

THE CITY BRIDGE TRUST COMMITTEE

Thursday, 25 September 2014

Minutes of the meeting of The City Bridge Trust Committee held at Guildhall, EC2 on Thursday, 25 September 2014 at 1.00 pm

Present

Members:

Jeremy Mayhew (Chairman)
Alderman Alison Gowman (Deputy Chairman)
Deputy Ken Ayers
Simon Duckworth
Marianne Fredericks
Deputy the Revd Stephen Haines
Vivienne Littlechild
Edward Lord
Wendy Mead
Alderman Matthew Richardson
Ian Seaton

Officers:

Emmet Regan	Town Clerk's Department
Philippa Sewell	Town Clerk's Department
Steve Telling	Chamberlain's Department
Laura Yeo	Chamberlain's Department
David Farnsworth	Chief Grants Officer
Jenny Field	The City Bridge Trust
Ciaran Rafferty	The City Bridge Trust
Sandra Davidson	The City Bridge Trust
Tim Wilson	The City Bridge Trust
Joy Beishon	The City Bridge Trust
Joan Millbank	The City Bridge Trust
Julia Mirkin	The City Bridge Trust
Anne Pietsch	Comptroller and City Solicitor's Department
Rachel Mortell	Public Relations Office

In Attendance:

- BBC Children in Need
- Positive East
- NSPCC

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the Rt Hon the Lord Mayor Alderman Fiona Woolf, Deputy Billy Dove, Stuart Fraser and Deputy Stanley Ginsburg.

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

There were no declarations.

3. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2014 be approved as a correct record.

Matters Arising

Social Investment Analyst

In response to a Member's question, officers reported that a suitable candidate had been identified and, subject to the receipt of the appropriate documentation, would be in place by October 2014.

4. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

Members received the Outstanding Actions update.

5. **REVENUE OUTTURN REPORT 2013/14**

The Committee received a joint report of the Chamberlain and the Town Clerk comparing the revenue outturn in 2013/14 with the final agreed budget for the year. Members noted that the proposal to carry forward local and central risk underspends had been approved by the Chamberlain in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Resource Allocation Sub Committee, and the 2014/15 budgets had been increased accordingly. Members noted that net expenditure during the year was £19.946m which, compared to the total agreed budget of £23.485m, represented an underspend of £3.539m. This underspend primarily related to the grants budget which had been agreed for carry forward to 2014/15.

RESOLVED – That the revenue outturn report for 2013/14 and the budgets carried forward to 2014/15 are noted.

6. **PROGRESS REPORT AND EVENTS**

The Committee received the regular progress report and events update of the Chief Grants Officer. He reported that his weekly visits to grantees were underway, and the open invitation to Committee Members to attend had been extended to all Bridge House Estate officers who manage the BHE property portfolio plus the City Solicitors; the Chief Commoner was keen to extend this to all Members of the Court. In response to a Member's query, the Chief Grants Officer agreed to let Members know which grantees he was visiting in advance, whenever possible. The Chief Grants Officer reported that most actions in the Business Plan were rated green, with three changing to amber owing to the date change as a result of the Strategic Away Day in October.

RESOLVED – That:

- (a) The report be noted;
- (b) The monitoring and evaluation of "Working With Londoners" be re-circulated, alongside the Centre for Effective Philanthropy summary in time for the Away Day in October;

- (c) The Chief Grants Officer give advance notice of weekly grantee visits, whenever possible; and
- (d) The Communications Strategy be discussed at the Away Day in October.

7. GRANT APPLICATIONS STATISTICAL REPORT

The Committee considered a report of the Chief Grants Officer summarising applications received and action taken under the 2014/15 grants programmes. Officers reported that the target spend was 40% of the total annual budget but, should the Committee agree the grant recommendations for this meeting, the total annual spend would be 53%. In response to a Member's question, officers reported that the English for Speakers of Other Languages programme had awarded a smaller number of grants than other programmes, as a consequence of the criteria being more focused than previously and because of a new requirement that tutors hold a recognised qualification.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

8. PRINCE'S TRUST STRATEGIC GRANT

The Committee considered a joint report of the Town Clerk and the Chief Grants Officer, which proposed releasing an additional £1.05m per year from the Bridge House Estates surplus income over a period of 10 years (over and above the Investing in Londoners grants programmes budget, or their successor) to provide a long-term strategic grant to the Prince's Trust Charity (£1m per year), with associated grants management cost (£50,000 per year).

