

Committee: Finance Committee	Date: 21 May 2019
Subject: Public Report of the work of the Sub-Committees	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Information
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Summary

On 19 July 2016, the Finance Committee agreed that, in addition to draft minutes of Sub-Committee meetings, short reports be provided to advise the Committee of the main issues considered by the Sub-Committees at recent meetings. This report sets out some of the main public issues considered by the following Sub Committees since 9th April 2019:

Finance Grants Oversight and Performance Sub Committee – 9th April 2018

4.CENTRAL GRANTS PROGRAMME (CGP) - UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS REPORT

Members received a report of the Chief Grants Officer and Director of City Bridge Trust relative to an update on the Central Grants Programme (CGP).

The Comptroller & City Solicitor provided an oral update on the rationalisation of City Corporation associated charities, informing Members that the Corporation of London Benevolent Association had now been removed from the register of charities and that its funds have been transferred, subject to conditions, to the Combined Relief of Poverty Charity and that work was ongoing to update the Combined Relief of Poverty Charity's eligibility criteria to reflect this. Members requested that future reference to the Combined Relief of Poverty Charity should indicate that this charity incorporates the former Corporation of London Benevolent Association as this is where the additional funds come from.

Members expressed a preference that funds be awarded to smaller charities, with queries to be referred to the Chairman and Deputy Chairman for informal consultation. Members also requested brief conclusions on applicants who had fallen through the cracks.

Recommendations

The Committee is asked to note the report.

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