


<b>Individual Mayoral Decision</b> Decision Log No: (To be inserted by Democratic Services) <sup>38</sup>	 <b>TOWER HAMLETS</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Anne Canning, Interim Corporate Director, Education, Social Care and Well Being	<b>Classification:</b> [Unrestricted or Exempt]
Da'watul Islam - 'Girls Talk' Project	

<b>Is this a Key Decision?</b>	<b>No as the grant award is less than the £150k</b>
<b>Decision Notice Publication Date:</b>	<b>N/A as not a key decision</b> The approval sought is not regarded as a key decision for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The amount of funds being proposed in this round of awards is insufficient compared with the overall amount of third sector grant giving. In the current financial year, total grants awarded by the Council amount to £6.8m.</li> <li>• The project currently proposed together totals some £40k in grant funding. This represents less than 1% of grant awards in the current year.</li> </ul>
<b>General Exception or Urgency Notice published?</b>	<b>Not required</b>
<b>Restrictions:</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 'Girls Talk' Project was previously funded through Home Office, Communities Against Crime Innovation Fund.

The need for the project was established through research and prior work undertaken by Da'watul Islam UK & Eire, who have amassed considerable experience in tackling this difficult and complex subject.

The project achieved positive outcomes and engaged a large number of girls through their innovative and proven method of effective engagement through partnerships with a number of the borough's secondary schools.

The new project will be refined and enhanced and will incorporate the experiences and lesson learned from the previous project, and will redesign an improved capacity building training course, which will be accredited.

The 'Girl's Talk' project is conceived and designed to directly engage girls and young women who are susceptible to being influenced by gang-type behaviour within environments such as schools and youth clubs and are vulnerable to becoming involved with gangs outside of school/youth clubs.

The project's overall outcome is to reduce/prevent the increase of girls being involved in gang culture. It seeks to educate and build awareness amongst girls of the negative impact of gang culture, its consequences and associated dangers.

As this has been a successful pilot which links closely with the Mayors Priorities on youth support and crime and antisocial behaviour reduction and as the original source of funding has come to an end it is proposed that grant funding be approved for a further year to support the project through the Council's Mainstream Grants Programme. The annual cost of the project is £40k.

The funding will be conditional on it being drawn down against a detailed project plan and binding legal agreement with the Council and it being set against the evidenced delivery outputs and outcomes contained therein and that these agreements are in place before any funds are released. The above being subject to any clarifications from the applicants considered necessary by the Council to further establish value for money, measurable outputs and outcomes and any necessary referral pathway protocols or other requirements specific to safeguarding.

The programme will be monitored through the Council's internal MSG processes.

The Corporate Grants Programme Board agreed on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2013 to recommend to the Mayor that the Girls Talk Project, run by Da'watul Islam, proposal be granted £40k of MSG funding.

## **DECISION**

The Mayor is asked to approve the award of £40k to support the continuation of the above project.

**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 *Aime Canning* Date *01/07/13*

**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. Ho* Date *3/7/13*

**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 *10/7/13*

**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 ..... Date .....

**5. Mayor**

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

Signed *[Signature]* Date *16/7/13*