Members noted that the Policy and Resources Committee would decide on the quantum of additional monies to be released from the Bridge House Estates surplus income, and the City Bridge Trust Committee would oversee the administration of the strategic grant as an exceptional grant, subject to the approval of the Court of Common Council.

RESOLVED – That:

- (a) Subject to the allocation of the necessary resources by the Policy & Resources Committee (see below), a recommendation be made to the Court of Common Council to approve a Strategic Grant to the Prince's Trust of £1m per year, for 10 years, to support some of London's hardest-to-reach young people, and £50,000 for grant management resource for City Bridge Trust subject to the following conditions:
 - The grant will be subject to the usual City Bridge Trust monitoring and grants management procedures and, additionally, every 3 years, performance of the grant will be reviewed externally. Satisfactory results will need to be achieved for the grant to continue;
 - Prior to the release of any grant monies, the Prince's Trust will need to satisfy the usual due diligence requirements of the City Bridge Trust grant-making procedure (this will include the submission of a satisfactory project budget);
 - Prior to the release of any grant monies, the Prince's Trust will need to submit a satisfactory project plan, detailing what the grant aims to

achieve (outcomes); how these outcomes will be delivered and by when; and how progress towards achieving these outcomes will be monitored and evaluated.

- (b) From the financial year 2014-2015, the Policy and Resources Committee be recommended to approve an additional £1.05m per year, for 10 years, from the Bridge House Estate's income surplus (over and above the Investing in Londoners grants programmes budget, or their successor) with the express intention that the City Bridge Trust Committee recommend, and that the Court of Common Council approve that this money be used for the sole purpose of a strategic grant to the Prince's Trust to support work with some of London's hardest-to-reach young people.
- (c) The Court of Common Council, acting as sole corporate trustee of Bridge House Estates, be recommended to agree:-
 - i. the Strategic Grant to the Prince's Trust, as detailed above; and
 - ii. that the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the City Bridge Trust and the Chamberlain, be authorised to approve the release of grant monies when satisfied the conditions of grant, outlined above, are met.

9. GRANT INDEX AND ASSESSMENT REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

9a London Theatre Consortium - Recommended Grant £50,000

APPROVED - A grant of £50,000 over one year to Battersea Arts Centre, on behalf of the London Theatre Consortium, for the operational costs of a programme to pilot and evaluate the ongoing engagement of young people as apprentices in the Arts.

9b Buttle UK - Recommended Grant £21,000

APPROVED - A grant of £21,000 to Buttle UK for the external evaluation of the Anchor Project.

9c Trust for London - Recommended Grant £400,000

Approved –

- (a) A grant of £400,000 over two years to Trust for London for a strategic initiative aiming to increase employment rates amongst young black men; and
- (b) Alderman Alison Gowman and Edward Lord to represent the City Bridge Trust Committee at a meeting in November 2014 with Trust for London, in order to approve the awards to be made on the *Moving On Up* initiative.

9d Access Europe Network - Recommended Grant £60,400

Members expressed various concerns regarding the proposed EU funding programmes, and agreed to defer the decision until more information could be provided.

RESOLVED – That the decision be deferred until the City Bridge Trust Committee meeting scheduled for 27 November 2014.

9e Growing Localities (Lemos & Crane) - Recommended Grant £32,200

APPROVED - A Strategic Initiative of £32,200 to commission Lemos and Crane to run the Growing Localities Awards 2014-15.

9f Friendship Society - Recommended Grant £51,300

APPROVED - £51,300 over two years (£25,650 x 2) for the costs of centre-based (rather than in individual homes) English for Speakers of Other Languages classes in Bexley and Newham.

9g Training Link - Recommended Grant £34,500

APPROVED - £34,500 over three years (£11,000; £11,500; £12,000) towards English for Speakers of Other Languages tutor fees, course accreditation and project running costs, up to Level 2 standard.

9h Sonshine Club - Recommended Grant £33,700

APPROVED - £33,700 over three years (£9,900; £12,900; £10,900) towards the running costs of the Grow to Eat - Eat to Grow project for young people aged 8-13.

