


Individual Mayoral Decision	 TOWER HAMLETS
Decision Log No: (To be inserted by Democratic Services) ⁵¹	
Report of: Robert McCulloch-Graham: Corporate Director, Education, Social Care and Wellbeing	Classification: Unrestricted
Update on the provision of Older People's Lunchclub Services	

Is this a Key Decision?	Yes/ No
Decision Notice Publication Date:	(Report author to state date of decision notice – either individual notice or within the Forward Plan)
General Exception or Urgency Notice published?	Not needed
Restrictions:	None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek a Mayoral decision to validate the recommendations of the Corporate Grants Board held on 20th January 2014.
- 1.2 The approval sought is not regarded as a key decision as the total LCDF funding, already agreed by the Mayor, is less than 14% of the overall available funding for lunchclubs.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 The Mainstream Grants (MSG) process 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.
- 1.5 Additional funding was made available as part of 2013-14 budget process through the £954k funding for Accelerated Delivery workstreams to the sum of £152k (Lunch Club Development Fund).
- 1.6 Members 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.

- 1.7 This report provides an update on the performance of the Older People's Lunch Club services funded by the Council through Mainstream Grants (MSG) and the Lunch Club Development Fund (LCDF).
- 1.8 The report also looks to the future funding of the LCDF lunchclubs, in the context of the JSNA that is currently being written on the impact of loneliness, and proposes that the LCDF lunchclubs be extended to 30th June 2014 to better align them with the MSG funded lunchclubs and to enable them further opportunity to seek alternative income streams.
- 1.9 The report also seeks to extend the Lunchclub Development Officer post (0.6wte) to 30th June 2014 to continue the development and support the new lunchclubs.
- 1.10 In the short term, this report proposes that any underspend against the LCDF lunchclub budget is offset against the projected overspend in the MSG lunchclub budget.
- 1.11 The papers taken to the Corporate Grants Programme Board on 20th January 2014 are attached as Appendices One, Two and Three.


DECISION

- 2.1 The Mayor is asked to confirm the recommendations of the Corporate Grants Programme Board as outlined below
- Note the discussion
 - Agree the proposal to extend the LCDF lunch clubs and 0.6wte officer to 30th June 2014
 - Agree that any underspend against the LDCF budget can be offset against the MSG lunch club overspend

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  Date 24/1/14

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 14/2/14 .

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  Date

5. Mayor

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

Signed  Date 21/2/14

DECISION

I have considered the above information, the monitoring information provided and advice on the use of the LCDF 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.
- The LCDF monies have been agreed by myself previously.

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

I have decided to accept the recommendations of the Corporate Grants Board and I agree that the lunchclubs' provision should be extended.

My decision is based on the following reason:-

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

Signed 

Executive Mayor

Dated 