

Committee: Finance Grants Sub Committee	Date: 12 th May 2015
Subject: Decisions taken under Delegated Authority since the last meeting of the Committee	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Information
<p style="text-align: center;">Summary</p> <p>This report advises Members of action taken by the Town Clerk since the last meeting of the Committee, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, in accordance with Standing Order Nos. 41(a) and 41(b).</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>Members are asked to note the report.</p>	

FINANCE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETIONARY FUND DONATIONS:

In December 2014, the following donations were made:

1. £2,300 to the Stuart Low Trust (supporting vulnerable adults at risk of hospital admission because of mental health problems); in order for them to run 4 Christmas/New Year evening events at a cost of £2,300 (i.e. £575 per evening).
2. £2,500 to the Parent House (do excellent work with low income and isolated families); in order for them to buy 50 x £50 vouchers from a local supermarket and provide a Christmas 'boost' to 50 families, 10 of whom are outreach volunteer parents.
3. £2,500 to Solace Women's Aid in order to help women who arrive at their refuges (provided across 14 sites in London), with no belongings, personal items, or even ID – just the clothes they are wearing and a few they can carry.

Please note that monitoring information from the above organisations is set out later on today's agenda.

DECISION TAKEN BY THE FINANCE GRANTS SUB COMMITTEE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY:

Quaker Homeless Action

Quaker Homeless Action, which provides shelter for rough sleepers between 23rd and 30th December every year, was discussed at the Finance Grants Sub Committee's meeting the 18th November 2014. The application was accepted as a late item of business, as it was not received until 14th November.

Members agreed in principle to a grant of £6,000, subject to the usual due diligence, and delegated final approval to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Finance Grants Sub Committee.

Action taken:

A grant of £6,000 was awarded to Quaker Homeless Action, to be funded from the Relief of Poverty fund.

Personal Support Unit (PSU)

In 2014, PSU volunteers helped 2,500 people going through family cases at the Central Family Court, High Holborn, London; an increase of over 50% on the previous year. The PSU are seeking to provide more support to volunteers as they continue to help the growing number of people involved in highly emotional cases. In November 2014, the PSU applied to the Finance Grants Sub Committee for a grant of £25,000. Members asked if the funding (£25,000) could be put to a specific project.

Action taken:

A grant the sum of £25,000, in order to fund a new initiative - a PSU Co-ordinator dedicated to family work, based on-site at the Central Family Court.

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