9i Thames21 Ltd - Recommended Grant £108,000

APPROVED - £108,000 (£53,000; £55,000) for two further, and final, years towards the salary of a Project Officer and related costs of a scheme developing and supporting local volunteers to improve the Thames and London's waterways.

9j Trees for Cities - Recommended Grant £150,000

APPROVED - £150,000 over three years (3 x £50,000) towards staffing and associated costs of developing and sustaining edible playgrounds in 20 London schools. The grant in years two and three is subject to securing the balance of funds needed to make the project viable.

9k **Choices Islington - Recommended Grant £48,600**

APPROVED - £48,600 over three years (£19,400; £14,400; £14,800) towards two part-time counsellors' salaries and related support costs for work in Her Majesty's Prison, Holloway.

9l **Food Chain - Recommended Grant £48,100**

APPROVED - £48,100 towards a third and final year of the 'Eating Together' programme for HIV-positive clients.

9m **Open Door, Young People's Consultation Service - Recommended Grant £138,000**

APPROVED - £138,000 over three years (£45,000; £46,000; £47,000) for clinical staff and supervision, project and administration costs of a new organisational base in Tottenham.

9n **Positive East - Recommended Grant £86,000**

APPROVED - £86,000 over two years (£47,000; £39,000) towards the salaries of a Clinical Psychologist and a Support Worker and costs of the Re:Assure project. The grant in year 1 includes £9,500 for the creation, publication and dissemination of a Learning Resource aimed at professionals and charities working in this field.

9o **Respond - Recommended Grant £144,500**

APPROVED - £144,500 over three years (£49,400; £48,100; £47,000) for the costs of a part time (4 days per week) Forensic Psychotherapist and a contribution to independent evaluation of Respond's therapeutic model.

9p **Victim Support - Recommended Grant £112,200**

APPROVED - £112,200 over 3 years (£37,200; £37,300; £37,100) for a full-time Project Worker providing support and advocacy for homeless young people in Westminster. The grant is conditional upon a service level agreement between Victim Support and Centrepoin being in place and that this service level agreement takes account of each organisation's policies and procedures, in particular in relation to child protection and vulnerable adults.

9q **Back-Up Trust - Recommended Grant £165,600**

APPROVED - £165,600 over 3 years (£54,100; £55,200; £56,300) towards salaries, project costs and overheads to support Londoners with a spinal cord injury.

9r **Bikeworks CIC - Recommended Grant £90,000**

APPROVED - £90,000 over three years (£38,500; £31,000; £20,500) for the cost of a Training Co-ordinator (37.5 hours per week) and a contribution to costs of a disability cycling programme.

9s **Over The Wall - Recommended Grant £102,100**

APPROVED - £102,100 over three years (£35,700; £32,700; £33,700) for the salary of a London Regional Co-ordinator and related costs, to greatly increase the number of children and young people from Greater London benefitting from Over The Wall's camps.

9t **Resources for Autism - Recommended Grant £120,600**

APPROVED - £120,600 over three years (£39,600; £40,200; £40,800) towards the cost of the transition service, including a part-time (18 hours per week) Support Manager, volunteering expenses, and project running costs to benefit sixty-five young Londoners with autism.

9u **Sutton's Hospital in Charterhouse - Recommended Grant £100,000**

APPROVED - £100,000 towards access work forming part of "Revealing the Charterhouse", on the condition that the charity receives the necessary planning permission.

9v **Galop (Registered as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Anti-violence and Policing Group) - Recommended Grant £150,000**

APPROVED - £150,000 over three years (3 x £50,000) for the salary of a full-time specialist Case Worker and towards general running costs of the specialist service for LGBT victims of hate crime. The grant in years 2 and 3 is subject to the necessary balance being raised to make the project viable.

9w **National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children - Recommended Grant £180,000**

APPROVED - £180,000 over two years (£90,000; £90,000) towards the salary costs of two of the Protect and Respect case-workers.

9x **Adfam - Recommended Grant £153,000**

APPROVED - £153,000 over three years (£53,000; £48,000; £52,000) towards the part-time salary (0.5 Full Time Equivalent) of a Family Support Development Co-ordinator, together with management and other related running costs of a project to train older carers (65 years plus) as Family Recovery Champions across London.

