


Individual Mayoral Decision Proforma Decision Log No: <u>43</u>	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Anne Canning, Corporate Director, ESCW	Classification: Unrestricted
Mainstream Grants Programme – Prevention Health and Wellbeing	

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Council recognises that Third Sector Organisations have a vital role to play within our community and make a key contribution to delivering our shared Community Plan and our Transforming Social Care programme that enables people to have control of their own health and social care.
- 1.2 The role of prevention and “targeted universal” services is key within the Care Bill, so it can be argued that this grants programme will contribute to the Council’s capacity to ensure such services are provided.
- 1.3 The new round of funding of MSG 2013 – 2015 under the funding stream of Prevention, Health and Wellbeing will contribute to outcomes of improved health and wellbeing of vulnerable adults living in Tower Hamlets.
- 1.4 This report sets out the background to the award of this tranche of the Mainstream Grants and outlines the funding priorities and eligibility criteria.
- 1.5 The report also proposes a series of recommendations for award which have been validated by the Corporate Grants Board , for the Mayor to consider and approve.
- 1.6 Full details of the decision sought, including reasons for the recommendations and/or all the options put forward; other options considered; background information; the comments of the Chief

Finance Officer and Head of Legal; Services; implications for One Tower Hamlets; Risk Assessment; Background Documents; and other relevant matters are set out in the attached report.

- 1.7 The papers were discussed and agreed at the Corporate Grants Programme Board on Tuesday, 17th September 2013.

DECISION

I have considered the above information and advice on the award of Mainstream Grant for Prevention Health and Wellbeing 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 of these grant awards will be limited.
- The funding decisions are not of such import to result in substantial public interest
- The total funding available for these projects, is £613,600 from the Mainstream Grant funding stream and £66,000 from Public Health. This totals £679,000 for the award of the two year contracts.

In light of the above, and taking all other considerations into account, I am content that the award of these contracts 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 the contracts should be award as outlined.

My decision is based on the following reason:

- The award of these contracts will contribute to the health and wellbeing of the Tower Hamlets community.

APPROVALS

1. The Corporate Director proposing the decision or his/her deputy

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

Signed ...  ... Date 27 09 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  Date 30/9/13

3. Monitoring Officer or his/her deputy

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


Signed  Date 30/9/13

4. Mayor

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

Signed  Date 03/10/13



Individual Mayoral Decision 27 th September 2013	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Anne Canning – Interim Director Education, Social Care and Wellbeing	Classification: Unrestricted
Mainstream Grants: Prevention, Health and Wellbeing	

Lead Member	Cllr Abdul Asad
Wards affected	All wards
Community Plan Theme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A healthy community ▪ A prosperous community ▪ A safe and supportive community

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Mayor is recommended to:

- To note the content of this report
- To agree the revised timeframe for the grant agreement
- To agree the awards as identified in Appendix One
- To delegate officers to re-negotiate outputs and outcomes in line with the value of the contract award, and
- To carry forward underspend from 2013-14 to 2014-15 to offset identified overspend.

3. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

3.1 To agree the award of the Prevention, Health and Wellbeing Mainstream Grants to enable Tower Hamlets residents to access services which contribute to their health and wellbeing.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 To award funding closer to the amounts originally requested by organisations but note that this would limit the number of organisations that could be supported**
- 4.2 To take this funding as an efficiency savings and not make any award which may impact on the survival of our third sector partners and may impact on the future health and wellbeing of our residents.**

5. BACKGROUND

5.1 This report is being presented for agreement to a range of recommendations for the award of the Prevention, Health and Wellbeing Mainstream Grant.

6. BODY OF REPORT

Background

6.1 This report sets out the background to the award of this tranche of mainstream grants held within the Adults Services within Education, Social Care and Wellbeing. The theme for this tranche of funding is very wide within the heading "prevention, health and wellbeing" and has historically been used to support smaller, local organisations, filling gaps in provision by commissioned services, many of which are larger statutory or large national organisations. Most commissioned services are for FACS eligible Tower Hamlets residents. By contrast, Mainstream Grants have been used for open access services,

focussed on prevention. Currently, this programme funds ten organisations with an individual grant value of £3,000 to £40,000 (averaging £10,396 per annum). Members should note that one organisation for whom funding was originally agreed, closed during the grant period.

- 6.2 The role of prevention and “targeted universal” services is key within the Care Bill, so it might be argued that this grants programme will contribute to the Council’s capacity to ensure such services are provided .

Funding priorities

- 6.3 The priority of this budget stream is to contribute to services that:

- respond to health and wellbeing issues faced by the borough’s vulnerable adult residents;
- have flexibility to meet new and emerging needs and respond to the multiple and complex needs of the target group;
- support service users to be healthy and independent;
- give service users genuine choice, control and dignity; and,
- keep vulnerable adults safe from abuse, harm or neglect.

- 6.4 These priorities were deemed sufficiently flexible to accommodate projects across all client groups and across all protected characteristics and were consulted and agreed upon by the Lead Member, Cllr Abdul Asad.

- 6.5 Organisations that chose to apply have had to demonstrate that they have relevant quality assurance standards in place and meet local needs. Furthermore, they have to demonstrate equality of access to activities across the nine protected characteristics and give due regard to the public sector general equality duty as set out in the Equality Act 2010.

