

THE CITY BRIDGE TRUST COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 23 September 2015

Minutes of the meeting of The City Bridge Trust Committee held at Guildhall, EC2 on
Wednesday, 23 September 2015 at 1.45 pm

Present

Members:

Jeremy Mayhew (Chairman)
Alderman Alison Gowman (Deputy Chairman)
Deputy Billy Dove
Karina Dostalova
Simon Duckworth
Stuart Fraser
Marianne Fredericks
Deputy the Revd Stephen Haines
Alderman Vincent Keaveny
Vivienne Littlechild
Edward Lord
Wendy Mead

Officers:

Simon Latham	Town Clerk's Department
Philippa Sewell	Town Clerk's Department
Steven Reynolds	Chamberlain's Department
Anne Pietsch	Comptroller and City Solicitor'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
Sandra Jones	The City Bridge Trust
Tim Wilson	The City Bridge Trust
Julia Mirkin	The City Bridge Trust
Rachel Tooze	Public Relations Office

In Attendance:

- Jacqueline Ede and Suzanne Lockett from Age Exchange
- Gary Jones, CEO of Age UK Camden
- Barbican
- Children's Discovery Centre
- Citizens Advice Bureau
- Switchback

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor Alderman Alan Yarrow, Deputy Stanley Ginsburg and Ian Seaton.

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

By virtue of their appointments on Open Spaces and City Gardens; Epping Forest & Commons Committee; Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee; or West Ham Park Committee; Wendy Mead, Karina Dostalova and Edward Lord undertook to leave the room during the discussion and decision regarding item 8b.

By virtue of their appointment on the Barbican Centre Board, Wendy Mead, Vivienne Littlechild and Chairman Jeremy Mayhew undertook to leave the room during the discussion and decision regarding item 8d.

By virtue of her appointment on Museum of London Archaeology (MOLA), Deputy Chairman Alderman Alison Gowman declined to participate in the discussion or decision regarding item 7t.

Edward Lord declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 8k by virtue of receiving hospitality from the organisation.

The Principal Grants & Social Investment Officer declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 8c by virtue of being a trustee of the Association of Charitable Foundations (ACF).

3. OLDER LONDONERS

The Board received presentations from Gary Jones, CEO of Age UK Camden, and Jacqueline Ede, Dementia Services Co-Ordinator for Age Exchange, after which Members of the Committee had the opportunity to ask questions.

Mr Jones advised the Committee that Age UK branches had historically been run with Local Authorities, but were now funded from a variety of organisations including Clinical Commissioning Groups, the National Lottery, donations, Local Authorities and legacies. Age UK Camden ran a number of wide-ranging services which reflected the diverse range of issues faced by older Londoners (e.g. social isolation, dementia, technology skills, transport, alcohol and drug misuse, cost/quality efficiencies, pensioner poverty, employment issues, etc.). Mr Jones also advised that Age UK Camden was about to celebrate its 50th birthday with both a celebration and fundraiser, to raise awareness and resources for the work the charity undertakes.

Ms Ede built on Mr Jones' presentation, sharing anonymised stories from Age Exchange, highlighting the importance of the work done in linking people in caring networks in order for them to support each other.

In response to Members' queries regarding collaboration, Mr Jones advised that this was a balancing act between sharing similar services to reduce costs and ensuring local knowledge was retained. He reported that some Age UK branches had merged, while others shared back-office services and frontline specialisms. In response to a follow-up question, Mr Jones added that funders had a place in challenging organisations and encouraging collaboration, but the

branches themselves knew to what degree this could be practically implemented.

Members discussed the objectivity and appropriateness of the financial advice being offered by Age UK Camden, and agreed that ensuring people were financially literate and able to make monetary decisions was key, particularly from an independent and objective firm. Mr Jones advised this service was run by a regulated, well-reputed company, and no charge was made for the advice.

The Chairman thanked Mr Jones and Ms Ede for their presentations.

4. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 9 July 2015 be agreed as an accurate record.

Stepping Stones

Members were pleased to note that, at an event that morning, UBS had announced a £300,000 contribution to the fund.