9y **Age UK Merton - Recommended Grant £158,300**

APPROVED - £158,300 over three years (£51,600; £52,600; £54,100) for the salary of a full-time Health Programme Officer, plus related project costs of the Active Life health programme in Merton.

9z **Ballet Rambert Ltd - Recommended Grant £124,000**

APPROVED - £124,000 over three years (£39,000; £42,000; £43,000) for the costs of the Dance in Health project for vulnerable older people in London.

9aa **Geffrye Museum Trust - Recommended Grant £120,000**

APPROVED - £120,000 over three years (3 x £40,000) towards a part-time (3 days per week) Project Coordinator and other staffing and running costs, to provide creative activities for people aged 75 and over.

9bb **Green Candle Dance Company - Recommended Grant £105,000**

APPROVED - £105,000 over three years (£35,000 x 3) towards the costs of the Dance for Health and Wellbeing Programme, on condition that funding is only used for activities with the over 75s.

9cc **Harrow Carers - Recommended Grant £78,000**

APPROVED - £78,000 over three years (£37,100; £26,400; £14,500) towards the cost of a full time Respite Homecare Project Co-ordinator, service subsidy, running and management costs.

9dd **Irish In Britain - Recommended Grant £68,900**

APPROVED - £68,900 over three years (£23,100; £22,700; £23,100) towards the part-time (18.5 hours per week) salary of a Volunteer Co-ordinator, plus associated running costs of a project helping to reduce isolation amongst elders from the Irish community who are living with dementia, and their carers.

9ee **St Luke's Hospice (Harrow and Brent) - Recommended Grant £124,000**

APPROVED - £124,000 (£47,000; £43,000; £34,000) over three years towards the salary and project costs of extending support to carers aged 65+, including the development of Community Support and Community Link Volunteers, but excluding social event costs. The grant is conditional on the balance of full project costs being raised.

9ff **Asylum Aid - Recommended Grant £90,000**

APPROVED - £90,000 over three years (£30,000, £30,000, £30,000) towards the salary of a legal advisor and associated costs.

9gg **Bell Farm Christian Centre - Recommended Grant £97,100**

APPROVED - £97,100 over three years (£31,840; £32,140; £33,120) for a full time Advice Worker and associated project overheads.

9hh **FoodCycle - Recommended Grant £122,200**

APPROVED - £122,200 over three years (£37,600; £38,900; £45,700) for the expansion of FoodCycle's work in London. The grant will contribute to the salaries of the Partnership & Social Franchise Manager, Head of Programmes, and the Youth & Community Engagement Manager.

9ii **Limehouse Project - Recommended Grant £70,800**

APPROVED - £70,800 over three years (£23,200; £23,450; 24,150) for the salary and related costs of a part-time (21 hours per week) Money and Debt Advisor.

9jj **Redbridge Foodbank - Recommended Grant £58,200**

APPROVED - £58,200 over three years (£18,800; £19,400; £20,000) towards the salary costs of the Project Manager (4 days per week) to continue and develop the "People in Crisis" project, subject to quarterly management accounts in year 1.

9kk **Sutton Borough Citizens Advice Bureaux - Recommended Grant £85,400**

APPROVED - £85,400 over three years (£27,630; £28,460; £29,310) for the salary of a part-time (18 hours per week) Project Supervisor, plus associated costs of the Benefits Appeal Project.

9ll **Turkish Cypriot Women's Project - Recommended Grant £63,300**

APPROVED - £63,300 over three years (£21,000; £21,000; £21,300) to meet the salary of a part-time (24 hours per week) Debt Advisor and associated running costs.

9mm **Camden Volunteer Bureau - Recommended Grant £125,300**

APPROVED - £125,300 over two years (£62,200; £63,100) for the costs of the Best Practice Service, promoting improved volunteer management for voluntary organisations in Camden.

9nn **Ethical Property Foundation - Recommended Grant £147,500**

Members noted that this was the same service as previously funded but, as there were so few organisations able to deliver this type of service, the application was recommended for approval.

APPROVED - £147,500 over three years (£49,700; £49,300; £48,500) towards the provision of the London Property Advice Service to benefit voluntary organisations across London.

