

<b>Committee:</b> City Bridge Trust (CBT)	<b>30<sup>th</sup> January 2020</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Progress Report	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Chief Grants Officer and Director of CBT (CGO)	<b>For information</b>

### **Summary**

This is a regular report by the CGO. You are asked within this report to note updates on the following:

- a) Philanthropy House
- b) Strategic Initiative reporting
- c) CBT's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- d) Employability Programme: Bridge to Work

### **Recommendation**

Members are asked to:

- a) Note the report.

### **Main Report**

You will recall that you have agreed that each of the CBT Committee Meetings will begin with a presentation on a particular area of interest for the committee. Lib Peck, Director of the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) at City Hall has been invited to speak on the work of the Unit. The VRU brings together specialists from health, police, local government, probation and community organisations to tackle violent crime and the underlying causes of violent crime. CBT do not directly fund the VRU.

### **Philanthropy House**

1. Following the status updates in your September and November committee papers, we continue to await the conclusions from the Corporation's Fundamental Review which will inform which property is recommended to deliver this project. Greater clarity should be forthcoming by the end of this month following consideration of the interim arrangements for 20/21 Aldermanbury by the relevant committees.

## **Strategic Initiative reporting**

2. At your last meeting you asked for a steady stream of reports on some of the Strategic Initiatives you are supporting. A report on one of these - the *Strengthening Voices: Realising Rights* joint initiative with Trust for London - is presented as an appendix to the assessment report concerning Trust for London for Phase 2, which is in your papers today.
3. Whilst many of the Initiatives do not follow a strict annual timeline for the work delivered and therefore the reporting, it has been possible to draw up a list of those projects on which we would expect to be able to bring you progress reports to your next 4 meetings. These are:
  - a) London Youth – Quality Mark project (as part of the support for the Mayor’s Young Londoners Fund)
  - b) Partnership for Young London – Training programme (as part of your support for the Mayor’s Young Londoners Fund)
  - c) GLA – London Borough of Culture
  - d) London Funders – Local Giving schemes

## **CBT’s 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

4. As this year is CBT’s 25th anniversary, your officers are planning a series of events and activities to celebrate the work of our grantees and elevate issues critical to delivering Bridging Divides. These activities will be framed by the Communications Plan agreed at your last committee. The 25th year will commence with the Chairman’s dinner on March 4<sup>th</sup> 2020 where CBT will share its impact from past years and set out its future vision.

## **Employability Programme: Bridge to Work**

5. Your Employability Programme, Bridge to Work, has continued to gain traction with key decision makers in government. Your officers have been pleased to share learning from the projects funded by CBT to help colleagues in the Civil Service tackle the issue of the disability employment gap. The Department for Work and Pensions has continued to invest significant sums in models of intervention that have been tested and proven with grant funding, most recently this can be seen in the ‘Intensive Personalised Employment Support Programme’ launched in late 2019 (<https://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/CBP-7540#fullreport>).
6. The 25th anniversary of CBT, referred to above, coincides with the 25th anniversary of the passing of the Disability Discrimination Act. In this landmark year for disability in the UK, your officers continue to work closely with the relevant civil servants and departments of government to ensure that the good work which you support is given a platform with policy makers. CBT is well positioned to help inform the work of colleagues at the heart of government and since the start of the year, your officers have already met

with key personnel at the Cabinet Office and Downing Street to lay the ground for a fruitful relationship for this landmark year and the years to come.

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