5. **CHARITIES (PROTECTION AND SOCIAL INVESTMENT) BILL**

The Board received a report of the Remembrancer regarding the Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Bill. Members noted that the Bill proposed greater powers for the Charity Commission to address misconduct by trustees, and gave charities new power to make social investments. Members also noted that the Bill did not apply to charities established by Royal Charter or by legislation, and Bridge House Estates monies were therefore exempt. In terms of the City Bridge Trust, the Chief Grants Officer advised the grant application process would be reviewed in light of these changes to ensure all appropriate information was being considered.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

6. **CBT OUTTURN REPORT 2014/2015**

The Committee received a joint report of the Chamberlain and the Chief Grants Officer comparing the revenue outturn in 2014/15 with the budget. Members noted that net expenditure was £20.936m as compared to the budget of £21.658m; an underspend of £0.722m.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7. **PROGRESS REPORT AND GRANT APPLICATIONS STATISTICS**

The Committee received the regular progress report of the Chief Grants Officer and considered the allocation of the capital returned from the investment in the East London Bond and the options for supporting London's 2nd Air Ambulance.

RESOLVED – That:

- (a) the allocation of the capital returned from the investment in the East London Bond be divided equally between Community Links and the Bromley By Bow Centre;

- (b) a report outlining options for a grant to the London Air Ambulance be provided at the next meeting; and
- (c) the report and presentation of budget and statistical information be noted.

8. **GRANTS AND STRATEGIC INITIATIVES RECOMMENDATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS**

8a **Young People's Foundations - a joint initiative with the John Lyon's Charity**

Members discussed the report and agreed that it be explicit that there should be no guarantee at this stage for future grants.

APPROVED - a grant of £300,000 to the John Lyon's Charity to co-fund the salary and running costs of a Young People's Foundation in each of the boroughs of Brent, Harrow and Barnet, for one year.

8b **Strategic Initiative: Hampstead Heath**

Wendy Mead, Karina Dostalova and Edward Lord left the room for the consideration of this item.

The Committee discussed the application, but agreed further clarification was required regarding the basis upon which the City Bridge Trust can fund Corporation activity. Members noted that the projects described in the report were non-statutory, and any funding given by the Committee should not be relieving the Corporation of the cost of work that they were doing already, but should be funding new work. Members queried whether there was a clear enough framework for assessment and prioritisation of strategic grants, particularly when considering grant applications from City departments, and agreed to discuss this and the issue of substituting funding of previous non-statutory funding at their upcoming away-day.

AGREED – That the application be deferred until:

- (a) further information could be provided on the history of grants given by the City Bridge Trust to all Corporation projects in the past;
- (b) further information could be provided on the history of what the City Bridge Trust has given to the Open Spaces Department;
- (c) further information could be provided on why the income had gone up from 2013/14 and 2014/15; and
- (d) more clarity on the suggested 'tapering' of the grant.

8c **Strategic Initiative: 'City Philanthropy - a wealth of opportunity'**

The Committee received two reports of the Chief Grants Officer.

APPROVED - A grant of £204,000 over 1 year to continue your *City Philanthropy – a wealth of opportunity* initiative, hosted by the Association of Charitable Foundations (ACF).

8d Strategic Initiative: Barbican Centre Trust

Wendy Mead, Vivienne Littlechild and Chairman Jeremy Mayhew left the room for the consideration of this item. Deputy Chairman Alderman Alison Gowman took the Chair.

AGREED – That the application be deferred until:

- (a) further information could be provided on the history of grants given by the City Bridge Trust to all Corporation projects in the past; and
- (b) further information could be provided on the history of what the City Bridge Trust has given to the Barbican.

8e Forest Young Men's Christian Association of East London

APPROVED - £80,400 (£34,400; £22,400; £23,600) towards the cost of a full-time Farm Education Officer and project running costs.

8f Hackney City Farm

APPROVED - £117,300 over 3 years (£37,300, £40,000, £40,000) towards the costs of a full-time equivalent Volunteer Co-ordinator post (job share) and associated running costs.

8g Sustain - the alliance for better food and farming

APPROVED - £144,800 over three years (£49,980; £54,900; £39,920) for 2 days per week of the Project Officer's salary; 2 days per week of the Project Support Officer's salary (2 days per week); plus related costs of the 'London Grows' Project.

8h Africans Unite Against Child Abuse

APPROVED - £134,200 over three years (£39,800, £46,820, £47,580) for the costs of a part-time Mental Health Worker/Therapist (21 hours per week), project costs and overheads for work benefitting young Londoners.

8i Project for Advocacy Counselling & Education

APPROVED - £113,860 over 3 years (£35,530; £37,160; £41,170) towards a full-time Advocacy Worker and associated running costs for an advocacy service for LGBT Londoners with mental health problems.

