



Finance Grants Sub (Finance) Committee

Date: TUESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2013

Time: 12.00 pm

Venue: COMMITTEE ROOMS, 2ND FLOOR, WEST WING, GUILDHALL

Members:	Roger Chadwick (Chairman)	Tom Hoffman
	Ray Catt (Deputy Chairman)	Ann Holmes
	Deputy John Barker	Wendy Hyde
	Nigel Challis	Edward Lord
	Jamie Ingham Clark	John Scott
	Simon Duckworth	Deputy Billy Dove (Ex-Officio Member)
	Kevin Everett	

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Lunch will be served in Guildhall Club at 1pm

John Barradell
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

AGENDA

Part 1 - Public Agenda

1. **APOLOGIES**

2. **DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS OF ANY PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA**

3. **MINUTES**

To agree the public minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2013.

For Decision
(Pages 1 - 4)

4. **GUIDELINES FOR GRANTS**

Report of the Town Clerk setting out guidelines to be observed when considering the applications for grants.

For Information
(Pages 5 - 6)

5. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

7. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

MOTION – That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

For Decision

Part 2 - Non-public Agenda

8. **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Joint report of the Chamberlain and Town Clerk.

For Decision
(Pages 7 - 18)

- a) Annex 1 - The Sheriffs' & Recorder's Fund (Pages 19 - 26)
- b) Annex 2 - Fiorentini Foundation (Pages 27 - 38)
- c) Annex 3 - The Engineering Development Trust (Pages 39 - 50)

- d) Annex 4 - The Golden Hinde Trust (Pages 51 - 60)
- e) Annex 5 - Hertiage of London Trust (Pages 61 - 70)
- f) Annex 6 - Farms for City Children (Pages 71 - 84)

9. **ST LAWRENCE JEWRY GRANT FUNDING**

Report of the Town Clerk.

For Decision
(Pages 85 - 86)

10. **REPORTS FROM RECIPIENTS OF GRANTS**

Report of the Town Clerk.

For Information
(Pages 87 - 120)

11. **BENEFITS OF GRANTS IN KIND**

Report of the Chamberlain.

For Decision
(Pages 121 - 136)

12. **NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE**

13. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

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FINANCE GRANTS SUB (FINANCE) COMMITTEE **Tuesday, 21 May 2013**

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Grants Sub (Finance) Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Tuesday, 21 May 2013 at 12.00 pm

Present

Members:

Roger Chadwick (Chairman)
Ray Catt (Deputy Chairman)
Deputy John Barker
Jamie Ingham Clark
Simon Duckworth
Kevin Everett
Tom Hoffman
Wendy Hyde
John Scott

Officers:

Katie Odling	- Town Clerk's Department
Ignacio Falcon	- Town Clerk's Department
Steven Reynolds	- Chamberlain's Department
Gerald Mehrtens	- Community and Children's Services Department

Also present:

Barbara Riddell	- Independent Grants Assessor
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1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Ann Holmes, Deputy Edward Lord and Deputy Billy Dove.

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

The following declarations were received –

John Scott declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of item 8 (City of London Symphonia) by virtue of having received hospitality from the applicant.

Deputy John Barker declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of item 8 by virtue of being a Friend of Wilton's Music Hall.

Kevin Everett declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of item 8 (Wilton's Music Hall) by virtue of having received hospitality from the applicant.

Wendy Hyde declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of item 8.

Tom Hoffman declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of item 8.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2012, were confirmed as a correct record.

4. **GUIDELINES FOR GRANTS**

The Sub Committee received the guidelines to be observed by the Grants Sub Committee.

5. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

Application assessments

A Member sought further information on the checks which were applied to applicants in respect of integrity and sound governance.

The Independent Grants Assessor explained that an essential part of her recommendations was to look at the degree of confidence in applicants to have a proven ability to carry out the initiative that they were seeking funding towards. She reassured Members that she followed best practice when testing the soundness of organisations from a financial as well as a governance perspective. The assessor often complemented her evaluations by taking up references about the integrity of applicants, where appropriate.

