides an update on the timeline and activities in relation to commissioning the 'Community Engagement, Cohesion and Resilience' Activity which will now commence from September 2017 rather than April 2017.
- 4.2 There is an annual budget of £105k set aside for this service. The 12 month contract which will span both 2017/18 and 2018/19 is estimated to cost £148,750 in total and can be funded through the budget allocations in those respective years.

5. LEGAL COMMENTS

- 5.1 This report is providing an update regarding Mainstream Grants and the planned Theme 5 of the programme: Community Engagement, Cohesion and Resilience.
- 5.2 There is a need to ensure that the Council is, in fact, making a grant. Whilst there is no strict legal definition of grant, a grant is in the nature of a gift and is based in trust law. However, grants are often given for a purpose so it is sometimes unclear whether a grant has been made or the arrangement is a contract for services. A contract for services is not a grant and therefore, an

arrangement which is classified as a contract for services would be outside the remit of the power conferred upon the commissioners to approve.

5.3 In this case, there will be a commissioning process and an award of a contract for service. This is not a grant and therefore no decision is required.

5.4 The report makes reference to the refreshed Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Strategy and a key action within which was to consider moving Council grants, where appropriate, to an outcome based commissioned approach. This was reported to the Commissioners' Decision Making Meeting on 14th June 2016. The nature and timing of the Community Engagement, Cohesion and Resilience activity is such that it provides a vehicle to pilot this co-production approach that the Council has committed to in the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Strategy as referred to in the report.

6. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 The nature of the co production pilot is a direct contributor to the One Tower Hamlets vision. In particular, the proposed course of action, in co- producing and commissioning future cohesion activities, directly contributes to one of the One Tower Hamlets elements about developing community leadership.

7. BEST VALUE (BV) IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The course of action set out in the report i.e. co-production and commissioning of cohesion activities is designed to secure greater value for money. Through the commissioning process the Council can pay by results and secure robust outcomes as well as specifying more precisely what is being paid for. Evidence shows that the commissioning process which incorporates a needs' assessment, is more likely to produce outcomes and services that better meet the needs of the community

8. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

8.1 No environmental implications have been identified.

9. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There is a risk that some VCS organisations may choose to not participate in the co-production pilot; thereby the whole process will be weakened by their absence.

10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

10.1 It is hoped that by encouraging a wide as possible participation from VCS organisations and community members, a much more in depth understanding of local community cohesion can be developed, and consequently a joint response by the Council and local communities which more closely addresses local issues to improve long term cohesion outcomes.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)

List of “Background Papers” used in the preparation of this report

None

Officer contact details for documents:

- N/A