8j Survivors UK

APPROVED - £180,000 over three years (3 x £60,000) towards the full-time salary of the Director of Clinical Services; therapeutic programme and other costs to support adult male survivors of sexual abuse. Beneficiaries of the grant must be Londoners.

8k Brentford FC Community Sports Trust

APPROVED - £96,250 over three years (£33,500; £32,250; £30,500) for a part-time coach (three days per week) and running costs for Brentford FC Community Sports Trust's deaf project.

8l Bush Theatre

APPROVED - £54,600 towards the cost of installing a lift as part of Phase 2 of the capital project.

8m Children's Discovery Centre

APPROVED - £100,000 for access and improvement works at Discover's Stratford site.

8n Children's Trust

APPROVED - £120,000 over two years (2 x £60,000) for the salary of a full-time Brain Injury Specialist and related running costs of a brain injury service in London.

8o Royal Academy of Dance

APPROVED - £146,900 over three years (£50,650; £45,000; £51,250) towards tutors' fees; RADiate delivery costs; and production costs for two films about the RADiate project - one for promotional and one for training purposes.

8p Embrace CVOC

APPROVED - £68,000 over three years (£22,650; £22,650; £22,700), towards the salary cost of a London Counselling Service lead (one day per week) and 500 counselling sessions per annum.

8q Family Action

APPROVED - £91,500 over three years (£29,500; £30,500; £31,500) towards the salary and associated running costs of a part-time (22.2 hours per week) London Domestic Abuse Service Development Co-ordinator.

8r Carers of Barking and Dagenham

APPROVED - £105,700 over three years (£34,600; £35,200; £35,900) for the salary of a full-time Carer and Family Advice Information & Advocacy Worker and associated running costs.

8s **Hoxton Health**

APPROVED - £110,000 over three years (£34,000; £38,000; £38,000) towards the salary of a part-time Volunteer Co-ordinator (11 hours per week); part-time Manager (7 hours per week); and related project costs.

8t **MOLA**

APPROVED - £87,400 over three years (£28,560; £29,130; £29,710) towards the salary and associated running costs of a Community Archaeologist to run a programme of activities targeting Londoners aged over 75 years.

8u **William Wilberforce Trust**

AGREED – That the application be deferred until further information could be provided regarding the finances of the charity and its need for funding.

8v **Trailblazers Mentoring Ltd**

APPROVED - £99,000 over three years (£32,000; £33,000; £34,000) for the costs of Trailblazers' work around HMPs Wandsworth and ISIS, as well as with Londoners released by HMPs Aylesbury and Rochester. The funding includes the costs of 0.5 full-time equivalent of the charity's Operations Manager, who will oversee the work.

8w **women@thewell**

APPROVED - £105,000 over 3 years (£34,600; £34,800; £35,600) towards four days/week salary costs of a Senior Support Worker and running costs of a life skills programme for women who have offended or are at risk of offending or re-offending.

8x **Voice4Change England**

APPROVED - £122,240 over two years (2 x £61,120) towards a part-time (21 hours per week) Development Director plus associated running costs of a project to support the BME voluntary sector in London to develop policies and good practice around volunteering and asset management.

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

9a **Grants Recommended for Rejection**

The Committee considered a report of the Chief Grants Officer which recommended that twenty four grant applications be rejected for the reasons identified in the schedule attached to the report. Members noted that Thames Festival Trust had subsequently withdrawn.

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

9b Withdrawn and Lapsed Applications

The Committee received a report of the Chief Grants Officer, which provided details of five applications which had been withdrawn or had lapsed.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

9c Grants/expenditure considered under Delegated Authority

The Committee received a report of the Chief Grants Officer which advised Members of twenty three applications, totalling £437, 825, which had been presented for approval under delegated authority to the Chief Grants Officer in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

9d Variations to grants awarded

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

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

9e Report on Monitoring Visit

The Committee received a report of the Chief Grants Officer about a visit that had taken place.

RESOLVED – That the report be received.

9f Events Attended

The Committee noted a report of the Chief Grants Officer regarding the key meetings and events attended by Members and officers since the last meeting.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

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

There were no questions.

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

There was no other business.

12. 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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13. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2015 be approved as a correct record.

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

There were no questions.

At this point, the time limit for Committee meetings, as set out in Standing Order 40, had been reached, but there being a two-thirds majority of the Committee present who voted in favour of an extension, the Committee agreed to continue the meeting.

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

There was one item of other business.

The meeting ended at 3.55 pm

Chairman

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