- 6.6 Organisations were strongly encouraged to work innovatively in partnership with other organisations/agencies and to demonstrate the sustainability of their project beyond the life of the grant.

Funding Eligibility

- 6.7 To be considered for funding, organisations have had to meet a number of eligibility criteria including:

- propose projects that benefit people who live in Tower Hamlets;
- be a not for profit voluntary sector group based in the borough;
- have a governing document that sets out their aims and objects and complies with the reporting requirement of the Charity Commission;
- have an up to date equalities and diversity policy and safeguarding children and vulnerable adults policy in place,
- have clear financial management procedures and be financially viable.

Application assessment

- 6.8** Officers carried out preliminary assessments of all applications from eligible organisations to establish how well they meet the agreed set of criteria. Applications were also expected to show that they have effective systems in place to record and monitor agreed project outcomes and milestones; and, that they are able to comply with the Council's quarterly reporting requirements. The assessments were then moderated with the input of Members and the recommendations for the Corporate Grants Board were compiled.
- 6.9** The Mainstream Grant funding available for the programme is £242,000 per annum. Applications for grant funding over a 30 month period were invited through advertisements in East End Life (6th May 2013 edition), on the Council's website (week commencing 6th May 2013), the Third Sector Team bulletin (7th May 2013) and through Tower Hamlets Community Voluntary Service (week commencing 6th May 2013) and an e-mail advising current providers of the advert was sent out on 7th May 2013. An application workshop was held on 22nd May 2013 to enable officers to support organisations in the application process.
- 6.10** A record number of applications were received, totalling 57, of which eight were from current providers. The total funding applied for was £1.4m (per annum) against the available funding – an oversubscription of nearly six times. In view of this overwhelming response, following discussion with Lead Members, Members proposed that this grants programme be reduced from 30 months to 24 months to enable the funding to reach a wider group of organisations and services. Additional funding has also been made available through Public Health funds due to the number of applications that have a strong focus on increasing health outcomes for our residents. This funding will support three organisations identified as having particular Public Health outcomes.
- 6.11** The range of organisations selected is wide in order to maximise the types of services to match the diverse needs of the Borough. The final decision will be made by the Mayor after recommendations are confirmed by Corporate Grants Programme Board.

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- 6.12** £242,000 per year will be available for the adults element of the Education, Social Care and Wellbeing funding stream during the period 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16. However, for the financial year 2013/14 the available budget will be £129,600 which reflects just over 50% of the funding, as the remainder was used on a six month extension of the existing projects to 30th September 2013¹. Letters

¹ This is more than 50% of the annual budget due to the early closure of one commissioned organisation

confirming this were sent to the existing projects on 4th February 2013, to ensure compliance with the Compact.

- 6.13** The available MSG funding for the 30 month period (initially proposed to be 1st October 2013 to 31st March 2015) totals £613,600. In addition, Public Health have contributed £66,000 over the two year period to support health outcomes for our communities, which totals, £679,600.
- 6.14** Members recommended that 35 organisations be offered grant at levels between £5,000 and £18,000 per annum and totalling £335,500. The average award would be £9,586
- 6.15** Given the number of proposed awards, the value of each individual recommended award is substantially less than that applied for and officers will need to renegotiate service levels and outputs before the grant agreements can be concluded and payments made. Officers will work closely with the providers to establish realistic outcomes.
- 6.16** This will take some time. Experience shows that for the lunchclubs funded through Mainstream Grant, it took nearly three months to negotiate new outputs and outcomes and get agreement on the grant agreements
- 6.17** The organisations recommended for MSG funding are listed at Appendix. 1 It is proposed that the seven organisations whose current grants are due to expire on 30th September 2013, are prioritised by Officers to renegotiate the outputs and outcomes that can be achieved through the reduced offer to try to achieve a degree of continuity as far as possible.
- 6.18** Therefore, it is proposed that grants for these seven organisations start on 1st October 2013 and the remaining 28 organisations start on 1st January 2014 to enable officers the time needed to negotiate achievable outputs and outcomes for the reduced offer.
- 6.19** It is recognised that these grants will expire earlier than originally intended and consideration will need to be given in the budget preparations for 2014/15 as to the availability of funding for a further round of MSG grants.
- 6.20** Officers will report back to the Corporate Grants Programme Board and the Mayor at the end of the first year of grant award to confirm financial position.
- 6.21** 22 organisations have not been recommended for funding. These organisations are listed at Appendix 2.

Impact on currently funded organisations

- 6.22 Of these recommended organisations, seven organisations are in receipt of current Mainstream Grant funding, which comes to an end on 30th September 2013. Although the proposed future award is less than the organisations had applied for, it is believed that future commissioning/procurement opportunities, and the implementation of Personal Budgets for Carers will offer potential for these organisations to continue to offer services, with funding through other channels.
- 6.23 As already noted, one organisation currently funded by this Mainstream Grant funding stream closed during the grant period and did not reapply for this round. Two other currently funded organisations also did not reapply.
- 6.24 One currently funded organisation is not recommended for award as it is a duplication of a service they are currently funded to provide under another funding stream.

7. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 7.1 A total of £792,000 is available over the 3 year period 2013/14 to 2015/16 to be awarded to third sector organisations under the councils 'Prevention, Health and Wellbeing' MSG funding stream. £726,000 of this is funded from the councils base budget and a further £66,000 has been secured from the Public Health Grant.
- 7.2 The paper recommends that this allocation be awarded to 35 different organisations for a duration of 24 months, as detailed in Appendix 1. The total value of awards is £783,39 leaving only £8,609 unallocated in the third year.
- 7.3 While there is sufficient funding to cover the level of awards recommended, on the basis of the level of disparity between amounts requested and amounts awarded, there is a risk that the level of allocations awarded to some organisations may not be sufficient for them to deliver the level or quality of service desired.
- 7.4 The duration profile of grant awards recommended also means that council funding of all of these schemes will cease part way through 2015/16 and thus additional funding will need to be identified should we wish for these services to continue to the end of 2015/16. An additional £70,000 would allow for all of these services to continue to the end of 2015/16.

8. COMMENTS OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (LEGAL SERVICES)

- 8.1 The Council has various statutory powers, which enable it to provide grant funding to organisations to undertake a variety of activities including Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 which gives the Council a general power of competence to anything that individuals generally may do unless specifically prohibited by law. This power may be used to support the giving of grants to community groups.
- 8.2 The current report deals with the award of new grant funding and in view of the decreased amounts being awarded and the shorter grant period officers will need to negotiate the service levels before the grant agreements can be concluded. The Council will ensure it is complying with its duty under Section 3 of the Local Government Act 1999 by monitoring these agreed service levels. The duty requires best value authorities, including the Council, 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”.
- 8.3 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. Information is provided in the report is relevant to these considerations.

9. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

- 9.1 The service specification supports three of the four themes of the Community Plan:

A healthy community

The Prevention, Health and Wellbeing (PHW) grants services will contribute to the healthy community theme by promoting independence and supporting the prevention agenda and offer healthy living and exercise activities and health promotions

- **A prosperous community**

The PHW grants will contribute to the prosperous community theme by signposting service users to benefits and welfare advice.

- **A safe and supportive community**

The PHW grants will contribute to the safe and supportive community theme by promoting peer support and volunteering and ensuring that services are safe to use for service users

- 9.2 It is sought to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by people due to their protected characteristics through promotion of services in different formats and languages, to reach underrepresented groups and monitoring of equality and diversity.
- 9.3 Due regard is given to taking steps to meet the needs of people from protected groups where these are different from the needs of other people. The Services will ensure that they offer a range of services to meet the needs of a wide range of clients ranging from those with learning disabilities, physical disabilities and long term conditions. Special focus is given to providing services to the diverse faith and ethnic communities in Tower Hamlets through culturally appropriate best practice, a diverse workforce reflecting the community they service and a range of language skills.
- 9.4 Due regard is given to encourage people from protected groups to participate in public life or in other activities where their participation is disproportionately low through volunteering, and engagement in shaping services and decision that affect their own lives, such as involvement in user groups.

10. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

- 10.1 There are no immediate sustainability or environmental issues to consider. The prospective service providers, as organisations within the borough, would be required to comply with all national and local legislation regarding energy conservation, recycling etc. As services will be provided locally, most of their staff would be local too, thereby reducing commuting.

11. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 The Equalities Impact Assessment attached as Appendix Four Indicates that the overarching intention for the awards shows a positive impact with regard to the protected characteristics. However, until negotiations have been concluded with these providers on the reduced funding proposed, there is significant risk that the providers cannot operate within this funding envelope. This could mean that some of the schemes may not be viable. If that is the case then the matter will be referred back to the Corporate Grants Board for consideration

12. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 There are no crime and disorder reduction implications.

13. EFFICIENCY STATEMENT

- 13.1 The award of grants that respond to the health and wellbeing issues faced by the borough's vulnerable adult residents, and offer improved outcomes for residents may have a longer term impact on the spend against commissioning budgets in the future.

14. APPENDICES

- Appendix One – Applicants recommended for a Mainstream Grant Prevention, Health and Wellbeing
- Appendix Two – Applicants NOT recommended for a Mainstream Grant Prevention, Health and Wellbeing
- Appendix Three – Financial Impact of Mainstream Grant Prevention, Health and Wellbeing
- Appendix Four – Equalities Impact Assessment



