

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
The City Bridge Trust Committee	11 May 2017
<b>Subject:</b> Report of Action Taken Between Meetings	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Town Clerk	<b>For Information</b>
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### **Summary**

This report advises Members of action taken by the Town Clerk since the last meeting of the Board, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, in accordance with Standing Order Nos. 41(a) and (b).

### **Recommendation:**

Members are asked to note the action taken by the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Board, in accordance with Standing Order No. 41(a) and (b).

### **Main Report**

#### **Standing Order No. 41(a) - Strategic Initiative – London Emergencies Trust**

#### **Background**

1. The tragic events of the afternoon of Wednesday 22nd March outside the Palace of Westminster have resulted in four fatalities (plus the assailant) and a larger cohort of about 50 people with injuries ranging from life-changing to the "walking wounded".
2. After extensive discussions, the London Emergencies Trust (LET) board concluded that the extent of the 22<sup>nd</sup> March incident warranted the initiation of an LET fund and invite a number of donations from trusts and foundations, statutory bodies, philanthropists and other sources (as identified by the British Red Cross).
3. This was the LET's first endeavour since its formation and as such, it held no "working funds" from which to meet its incidental and modest outgoings for its continued operation. This request therefore sought authority to award a grant of £75,000 to LET, of which up to £50,000 would be used as a direct donation to this appeal (the actual sum at the same level that each donor was asked to contribute) with the balance held to meet on-going general expenditure. Sufficient funds remained within the underspend of the core 2016/17 City Bridge Trust grants budget to meet this level of expenditure.

### Reason for Urgency

4. The reason for requesting urgency procedure was twofold: firstly so that the donations fund could be built up without delay, enabling prompt support to be provided to the potential beneficiaries (i.e. within a matter of days rather than weeks); and secondly to assure the London Emergencies Trust that it had funds available to meet any immediate running costs during the current period of activity.

### Action taken

5. It was agreed by the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Board, that:
  - a) A grant of £75,000 be awarded to the London Emergencies Trust (LET) towards a fund for the bereaved families and injured survivors of the Westminster terror attack and to provide LET with working funds to meet other outgoings; and
  - b) That the payment be made to London Funders on behalf of LET, with the funds transferred to an LET bank account when this is operational.

### **Appendices**

6. None.

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