

BUDGET COUNCIL 27TH FEBRUARY 2013

BUDGET AMENDMENT SUBMITTED BY CLLR RANIA KHAN

OFFICERS' ADVICE ON BUDGET AMENDMENT

General comments of the Chief Financial Officer

The proposals total £279,000 on a one-off basis and can be funded from unallocated resources identified through additional savings identified during the budget process.

General comments of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal)

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Item:

Events celebrating our older and disabled residents and the work of the third sector (£150,000)

Officers' comments:

In relation to celebrating older and disabled resident's contributions, this supports our community leadership role in tackling the perceptions of local people where this may lead to discrimination, harassment or hate crime. It is advisable to link any new initiatives with events already planned in relation to achieving One Tower Hamlets, specifically in relation to International Day for Disabled People on 3rd December, local annual events for International Day of Older People (October) and World Mental Health Day (October). There are also on-going events or one-off events – e.g. a Bangladeshi Mental Health Awareness day on 6th March.

In addition, it is advisable to link any new events into tackling specific issues for example the Time to Change Pledge in relation to mental health and also hate crime against people with a learning disability, which we know impacts on people's ability to take part in everyday community life, including employment.

Additional Financial comments (if any)

None

Additional Legal comments (if any)

This proposal would be subject to an EqlA prior to implementation.

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Item:

People's History Plaque Scheme (£4,000)

Officers' comments:

None

Additional Financial comments (if any)

None

Additional Legal comments (if any)

None

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Item:

Part time apprenticeships in creative industries (£125,000)

Officers' comments:

This would effectively mean 10 (1 year) apprenticeships funded at London Living Wage for 24 hours per week plus £9k management costs. An apprenticeship has appropriate training programme attached to it and therefore will need adequate time to complete the required level of qualification which makes it an apprenticeship.

Additional Financial comments (if any)

None

Additional Legal comments (if any)

A fair and transparent process for recruitment would be required.