9oo **Hackney Council for Voluntary Service - Recommended Grant £157,000**

APPROVED - £157,000 over three years (£52,000; £52,000; £53,000) towards the part-time salary (0.6 Full Time Equivalent) of an Organisation Development Officer, plus management and project running costs of a capacity building programme helping frontline organisations improve their monitoring, evaluation and impact reporting, and their financial management skills.

9pp **HAVCO - Recommended Grant £156,500**

APPROVED - £156,500 over three years (£51,800; £52,000; £52,700) for the salary of a full time Volunteer Centre Manager and project costs to improve the quality of volunteering opportunities and management in Havering.

9qq **Timebanking UK - Recommended Grant £132,100**

APPROVED - £132,100 over three years (£50,060; £42,320; £39,720) towards Timebanking UK's work to support the London timebanks. Release of the grant in year 1 is subject to the receipt of quarterly management accounts.

10. **TO CONSIDER REPORTS OF THE CHIEF GRANTS OFFICER AS FOLLOWS:-**

10a **Grants Recommended for Rejection**

The Committee considered a report of the Chief Grants Officer which recommended that nine grant applications be rejected for the reasons identified in the schedule attached to the report.

RESOLVED – That the nine grant applications detailed in the schedule attached to the report be rejected.

10b **Grants Approved under Delegated Authority**

The Committee received a report of the Chief Grants Officer which advised Members of ten expenditure items, totalling £49,700, which had been presented for approval under delegated authority to the Chief Grants Officer, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman.

- 198 Contemporary Arts and Learning - £2,000 to match Creative Employment Programme funding towards the wage costs of 1 Apprentice for 1 year from May/June 2014. The national minimum wage must be paid.
- Islington Community Theatre - £2,000 to match Creative Employment Programme funding towards the wage costs of 1 Apprentice for 1 year. The national minimum wage must be paid.

- Park Theatre - £2,000 to match Creative Employment Programme funding towards the wage costs of 1 Apprentice for 1 year. The national minimum wage must be paid.
- Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness - £3,000 (7.5 days at £400 per day) to provide an eco-audit.
- Country Trust – £15,000 (£5,000; £5,000; £5,000) towards staffing and project costs of the Food Discovery programme in London.
- Camden Listening and Counselling Centre - £4,900 over three years (£1,900; £1,500; £1,500) to increase the number of males aged 19-and-over attending the counselling service, subject to a satisfactory budget for year's 2 and 3.
- South London Theatre Buildings Preservation Trust - £5,000 for the costs of an independent access audit.
- St John's Church, Waterloo - £4,800 for the costs of an independent access audit, to ensure best practice on access issues.
- St Paul's Church Covent Garden - £1,800 towards an access audit.
- Brendoncare Ronald Gibson House Care Centre - £9,200 towards the provision of a sensory garden and dementia-friendly furnishings in the dining room at Ronald Gibson House.

10c **Withdrawn and Lapsed Applications**

The Committee received a report of the Chief Grants Officer which provided details of twelve applications which had been withdrawn. In response to a Member's question, officers undertook to review the Rules in relation to eligibility when two charities merge.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted, and the Rules be reviewed in relation to eligibility when two charities merge.

10d **Variations to Grants**

The Committee received a report of the Chief Grants Officer which advised Members of variations to two grants agreed by the Chief Grants Officer since the last meeting.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

10e **Reports on Monitoring Visits**

The Committee received a report of the Chief Grants Officer about two visits that had taken place. The Chairman encouraged Members to participate in a few visits each year.

RESOLVED – That the report be received.

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

There were no questions.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

There was no other business.

13. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED – That under Section 100(A) 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.

Item No.	Exempt Paragraphs
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18 – 19	-

14. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2014 be approved as a correct record.

15. REVIEW OF CITY BRIDGE TRUST'S PRIORITIES AND POLICIES

The Committee received a report of the Chief Grants Officer.

16. REQUEST FOR AN UPLIFT IN CITY BRIDGE TRUST'S LOCAL RISK BUDGET

The Committee received a report of the Chief Grants Officer.

17. MONITORING & EVALUATION OF "WORKING WITH LONDONERS"

The Committee received a report of the Chief Grants Officer.

18. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no questions.

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

There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 2.37 pm

Chairman

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