Applicants Recommended for a MSG PHW award

Ref. #	Organisation Name	Project Title	Requested amount (£ per annum pro rata)	Recommended award (£ per annum pro rata)	Service Delivery Areas/s	Brief description of project (inc. proposed target group)
1	Toynbee Hall	Dignify	29,145	7,500	Boroughwide	Raising awareness around abuse of older people
2	Tower Hamlets Friends and Neighbours	Befriending services for older, isolated and vulnerable people	42,888	10,500	Boroughwide	Befriending service for housebound vulnerable adults, predominantly older people
3	Women's Health and Family Services	Somali Elders' Health Project	29,970	9,000	Boroughwide	Social and health-related activities for older Somali residents
4	MIND in Tower Hamlets	Wellbeing Service	34,357	10,000	Boroughwide	A range of services, including work placements, for users with Mental Health needs
5	Family Action	Somali Adult Mental Health Promotion	29,928	7,500	Boroughwide	Workshops and 1:1 support for young Somali adults with Mental Health needs.
6	Ability Bow	Fitness for All	28,631	10,000	Boroughwide	Gym-based exercise sessions for users with disabilities.
7	Black Women's Health and Family Support	BWHAFS' Older Women and Carers' Health and Fitness Programme	9,040	7,500	Boroughwide	Series of health-related events for older Somali women
8	Bromley by Bow Centre	Healthy Lifestyles	22,546	5,000	LAP6 - Bromley-by-Bow LAP6 - Mile End East LAP5 - Bow East LAP5 - Bow West	Health-related activities and outreach for older people

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9	Wapping Bangladesh Association	The 60+ Better Health Project	25,740	7,500	LAP4 - St Katharine's and Wapping	Health advice support for older BME residents
10	London Buddhist Arts Centre	Breathing Space free places scheme	24,614	15,000	Boroughwide	Free places on Breathing Space courses and retreat for users with Mental Health issues
11	St Peter's Bengali Association	St Peter's BME Older People's Healthy Living Project	20,675	7,500	LAP1 - Bethnal Green North LAP2 - Bethnal Green South	Social and health-related activities for older BME residents
12	Alzheimer's Society	Tower Hamlets Dementia Inclusion Project	30,000	15,000	Boroughwide	Dementia awareness raising amongst BME communities
13	Osmani Trust	Shaati	29,609	18,000	Boroughwide	Befriending project, including 1:1 and health and social activities, for women
14	Praxis Community Projects Ltd	Praxis Health Check	29,976	7,500	Boroughwide	Advocacy, health workshops and peer support for vulnerable adult migrants/refugees
15	Green Candle Dance Company	Dance for Health for Older People	30,083	9,000	LAP1 - Weavers LAP1 - Mile End and Globe Town LAP1 - Bethnal Green North LAP2 - Bethnal Green South LAP3 - Whitechapel LAP8 - Blackwall and Cubitt Town	Dance sessions for older people
16	Community of Refugees from Vietnam – East London	Promoting independence and enhancing emotional, psychological and physical wellbeing in Vietnamese and Chinese elderly people	29,761	5,000	Boroughwide	Befriending and outreach for older Vietnamese and Chinese residents
17	Age UK East London	Potential	30,109	10,000	Boroughwide	Peer support and combating stigma around Mental Health issues

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18	Island Neighbourhood Project	The John Tucker Club	28,131	14,000	LAP8 - Millwall LAP8 - Blackwall and Cubitt Town	Social and health-related activities for older people
19	DeafPLUS - Breakthrough Deaf and Hearing Integration	Tower Hamlets Deaf Health & Wellbeing	20,589	15,000	Boroughwide	A range of services for deaf residents and their carers
20	Bangladesh Youth Movement	"Live Healthy, Enjoy Life" [The Bangladeshi Female Health Development & Volunteer Project]	27,372	15,000	LAP2 - Spitalfields and Banglatown LAP3 - Whitechapel LAP3 - St Dunstan's and Stepney Green LAP4 - Shadwell LAP4 - St Katharine's and Wapping	Health activities and volunteering opportunities for Bangladeshi women
21	Social Action For Health	Peer Support Network	29,500	12,500	Boroughwide	Peer support for users with disabilities, including Mental Health issues.
22	Jagonari Women's Educational Resource Centre	Out and About (OAA)	30,000	7,500	LAP2 - Spitalfields and Banglatown LAP3 - Whitechapel LAP4 - Shadwell	Drop-in sessions and health-related activities for older BME (chiefly Bangladeshi) women
23	Rainbow Hamlets	LGBT Adult Health and Wellbeing	29,987	10,500	Boroughwide	Outreach for older LGBT residents
24	Golden Moon Youth Project	Healthy Transitions	22,820	7,500	LAP4 - Shadwell LAP4 - St Katharine's and Wapping	Volunteering opportunities for young Bangladeshi adults to deliver a range of health-related activities
25	The Royal London Society for Blind People	Cooking for Life	9,890	7,500	Boroughwide	Cookery/nutrition lessons for Blind or Partially Sighted (BPS) residents
26	Weavers Community Forum (WCF)	Resilient	27,826	10,000	LAP1 - Weavers LAP1 - Bethnal Green North LAP2 - Spitalfields and Banglatown	Lunch club, with social and health-related activities, for older Bangladeshi and Somali residents

