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| Committee | Date: |
| City Bridge Trust | 13 May 2015 |
| Subject: Variations to grants awarded | Public |
| Report of: Chief Grants Officer | For Information |

Summary

This report informs Members of 4 grants where variations have been agreed by the Chief Grants officer since your last meeting.

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- Receive this report and note its contents

Main Report

Since your last meeting, variations to the grants outlined below have been agreed by the Chief Grants Officer, in line with the revised delegated procedure for the amendment of grants as agreed by your Committee in October 2004.

Essex Wildlife Trust

A capital grant of £50,000 was awarded in September 2012 towards the disability access features of a new visitor centre at Hornchurch Country Park. Due to unforeseen delays this grant has remained unclaimed but is expected to be drawn down by August 2015.

Extant

This performing arts company of visually impaired people was awarded £64,500 in March 2012 for three years' support of a part time Project Development Manager. The grant commenced a year later than anticipated so has one more year to run – progress having been very good so far. However, the postholder has recently left so the organisation has submitted a revised plan for delivering the project in the final year – achieving all the original outcomes but using sessional and/or self-employed staff instead. This reconfiguration has been approved by your Grants Officer as it is within the spirit of your original grant.

Mentoring & Befriending Foundation (MBF)

In January 2015 MBF received a grant of £116,300 over two years to continue its programme supporting individual mentoring and befriending organisations in developing their monitoring and evaluations systems. In April 2015 MBF merged with NCVO (before any of the grant was called down) - the preliminaries of which

triggered a request for the grant to be transferred to NCVO as the new parent body. The grant in full has subsequently been transferred.

Cardboard Citizens

In January 2015 the above organisation was awarded £2,000 towards the wage costs of an Arts Apprentice for one year. The charity has recently informed the Trust that it is no longer able to progress this initiative, hence the full sum has been revoked.

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