

Report – Social Investment Board

Social Investment Fund: The First Five Years

To be presented on Thursday, 8th March 2018

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons
of the City of London in Common Council assembled.*

SUMMARY

The City of London Corporation's Social Investment Fund was established in May 2012 in order to produce a positive social impact, whilst also helping to develop the social investment market through the influence of the Corporation and by demonstrating that social investment could be a financially viable model. £20million was allocated to this Fund from the assets of the Bridge House Estates charity, of which the City of London Corporation is the sole Trustee.

The Social Investment Board, at the time of its creation, undertook to provide regular updates on its progress. In its first five years it has achieved an IRR of 4.7% (gross), which is 2% in excess of the initial target. This clearly demonstrates that, by making socially responsible investments, it is possible to have a positive social impact without compromising on financial returns. This was the City Corporation's original intention in establishing the Fund, namely to demonstrate that social investment was a credible investment medium.

The attached report therefore updates the Court of Common Council on the activities of the Social Investment Fund during its first five years, including details of the Fund's financial performance, areas of investment, the Fund's investment commitments to date and plans for the Fund for the next five years.

RECOMMENDATION

The Court of Common Council is recommended to:

- note the progress made on the work of the Fund since it was established and the attached report the progress made on the work of the Fund since it was established.

All of which we submit to the judgement of this Honourable Court.

DATED this 28th of February 2018.

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

Peter Hewitt, Alderman
Chairman, Social Investment Board