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27	Brick Lane Women and Girls Project	Senior Leader	21,374	7,500	LAP2 - Spitalfields and Banglatown LAP3 - Whitechapel	Coffee mornings, with social and health-related activities, for older Bangladeshi and Somali women.
28	Ensign Youth Club	Unity	26,037	6,000	LAP4 - St Katharine's and Wapping LAP4 - Shadwell	Coffee mornings, with social and health-related activities, for older Bangladeshi and Somali residents.
29	Ocean Women's Association	Ocean Women Helping Women	35,628	9,000	LAP3 - St Dunstan's and Stepney Green	Drop-in-sessions offering support and advice to older BME women.
30	Bijoy Youth Group	Hope for Vulnerable	16,800	6,000	LAP4 - Shadwell LAP7 - Limehouse	Coffee mornings with social and health-related activities for older BME residents.
31	The Rooted Forum (TRF)	Bridging The Gap	30,060	12,000	LAP4 - St Katharine's and Wapping LAP4 - Shadwell	Intergenerational project, running IT training sessions for older people.
32	Neighbours in Poplar	Silver Hamlets	Not specified	7,500	LAP7 - East India and Lansbury LAP7 - Limehouse LAP8 - Blackwall and Cubitt Town LAP8 - Millwall	Healthy eating/cooking sessions, ICT training and online surgeries for older people.
33	Our Base LTD	HealthWorks	30,000	10,500	LAP2 - Spitalfields and Banglatown	Service including befriending, welfare advice and health-related activities for older people and young adults.
34	Isle of Dogs Bangladeshi Association and Cultural Centre	IoD Bangladeshi Pensioners Club.	11,620	6,000	LAP8 - Blackwall and Cubitt Town	Advice sessions and users groups for older Bangladeshi residents
35	MENCAP Tower Hamlets	Tower Hamlets Mencap / Gateway Club	41,992	10,000	Boroughwide	Club for users with learning disabilities
		TOTAL	916,698	335,500		

Key

Project is currently in receipt of MSG funding from this funding stream

¹ Ref # 20, 22 and 23 are funded by Public Health. All others are funded by Mainstream Grants Prevention Health and Wellbeing funding.

Applicants NOT Recommended for a MSG PHW award

Ref. #	Organisation Name	Project Title	Requested amount (£ per annum pro rata)	Service Delivery Area/s	Brief description of project (inc. proposed target group)
1	Citizens Advice Bureau (East End CABx)	'Real Answers' Advice Project	30,000	Boroughwide	Advice and Information service for users with disabilities.
2	Toynbee Hall	Surma	14,440	Boroughwide	Coffee mornings, including social and health-related activities, for older Bangladeshi residents
3	Limehouse Project Limited	EWB (Eat, Walk & Budget) Healthy Living Programme for Women aged 55+	28,632	LAP7 - Limehouse LAP7 - East India and Lansbury	Health-related activities for older women
4	Island House Community Centre	COMMUNITY PARENTS PROJECT 2013-16	30,000	LAP8 - Blackwall and Cubitt Town LAP8 - Millwall	Support for first time parents
5	Stifford TJRS Community Centre	Proactive Intervention Project for vulnerable, isolated and inactive older residents (50 years plus) in LAP3	37,940	LAP3 - St Dunstan's and Stepney Green	Social and health-related activities for older people
6	Newlon Fusion	Be Well	11,559	LAP4 - St Katharine's and Wapping LAP4 - Shadwell	Social and health-related activities for older people
7	Trees for Cities	Growing Skills in Tower Hamlets	25,000		Horticultural training for vulnerable adults, including those with disabilities
8	Bethnal Green Bengali Women's Group	Bangladeshi Elderly Women's Mental Health Well Being Programme	25,925	LAP1 - Bethnal Green North LAP1 - Weavers LAP2 - Bethnal Green South	Drop-in centre offering support for older Bangladeshi women with Mental Health issues

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9	The City and East London Bereavement Service	New Counselling Services for Marginalised Bereaved Client Groups including clients with language needs and disabilities, including disabled ex-servicemen.	30,528	Boroughwide	Counselling service for bereaved families
10	SocietyLinks	Creative Coffee	6,980	LAP4 - St Katharine's and Wapping	Coffee mornings, with social and health-related activities, for older people
11	Stitches in Time	Stitches in Time's Elders Sewing, Sharing and Social Exchange	9,730	LAP7 - Limehouse LAP8 - Millwall LAP4 - Shadwell LAP1 - Bethnal Green North	Intergenerational textile workshops for older women and younger Bangladeshi women
12	J Go Training	Divertissement - Give Your GP a Break!!!	7,832	LAP3 - Whitechapel LAP3 - St Dunstan's and Stepney Green LAP6 - Mile End East LAP6 - Bromley-by-Bow	Workshops, including health-related activities, for older people
13	Somali Education & Cultural Project	SECP's Programme for BAME Vulnerable Adults	11,580	LAP1 - Mile End and Globe Town LAP2 - Bethnal Green South LAP3 - St Dunstan's and Stepney Green LAP4 - Shadwell	Social and health-related activities for physically disabled Somali adults
14	City Gateway	City Gateway Health and Wellbeing Programme	27,523	LAP7 - East India and Lansbury LAP7 - Limehouse	Health-related events for women, including young mothers.
15	Ocean Somali Community Association	Somali Health Improvement & Access Project (SHIAP)	27,555	Boroughwide	Health-related outreach and engagement programmes for Somalis aged 50+
16	Pathways Trust	Pathways to Health for Older People	19,520	Boroughwide	Health workshops for older people

