

Grants Determination (Cabinet) Sub – Committee 6 th November 2019	
Report of: Ann Sutcliffe, Corporate Director, Place Directorate.	Classification: Unrestricted
One Public Estate – Transfer of grant funds to Barts Health NHS Trust for the Whitechapel Development programme.	

Lead Member	Councillor Candida Ronald – Resources
Originating Officer(s)	Alan McCarthy – Interim Head of Asset Management
Wards affected	Whitechapel
Key Decision?	No
Forward Plan Notice Published	
Reason for Key Decision	
Community Plan Theme	

Executive Summary

This report requests approval from the Grants Determination Sub – Committee to “passport” on the One Public Estate (OPE) grant money of £150,000 awarded to The Council as lead partner for the Tower Hamlets Partnership to Barts Health NHS Trust.

Barts Health NHS Trust is the lead authority for The Barts Life Sciences Development cluster in Whitechapel, as such it was recognised before and throughout the bidding process to the OPE that, if the grant was secured it would be transferred to Barts Health NHS Trust.

Recommendations:

The Grants Determination Sub – Committee is recommended to authorise the Corporate Director of Place to:

1. Transfer (passport) the One Public Estate grant monies of £150k currently held in The Council's account to Barts Health NHS Trust.in accordance with the memorandum of understanding entered into by the Council and Barts.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 The £150k grant will enable Barts Health NHS Trust to progress the Life Sciences Development in Whitechapel. Initially £60k of the grant monies will be used to engage the local community and to define the employment and economic benefits of the new Life Sciences campus in Whitechapel. The grant money will also be used to appoint a Programme Manager who will be responsible for the delivery of One Public Estate objectives and to work with One Public Estate Regional Programme Managers.
- 1.2 The further funding of £90k will be used to extend this work, and to identify key worker housing needs that may be created by the development, in particular affordable housing options for Barts Heath staff and for additional affordable student housing as identified by Barts Health and Queen Mary University of London.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 There is the option of not transferring the grant funding and withdrawing from the MOU with One Public Estate, but this would result in a lost opportunity for the Council to lead and to enter into a collaborative arrangement with Barts that would ultimately benefit residents.

3. DETAILS OF THE REPORT

- 3.1 The Council applied for One Public Estate programme support in the form of a grant in connection with the proposed Barts Life Sciences Development in Whitechapel known as the Whitechapel Development programme, which will be developed by Bart's NHS Trust. The Life Sciences development is part of a wider mixed use project to include retail outlets and housing for key workers and students.
- 3.2 The formal application for the grant funding was submitted on 21st January 2019.
- 3.3 The Council as lead partner for the Tower Hamlets Partnership were awarded the £150K grant on 15th February 2019.

- 3.4 The conditions attached to the successful One Public Estate grant application are contained in a memorandum of understanding between The Local Government Association, The Cabinet Office of Government Property, The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and Tower Hamlets Partnership dated 8th March 2019.
- 3.5 The £150k grant money is currently held in The Council's account.
- 3.6 It was agreed that the £150k would be split with £60k being allocated initially to be used to engage the local community and to define the employment and economic benefits of the new Life Sciences Campus, and to employ a Programme manager who will be responsible for the delivery of One Public Estate objectives. The further funding of £90k will be used to extend this work and to identify key worker housing needs that may be created by the development.
- 3.7 The Council are the lead partner for the Tower Hamlets partnership.
- 3.8 The intention is to deliver the establishment of a OPE Community Partnership board, co-chaired by Barts Health and Queen Mary University of London.
- 3.9 It will consist of the following bodies:
- i) London Borough of Tower Hamlets
 - ii) Queen Mary University of London.
 - iii) Department of Health and Social Care.
 - iv) NHS Property Services.
 - v) Barts Health NHS Trust.
 - vi) Local business groups
 - vii) Local community groups.
- 3.10 The grant funding was to be used for the funding of wider public sector engagement to manage the identification and delivery of the potential benefits for the local community generated by the development.
- 3.11 The Life Sciences development in Whitechapel is intended to be a core part of the UK wide life sciences industrial strategy. The Life Sciences cluster will accelerate innovation and adoption of new health care products and services.
- 3.12 The Barts Life Sciences development is to be part of the wider mixed use project to optimise value for the Department of Health and Social Care.
- 3.13 The development provides a unique opportunity to co locate life sciences based activities with The Royal London, a major teaching hospital, and Queen Mary University of London, a leading Russell Group university.
- 3.14 As well as new clinical, teaching and research facilities, the cluster will attract pharmaceutical, medical technology, data and informatics commercial partners from start-ups to large multinational organisations.
- 3.15 The cluster will be supported by retail outlets and housing for key workers and students.