6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

There were no items of urgent business.

7. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED – That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act as follows:-

8. **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

The Sub Committee considered a report of the Chamberlain outlining applications for Finance committee assistance received since the last meeting.

RESOLVED – That: -

- i) The following applications be agreed to and that they be funded from the City Educational Trust Fund:-

City of London Symphonia

A one-off grant of £5000 towards the costs of a project with young children in Tower Hamlets.

Wilton's Music Hall

A one-off grant of £25,000 towards the capital costs for a major refurbishment and renovation project. This grant should be subject to Wilton's being successful in their bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

- ii) The following applications be not agreed to: -

Christ Church Spitalfields

That no contribution be awarded to meet the costs of twelve free monthly lunchtime concerts as this was not considered to be the most appropriate use of funds.

City Year

That no contribution be awarded towards the costs of volunteers to provide citizen services in London for one year as this was not considered to be the most appropriate use of funds.

Providence Row

That no capital grant contribution be awarded towards a new garden as this was not considered to be the most appropriate use of funds.

Barbican Centre Trust

That no contribution be made towards the cost of the 'On the doorstep: The EC1 Neighbourhood Songwriting Project'. However, the Sub Committee were supportive of the Barbican's commitment to undertake intensive work with its immediate neighbours and strengthen and consolidate relations with them. The Sub-Committee agreed to ask the Barbican Centre Trust how they might direct some of its current funding from the City of London towards work with the schools and community organisations described in the application.

9. FIVE-YEAR ANALYSIS OF GRANTS

Consideration was given to a report of the Chamberlain which provided details of the grants that had been agreed by the Finance Committee, Policy and Resources Committee, the Sir William Coxen Trust Fund, the City Educational Trust Fund and the Combined Relief of Poverty Charity between April 2008 and March 2013. Excluded were grants agreed by the Economic Development Unit and The City Bridge Trust Committee.

RECEIVED.

10. REPORTS FROM RECIPIENTS OF GRANTS

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk which provided Members with information on those organisations that had been awarded grants by the Finance Grants Sub Committee.

RECEIVED.

11. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

There were no questions.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting ended at 1.10 pm

Chairman

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FINANCE COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME - GUIDELINES

The Finance Committee makes small grants to organisations to support work in the areas of heritage and conservation, education and relief of poverty. The Committee will occasionally make grants outside these areas where charitable initiatives present a strong case for funding.

The following guidelines will be observed by the Sub-Committee. All disbursement are subject to any legal restrictions on the award of funding outside the City of London or Greater London:-

- (a) The applicant must demonstrate **either:-**
 - a sufficiently strong connection with the City; for example, that the applicant's audience are City residents or workers; **or**
 - that the appeal is of a special nationwide charitable activity
 - (b) Preference will be given to requests where a grant would be utilised for the active furtherance of charitable objectives rather than for the salaries of the employees;
 - (c) In education matters, assistance will be given to organisations having education as an objective or which seek to sponsor the pursuit of further and higher education;
 - (d) Grants will be given to organisations rather than individuals;
 - (e) New applications will not normally be considered from a recipient of a grant within a three year period; and;
 - (f) It is unlikely that grants would be made to an organisation already in receipt of financial support through the London-wide scheme and/or the local grants to voluntary organisations scheme;
 - (g) It is also unlikely that grants will be made to organisations which have historically received a large proportion of their funding from central government or other local government sources. It is generally preferred to assist those charitable organisations which have not received the majority, if any, of their funding from such sources; and
 - (h) Organisations that have received a grant for similar activities from the City Bridge Trust Committee will not normally be funded by the Finance Committee.
- NB: The above are 'Guidelines' only and the Committee retains total discretion as to whether an application is supported. Therefore whilst an application might not meet the above requirements, it may be supported if the Committee deems it worthwhile.

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