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17	Poplar Bangladeshi Community Project	Meeting Point	11,798	LAP7 - East India and Lansbury	Extension of lunch club service for older Bangladeshi, Somali residents
18	Real DPO Ltd	Tackling disability related hate crime and harassment in Tower Hamlets	30,000	Boroughwide	Raising awareness of hate crimes and support for victims with disabilities
19	Setting The Milestone Limited	Health Bonanza	16,026	LAP7 - East India and Lansbury	Coffee mornings, with social and health-related activities, for older Bangladeshi/Somali residents.
20	Spitalfields City Farm	Farm Animal Assisted Activities for the Elderly	11,359	Boroughwide	Farm animals taken into care homes, for older people.
21	Baitul Mamur Academy	Caring for Elders	13,290	LAP1 - Mile End and Globe Town LAP1 - Bethnal Green North LAP2 - Bethnal Green South	Support group, with social and health-related activities, for older BME residents
22	Human Aid UK	Health Action	30,000	LAP2 - Spitalfields and Banglatown LAP3 - Whitechapel LAP3 - St Dunstan's and Stepney Green LAP4 - Shadwell LAP4 - St Katharine's and Wapping	Health related activities for BME residents
Total			457,218		

Key Project is currently in receipt of MSG funding from this funding stream



Financial impact of MSG PHW funding stream

Financial Year	Element	Available Budget	Proposed Spend	Difference
2013/14	Agreed MSG PHW budget	£242,000		
	Contribution from Public Health	£8,250		
	Six months funding to cover ten extended MSG AHWB grant agreements, from 1 st April – 30 th September 2013		£112,391	
	Six months funding for seven projects previously funded by MSG AHWB (2013-14) to commence services under new agreements on 1 st October 2013		£38,000	
	Three months funding for remaining 28 projects to commence services under new agreements on 1 st January 2014		£64,875	
	Total	£250,250	£215,266	£34,984

2014/15	Carry over from 2013/14	£34,984		
	Agreed MSG PHW budget	£242,000		
	Contribution from Public Health	£33,000		
	Full year's funding for all 35 recommended MSG PHW projects		£335,500	
	Total	£309,984	£335,500	(£25,516)

2015/16	Carry over from 2014/15	(£25,516)		
	Agreed MSG PHW budget	£242,000		
	Contribution from Public Health	£24,750		
	Six months funding for seven projects previously funded by MSG AHWB (2013-14) to conclude 24-month agreements on 30 th September 2015		£38,000	
	Nine months funding for remaining 28 projects to conclude 24-month agreements on 31 st December 2015		£194,625	
	Total	£241,234	£232,625	£8,609



Mainstream Grants Prevention Health and Wellbeing Funding Stream – 2013-15

Equality Assessment

Equality Assessment of the potential impact of the recommendations of the Corporate Grants Programme Board for Mainstream Grant (MSG) funding for the Prevention, Health and Wellbeing (PHW) funding stream.

Responsible Directorate: Education Social Care and Wellbeing

Priorities/Objectives

The objective of this MSG funding stream is to bring about the outcome of improved health and wellbeing of vulnerable adults living in Tower Hamlets by contributing to services that:

- respond to health and wellbeing issues faced by the borough's vulnerable adult residents;
- have flexibility to meet new and emerging needs and respond to the multiple and complex needs of the target group;
- support service users to be healthy and independent;
- give service users genuine choice, control and dignity; and,
- keep vulnerable adults safe from abuse, harm or neglect.

MSG PHW Budget 2013-16

	Approved Annual Budget	Corporate Programme Board Recommended Allocations
2013/14	£250,250 (including £8,250 contribution from Public Health)	£215,266*
2014/15	£275,000 (including £33,000 contribution from Public Health)	£335,500
2015/16	£266,750 (including £24,750 contribution from Public Health)	£232,625**
Total Funding	£792,000	£783,391

*The 2013/14 allocation figure includes:

- Six months funding to cover ten MSG AHWB funded projects from 1st April – 30th September 2013, at a cost of £112,391
- Six months MSG PHW funding (1st October 2013 – 31st March 2014) for seven projects previously funded under MSG AHWB (2013-13), at a cost of £38,000
- Three months funding for remaining 28 projects from 1st January 2014, at a cost of £64,875

**The 2015/16 allocation figure includes:

- Six months funding for seven projects previously funded by MSG AHWB (2013-13) to conclude 24-month agreements on 30th September 2015, at a cost of £38,000
- Nine months funding for remaining 28 projects to conclude 24-month agreements on 31st December 2015, at a cost of £194,625

Identified Need*

The Council recognises that Third Sector Organisations have a vital role to play within our community and make a key contribution to delivering our shared Community Plan. They have the ability to engage local people and help residents have a voice and influence the decisions that affect them.

The Council is working towards the Transforming Social Care programme that enables people to have control of their own health and social care.

