

FINANCE GRANTS SUB (FINANCE) COMMITTEE
Tuesday, 29 May 2012

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Grants Sub (Finance) Committee held at
Committee Room - 2nd Floor West Wing, Guildhall on Tuesday, 29 May 2012 at
12.00 noon.

Present

Members:

Ray Catt (Deputy Chairman)
Simon Duckworth
Tom Hoffman
Wendy Hyde
Alderman Sir Paul Judge
Anthony Llewelyn-Davies
Deputy Edward Lord
Jeremy Mayhew
John Scott

Officers:

Katie Odling	- Town Clerk's Department
Ignacio Falcon	- Town Clerk's Department
Barbara Riddell	- Independent Grants Assessor
Steven Reynolds	- Chamberlain's Department

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from the Chairman Roger Chadwick and Nigel Challis.

2. DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS OF ANY PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

Mrs Wendy Hyde declared a personal interest in respect of Item 8 due to being on the Court of the World Traders Livery Company and knowing the Vicar and Chaplain to the company - All Hallows and remained in the meeting during discussion and voting thereon.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2012, were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

4. GUIDELINES FOR GRANTS

Members received the guidelines for the Finance Grants Scheme.

5. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no questions.

6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

There were no items of urgent business.

7. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED : - That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

8. **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

The Sub Committee considered a report of the Chamberlain outlining applications for Finance Committee assistance received since the last meeting.

Reference was made to an earlier discussion in which the Chairman, with the support of the Sub-Committee, expressed his wish for the under-spend accumulated in the 2011/12 grants budget being carried forward to this year's allocation. The Sub-Committee therefore agreed to put this recommendation to the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee.

RESOLVED: That:-

1. the following applications be agreed to and that they be funded from the City Educational Trust Fund:-

- a) **Dr Johnson's House** – A revenue grant commencing 2012/13 of £10,000 in year one, £8,750 in year two and £7,500 in year three, plus a one-off contribution to special projects of £10,000, on a match-funding basis.

- b) **The Engineering Development Trust** - A one-off contribution of £19,250 towards the costs of two educational programmes for London children and young people, commencing 2012/13 subject to the involvement of the City's Academies (Hackney, Islington and Southwark) if possible.

- c) **Freightliners City Farm** – A one-off grant of £10,000 towards the cost of replacing and refurbishing animal housing.

2. the following applications be agreed to and that they be funded from City's Cash:-

- a) **Flowers in the City** – A one-year grant of £2,500 towards the running costs of the organisation, with any future grants being strictly subject to satisfactory monitoring on use of the funding and full accounts being submitted.

- b) **All Hallows by the Tower** – A one-off grant of £4,000 towards the cost of repairing the church's tower clock.

3. the following applications be not agreed to:-

- a) **St Johns Church of England School of Epping** – That no contribution be awarded towards the costs of portable computer equipment and support for student placements as this was not considered to be the most appropriate use of funds available.
- b) **The 1Click Charitable Trust** : - That no contribution be awarded towards the cost of research and development of a touch screen computer for use by elderly people as this was not considered to be the most appropriate use of funds available.
- c) **SKMBCIC** - That no contribution be awarded towards the costs of office equipment and transport costs as this was not considered to be the most appropriate use of funds available.
- d) **The Arab British Society** - That no contribution be awarded towards the costs of the Film Festival as this was not considered to be the most appropriate use of funds available. However, the Sub-Committee would welcome a further request from the Arab British Society for alternative projects, particularly if they demonstrated a connection to City businesses.

4. The Resource Allocation Sub-Committee be recommended to agree to carry forward the under-spend accumulated in the 2011/12 grants budget to this year's allocation.

9. **ANALYSIS OF GRANTS AGREED FOR THE FIVE YEARS 2007/08 TO 2011/12**

Consideration was given to a report of the Chamberlain which provided records of the grants that had been agreed by the Finance Committee, Policy & Resource Committee, the Sir William Coxen Trust Fund and the Combined Relief of Poverty Charity between April 2007 and March 2012. Excluded were grants agreed by the Economic Development Unit and The City Bridge Trust Committee. The schedule had been analysed between main categories of grant, for example, 'buildings and grounds', 'culture and leisure'.

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10. **REPORTS FROM RECIPIENTS OF GRANTS**

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk which provided Members with information on those organisations that had been awarded grants by the Finance Grants Sub Committee.

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11. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

**12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT
AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED
WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting ended at 12.55 pm

Chairman

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