- 3.16 The development will also provide substantial direct economic, employment and training benefits for the local community. The One Public Estate partnership will enable these benefits to be identified and quantified, to support the case for development and then delivered with local ownership and engagement.
- 3.17 A legal document has been drafted by Bart's lawyers and has been approved by The Council's legal department to transfer the money from The Council to Barts Health NHS Trust.
- 3.18 Sub- Committee approval is required based on the advice from The Council's legal team that the transfer is still considered a grant even though The Council is not providing the money from its own resources.

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no direct equalities implications in making this decision, although there are benefits to the local community in terms of future employment and training opportunities..

5. OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This section of the report is used to highlight further specific statutory implications that are either not covered in the main body of the report or are required to be highlighted to ensure decision makers give them proper consideration. Examples of other implications may be:
- Best Value Implications,
 - Consultations,
 - Environmental (including air quality),
 - Risk Management,
 - Crime Reduction,
 - Safeguarding.

6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 6.1 The Council has received One Public Estate funding of £150k in connection with the Whitechapel Development Programme, to develop a life sciences campus.
- 6.2 The programme will be developed by Barts Health NHS Trust; one of the partners of the Tower Hamlets Partnership. The Council as lead partner applied for and received the One Public Estate funding, and it was recognised that once awarded the funding would be transferred to Barts Health NHS Trust.

- 6.3 This report seeks approval to transfer the funding. It is proposed this will be in two stages; £60k in the first instance followed by the remaining £90k, in accordance with the agreed milestones set out in paragraph 3.6.
- 6.4 The Memorandum of Understanding restricts the use of the funding to be spent in the delivery of the Whitechapel Development Programme.

7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES

- 7.1 This report recommends that the Grants Determination Sub – Committee to “passport” on the One Public Estate (OPE) grant money of £150,000 awarded to The Council as lead partner for the Tower Hamlets Partnership to Barts Health NHS Trust. Under the terms of a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) entered into between The Council, The Local Government Association, The Cabinet Office of Government Property, The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and Tower Hamlets Partnership dated 8th March 2019. The Council is legally obliged to transfer the grant funding to the Tower Hamlets Partnership to Barts Health NHS Trust. Failure to do so would require the Council to return the grant to the grant funder.
- 7.2 The Council is also obliged to ensure compliance with its Best Value Duty This means that it will have to ensure that any grant is made under terms that enable the proper monitoring of outcomes and to demonstrate that the money achieves the intended result. The Council must also ensure that any expenditure complies with the grant terms stated in the MOU.
- 7.3. 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). The recommendation will promote improved life chances and outcomes for recipients through the facilitation of The Barts Life Sciences Development cluster in Whitechapel and therefore complies with this duty.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- List any linked reports
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- State NONE if none.

Appendices

- List any appendices [if Exempt, Forward Plan entry MUST warn of that]
- State NONE if none.
- Memorandum of Understanding dated 8/3/2019 referred to in paragraph 3 of the report.

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

- List any background documents not already in the public domain including officer contact information.
- These must be sent to Democratic Services with the report
- State NONE if none.

Officer contact details for documents:

Or state N/A