According to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2011¹, there are around 242,000 people living in Tower Hamlets, 193,116 of whom are over the age of 20. Of these, it is known that 6,164 accessed Social Care services between September 2011 and September 2012, including²:

- 645 with a learning disability
- 878 with a Mental Health issue
- 4109 with a physical disability, frailty or sensory impairment
- 3,900 are over the age of 65
- At least 1,926 are from BME communities

The services offered under this MSG funding stream are viewed as preventative services, with the aim to improve the health and wellbeing of those who use the services to reduce the requirement for higher-need FACS-eligible Social Care packages

Impact Summary

Boroughwide there will be an increase from 11 services funded by the Adults Health and Wellbeing (AHWB) MSG funding stream (the previous name for MSG PHW) to 35, including 27 not currently funded. This significant increase includes the following increase in available provisions:

- Six universal older people services, compared to two under the previous portfolio;
- 17 services for BME residents, compared to four;
- 6 of which are for Somali residents, compared to one;
- 7 of which are for Bangladeshi residents, compared to two;
- A service for Chinese/Vietnamese residents, not offered previously;
- 5 Mental Health services, compared to one;
- 6 women-only services, compared to none;
- A service for deaf residents and their carers, not offered previously

¹ JSNA summary document (<http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/idoc.ashx?docid=ce6538bb-2c04-4265-a7be-63702e8b95b7&version=1>)

² A Profile of the people who use Adult Social Care (<http://towernet/Intranet/idoc.ashx?docid=84690503-796c-476d-b0b3-35c971c5223a&version=-1>)

Equality Assessment

Target Groups	Impact ✓ - Positive ✗ - Adverse 0 = Neutral What impact will the proposal have on specific groups of service users or staff?	Reason(s) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add a narrative to justify your claims around impacts and, Describe the analysis and interpretation of evidence to support your conclusion as this will inform decision making
Race	✓	<p>There are a total of 17 recommended projects that target BME communities (a total of £141,000 per annum, averaging £8,294 per project per annum), compared to four under the previous funding arrangements (a total of £38,360 per annum, averaging £9,590 per project per annum). Two of these four have been recommended for funding this time round. Of the remaining two, one project for Blind and Partially Sighted (BPS) Bangladeshi residents closed mid-term (in December 2011) and the other service - for Older Bangladeshi people - reapplied but was not recommended for funding.</p> <p>The new recommended portfolio includes services for groups not offered under the previous arrangements, including for older Chinese/Vietnamese residents and Somali/Bangladeshi women.</p> <p>In terms of coverage, of the 17 recommended projects mentioned above, six have specified they will offer a boroughwide service.</p>
Disability	✓	<p>There are a total of ten recommended projects that target users with a disability, including Mental Health conditions (a total of £112,500 per annum, averaging £11,250 per project per annum), compared to five under the previous funding arrangements (a total of £79,760 per annum, averaging £15,952 per project per annum). Three of these five have been recommended for funding this time round, albeit at between 38 and 56% of the levels previously received. Of the remaining two, one project for Blind and Partially Sighted (BPS) Bangladeshi residents closed mid-term (in December 2011) and another service for BPS users did not reapply. Both were boroughwide services.</p> <p>The new recommended portfolio includes a service for deaf residents, not offered under the previous arrangements. There is also an increase in Mental Health provisions.</p> <p>In terms of coverage, of the 17 recommended projects mentioned above, ten have specified that they will provide a boroughwide service.</p>
Gender	✓	<p>There are a total of six recommended projects that target women (a total of £64,500, averaging £12,900 per project per annum). The previous portfolio had none. There is no recommended provision for men only.</p>
Gender Reassignment	✓	<p>There is one LGBT specific project recommended for funding. The previous portfolio had none.</p>
Sexual Orientation	✓	<p>There is one LGBT specific project recommended for funding. The previous portfolio had none.</p>
Religion or Belief	0	
Age	✓	<p>There are a total of 20 recommended projects that target older people, aged 50 and over (a total of £165,500 per annum, averaging £8,275 per project per annum), compared to five under the previous funding arrangements (a total of £125,695 per annum, averaging £25,159 per project per annum). Four of those five have been recommended for funding this time around, albeit at between 25 and 38% of the levels previously received. The fifth project reapplied but was not recommended for funding.</p> <p>In terms of coverage, of the 20 projects mentioned above, six have specified that they will run a boroughwide service.</p>
Marriage and Civil Partnerships.	0	<p>This group are able to access any of the projects funded by MSG PHW.</p>
Pregnancy and Maternity	0	<p>This group are able to access any of the projects funded by MSG PHW.</p>
Other Socio-economic Carers	0	<p>This group are able to access any of the projects funded by MSG PHW.</p>

Impact Considerations

The above illustrates that no protected characteristic has been severely adversely affected by the changes in provision. Indeed, the overarching intention suggests a positive impact. However, until negotiations have been concluded with providers given the reduced funding proposed (between 17 and 83 per cent of requested values), there is significant risk that providers cannot operate within this funding envelope. This is particularly true of those organisations that have reapplied to run services previously delivered under MSG AHWB 2010-13 agreements, with proposed funding levels between 25 and 69% of that previously received. **The impact of this may mean that some of the schemes may not be viable.**

