


<p align="center">Individual Mayoral Decision Proforma</p> <p align="center">Decision Log No: (29)</p>	 <p align="center">TOWER HAMLETS</p>
<p>Report of: Anne Canning: Corporate Director, Education, Social Care and Wellbeing</p>	<p>Classification: Unrestricted</p>
<p align="center">New Lunchclub Development</p>	

Is this a Key Decision?	No
Decision Notice Publication Date:	
General Exception or Urgency Notice published?	Not required
Restrictions:	None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 Social isolation and loneliness are often considered to be particular problems of older age. Reduced social contact, loneliness, isolation and being alone are thought to affect older people's quality of life and their health. However, little attention is given to the needs of older people living in multigenerational households, particularly those in overcrowded households which is an acute problem of this Borough.
- 1.2 The recent round of Mainstream Grants (MSG) awarded funding (from 1st January 2013 to 31st March 2015) to 33 lunch clubs across the borough targeting a wide range of older residents, including BME communities and users with dementia. The detailed Equalities Impact Assessment supporting the process did not address issues of overcrowding but additional data has been gathered which identifies wards where multigenerational households are prevalent.
- 1.3 Members have asked that focus is given to the areas of highest prevalence of multigenerational families in the development of new lunch clubs to provide some respite to affected families.
- 1.4 The proposal for additional lunch clubs was supported as part of 2013-14 budget process through the £954k funding for Accelerated Delivery workstreams to the sum of £152k.
- 1.5 The papers taken to the Corporate Grants Programme Board on 23rd April are attached as Appendices One and Two.

DECISION

- 2.1 The Mayor is asked to confirm the recommendations of the Corporate Grants Programme Board to enable the programme of developing new lunchclubs in areas of multigenerational overcrowding, as noted below.
- The availability of funding for the proposal
 - The proposal to prioritise the development of the lunchclub provision based on available data and information being gathered from services
 - The process for applying for the grant as set out in Section 6 of the report.
- 2.2 The Mayor is also asked to delegate the funding decisions to the Corporate Director of Education, Social Care and Wellbeing having consulted with the Mayor

Finance Comments

- 3.1 The paper seeks mayoral confirmation/approval to proceed with the development of new lunch clubs utilising funding from the accelerated delivery programme.
- 3.2 Funding of £152k is required to support the development of new lunch clubs detailed in this paper. This funding has been secured through the 2013-14 budget process from the £954k earmarked for the accelerated delivery programme.

Legal Comments

- 4.1 Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 gives the Council a general power of competence to anything that individuals generally may do unless specifically prohibited by law. This power may also support the giving of grants to community groups.
- 4.2 In exercising this power, the Council should have regard to its strategy set out in its Community Plan and 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. Age is one of the specified characteristics in section 4 of that Act.
- 4.3 The Executive Mayor does have the power to delegate the individual funding decision making to an officer in this case the Director of Education Social Care and Wellbeing

APPROVALS

1. **(If applicable) Corporate Director proposing the decision or his/her deputy**

I approve the attached report and proposed decision above for submission to the Mayor.

Signed *Mike Canning* Date 16/05/13

2. **Chief Finance Officer or his/her deputy**

I have been consulted on the content of the attached report which includes my comments.

Signed *C. Hume* Date 16/5/13

3. **Monitoring Officer or his/her deputy**

I have been consulted on the content of the attached report which includes my comments.

(For Key Decision only – delete as applicable)

I confirm that this decision:-

(a) has been published in advance on the Council's Forward Plan OR

(b) is urgent and subject to the 'General Exception' or 'Special Urgency' provision at paragraph 18 or 19 respectively of the Access to Information Procedure Rules.

Signed *J. Bell* Date 17/5/13

4. **(If the proposed decision relates to matters for which the Head of Paid Service has responsibility) Head of Paid Service**

I have been consulted on the content of the attached report which includes my comments where necessary.

Signed *[Signature]* Date

5. **Mayor**

I agree the decision proposed above for the reasons set out in the attached report.

Signed *[Signature]* Date 21/5/13

DECISION

I have considered the above information and advice on the development of an additional lunchclubs programme for areas where there are multi generational families, as detailed in the report.

I have considered whether or not this is a Key Decision under Article 13 of the Constitution. In making this decision I am of the view that:-

- The funding for these grant awards will be limited.
- The funding decisions are not of such import to result in substantial public interest.
- The funding involved in the proposed award is relatively insignificant compared with total grant funding being given over to lunch clubs.
- Taken together with this project, total current funding for lunch club activity via the current round of Mainstream Grants is £1,059,000. The proposed award therefore represents only 14% of total grants currently deployed for lunch clubs.

In light of the above and taking all other considerations in to account, I am content that the lunchclubs' provision should be extended by these additional awards as recommended by the Corporate Grants Board is a non key decision.

I have decided to accept the recommendation of the Corporate Grants Board and I agree that the lunchclubs' provision should be extended and I delegate the funding decisions to the Corporate Director of Education, Social Care and Wellbeing in consultation with myself .

My decision is based on the following reason:-

- The extension of the lunchclubs will represent benefits to a section of the Tower Hamlets community which needs respite from their overcrowded conditions.

Signed

Executive Mayor

Dated