

## Report – The City Bridge Trust Committee

### City Bridge Trust support for Young Londoners in conjunction with the Greater London Authority

*To be presented on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018*

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

#### SUMMARY

The City Bridge Trust and its trustee, the City of London Corporation (CoLC) has a long-standing commitment to support work that improves the outcomes for young Londoners. Since the Trust was established in 1995 every major 5-year grants programme that the City Bridge Trust has implemented has incorporated specific funding streams for children and young people; as well as some additional stand-alone initiatives (such as Fear & Fashion, or the current Bridge to Work programme). In February 2018 the Mayor of London announced a £45m fund over a three-year period to support young Londoners by investing in vital services to help vulnerable children and young adults develop, particularly those who have been left behind or marginalised; and by investing in work to prevent them being drawn into crime. This will be known as the Young Londoners Fund (YLF). There is now an opportunity for the City Bridge Trust to help the YLF benefit as many young people as possible. It is proposed that a sum of £1m from the City Bridge Trust 2018/19 grants budget be set aside to work collaboratively with the GLA to fund a range of wrap-around activities to support those organisations which receive funding from the Young Londoners Fund

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Court is asked, following agreement at the City Bridge Trust Committee meeting on 2 May 2018, to approve the sum of £1m from the 2018/19 CBT grants budget to fund a range of activities to provide additional support to organisations funded through the Mayor of London's Young Londoners Fund and that the Court delegates to the CBT Committee the dispersal of that sum.

#### MAIN REPORT

##### Background

1. In February 2018, the Mayor of London announced a £45m fund over a three-year period to support young Londoners. This support would be achieved by investing in vital services to help vulnerable children and young adults to develop, particularly those who have been left behind or marginalised; and by investing in work to prevent them being drawn into crime.
2. The City Bridge Trust has had a long-standing, effective and highly regarded commitment to supporting services and opportunities for young Londoners through its grants and strategic initiatives. The City Bridge Trust also has much

experience of supporting work tackling youth violence – not least through its major multi-year programme launched in 2005 (*Fear & Fashion – Tackling Knife Crime*) which it developed and led with a cohort of other charitable funders.

3. The City of London Corporation also makes significant contribution to the lives of young people – whether through boosting their skills and employability, or through the City’s significant cultural offer and its management of 11,000 acres of green space, providing access to a wide range of sporting opportunities.
4. Of the Mayor’s £45m (to be called the Young Londoners Fund), £15m is earmarked to scale up existing and currently-planned City Hall-funded programmes and projects, many of which are targeted at helping young people caught up in crime (e.g. the Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) Knife Crime Community Seed Fund; the London Gang Exit Support Service). The Greater London Authority (GLA) is currently finalising the intended outcomes of the Fund, as well as the processes for groups to apply to the £30m pot remaining for new work. In so doing, it has worked closely with the City Bridge Trust, other funders and specialist agencies (such as MOPAC) to help them with both of these aspects.
5. It is likely that many of the new projects to be supported (following an open application process to be made public in late May) will be aimed at helping children and young people to make positive choices and to fulfil their potential, particularly those at risk of getting caught up in crime. It will support a range of education, sport, cultural and other activities for young people aged 10 – 21 and, in many ways, provide a framework for early intervention and action.

#### **How the City Bridge Trust can help**

6. The Young Londoners Fund (YLF) is intended as a vehicle for tangible support both for young people at risk and for engaging those who are unable to access positive activities and experiences as important building blocks within their development into adulthood.
7. There is now an opportunity for the City Bridge Trust to help the YLF benefit as many young people as possible. It is proposed that a sum of £1m from the CBT 2018/19 grants budget be set aside to work collaboratively with the GLA to fund a range of wrap-around activities to support those organisations which receive funding from the Young Londoners Fund, specifically in areas relating to:
  - Supporting networking/multi-agency coordination
  - Supporting the delivery of high-quality services (e.g. through training; quality mark schemes)
  - Supporting access to safeguarding training and best-practice
  - Supporting the sustainability of the most effective projects
  - Supporting the mental health needs of front-line youth workers
8. In addition, the Trust is uniquely placed to broker access to significant resources within the City of London Corporation “family” (e.g. through its contacts with the corporate and cultural sectors in London; the City of London Police and the Old Bailey; and through the work of the City Academies and other City institutions),

as well as through the total assets at the disposal of the Bridge House Estates Charity (including access to the philanthropic sector). Equally, the City of London Corporation has an important standing within the local government network which may prove to be a valuable resource and conduit of good practice.

9. This proposal aligns with the City Corporation's Corporate Plan for 2018-23, in its vision to support a diverse and sustainable London, by strengthening the character, capacity and connections of London for the benefit of people who live, learn, work and visit here; and support the City Corporation's strategic aim to contribute to a flourishing society, through the following outcomes in the Plan:
  - a) Outcome 1: People are safe and feel safe
  - b) Outcome 3: People have equal opportunities to enrich their lives and reach their full potential.
  - c) Outcome 4: Communities are cohesive and have the facilities they need
10. This initiative provides an opportunity for City Bridge Trust to build on its long-standing work supporting young Londoners and to apply its total assets approach (i.e. calling on the combined financial and non-financial assets of the Trust, the Bridge House Estates Charity; and the City of London Corporation) to add significant value to a major and much-needed scheme.

#### **Conclusion**

11. This report requests that the Court of Common Council approves the sum of £1m from the 2018/19 CBT grants budget to fund a range of activities to provide additional support to organisations funded through the Mayor of London's Young Londoners Fund and that the dispersal of the £1m funds be delegated to the CBT Committee.

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

DATED this 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

**Alderman Alison Gowman**  
Chairman, The City Bridge Trust Committee