1. Overall summary of projects recommended for funding

Ref #	Beneficiary Target Group	Geographic Area/s of Proposed Delivery
1	OP	Boroughwide
2	Housebound Vulnerable Adults, Predominantly OP	Boroughwide
3	OP Somali	Boroughwide
4	MH	Boroughwide
5	Somali MH (18-30)	Boroughwide
6	PD/LD	Boroughwide
7	OP Somali women	Boroughwide
8	OP	LAP6 - Bromley-by-Bow LAP6 - Mile End East LAP5 - Bow East LAP5 - Bow West
9	OP BME	LAP4 - St Katharine's and Wapping
10	MH	Boroughwide
11	OP BME	LAP1 - Bethnal Green North LAP2 - Bethnal Green South
12	BME with dementia	Boroughwide
13	Women	Boroughwide
14	Vulnerable adult migrants/refugees	Boroughwide
15	OP	LAP1 - Weavers LAP1 - Mile End and Globe Town LAP1 - Bethnal Green North LAP2 - Bethnal Green South LAP3 - Whitechapel LAP8 - Blackwall and Cubitt Town
16	OP Vietnamese and Chinese	Boroughwide
17	OP (50+) with mild MH/LD	Boroughwide
18	Older People	LAP8 - Millwall LAP8 - Blackwall and Cubitt Town
19	Deaf	Boroughwide
20	Bangladeshi women	LAP2 - Spitalfields and Baglatown LAP3 - Whitechapel LAP3 - St Dunstan's and Stepney Green LAP4 - Shadwell LAP4 - St Katharine's and Wapping
21	LD/MH/PD	Boroughwide

22	OP BME Women (Bangladeshi chiefly)	LAP2 - Spitalfields and Banglatown LAP3 - Whitechapel LAP4 - Shadwell
23	LGBT	Boroughwide
24	Young Bangladeshi adults	LAP4 - Shadwell LAP4 - St Katharine's and Wapping
25	Blind or Partially Sighted (BPS)	Boroughwide
26	OP (50+) Bangladeshi, Somali	LAP1 – Weavers LAP1 – Bethnal Green North LAP2 – Spitalfields and Banglatown
27	OP (50+) Bangladeshi, Somali women	LAP2 - Spitalfields and Banglatown LAP3 - Whitechapel
28	OP (50+) Bangladeshi, Somali	LAP4 - St Katharine's and Wapping LAP4 - Shadwell
29	BME women (Chiefly Bangladeshi, Somali)	LAP3 - St Dunstan's and Stepney Green
30	OP BME	LAP4 - Shadwell LAP7 - Limehouse
31	OP	LAP4 - St Katharine's and Wapping LAP4 - Shadwell
32	OP	LAP7 - East India and Lansbury LAP7 - Limehouse LAP8 - Blackwall and Cubitt Town LAP8 - Millwall
33	OP and Young Adults	LAP2 - Spitalfields and Banglatown
34	OP Bangladeshi	LAP8 - Blackwall and Cubitt Town
35	LD	Boroughwide
<p>Comments: Outputs for all projects are to be negotiated with providers as recommended funding levels are lower than requested.</p>		

2. Projects not recommended for funding that had received MSG AHWB funding in 2010-13.

Ref #	Beneficiary Target Group	Geographic Area/s of Proposed Delivery
2	Bangladeshi OP	Boroughwide

3. Projects not recommended for funding who were not previously funded under MSG AHWB (2010-13)

Ref	Beneficiary Target Group	Geographic Area/s of Proposed Delivery
1	PD/LD	Boroughwide
3	OP Women	LAP7 - Limehouse LAP7 - East India and Lansbury
4	First time parents	LAP8 - Blackwall and Cubitt Town LAP8 - Millwall

5	OP	LAP3 - St Dunstan's and Stepney Green
6	OP	LAP4 - St Katharine's and Wapping LAP4 - Shadwell
7	Vulnerable Adults generally (inc PD/LD/PH)	
8	OP MH Bangladeshi women	LAP1 - Bethnal Green North LAP1 - Weavers LAP2 - Bethnal Green South
9	Marginalised bereaved... including PD ex-service personnel	Boroughwide
10	OP	LAP4 - St Katharine's and Wapping
11	Older women (and younder Bangladeshi women)	LAP7 - Limehouse LAP8 - Millwall LAP4 - Shadwell LAP1 - Bethnal Green North
12	OP	LAP3 - Whitechapel LAP3 - St Dunstan's and Stepney Green LAP6 - Mile End East LAP6 - Bromley-by-Bow
13	PD Somali	LAP1 - Mile End and Globe Town LAP2 - Bethnal Green South LAP3 - St Dunstan's and Stepney Green LAP4 - Shadwell
14	Women, young adults (18-24) and young mothers	LAP7 - East India and Lansbury LAP7 - Limehouse
15	OP Somali	Boroughwide
16	OP	Boroughwide
17	OP (50+) Bangladeshi, Somali	LAP7 - East India and Lansbury
18	PD/LD	Boroughwide
19	OP (50+) Bangladeshi, Somali	LAP7 - East India and Lansbury
20	OP	Boroughwide
21	OP BME	LAP1 - Mile End and Globe Town LAP1 - Bethnal Green North LAP2 - Bethnal Green South
22	BME	LAP2 - Spitalfields and Banglatown LAP3 - Whitechapel LAP3 - St Dunstan's and Stepney Green LAP4 - Shadwell LAP4 - St Katharine's and Wapping

BACKGROUND

- i) Applications received: 57
- ii) Number of projects recommended for funding: 35
- iii) Number of projects not recommended: 22