

FINANCE GRANTS OVERSIGHT AND PERFORMANCE SUB COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Grants Oversight and Performance Sub Committee held Guildhall on Tuesday, 15 November 2016 at 3.30 pm

Present

Members:

Simon Duckworth (Chairman)
Philip Woodhouse (Deputy Chairman)
Randall Anderson
Deputy John Barker
Nicholas Bensted-Smith
Nigel Challis
Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark
Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli
Jeremy Mayhew
Sheriff & Alderman William Russell

In Attendance

Officers:

David Farnsworth	-	Chief Grants Officer
Karen Atkinson	-	Head of Charity & Social Investment Finance, Chamberlain's
Steven Reynolds	-	Chamberlain's Department
Anne Pietsch	-	Comptroller and City Solicitor's Department
Emily Rimington	-	Comptroller and City Solicitor's Department
Julie Mayer	-	Town Clerk's
Neil Davies	-	Town Clerk's
Scott Nixon	-	Central Grants Unit, Town Clerk's
Jack Joslin	-	City Bridge Trust, Town Clerk's

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Roger Chadwick.

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

Mr Jamie Ingham Clark and Mr Simon Duckworth declared general, non-pecuniary interests in respect of agenda items; (12) Analysis of Grants agreed for the five years 2011/12 – 2015/16 and; (13) Benefits in Kind reporting.

3. MINUTES

The public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 21 July 2016 were approved.

Matters arising

Members noted that, as yet, the City of London Corporation had not awarded the £10,000 grant, agreed by the former Finance Grants Sub Committee in respect of the Sylvia Pankhurst statue, as the match funding target had not been met.

4. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS LIST**

The Sub Committee received its outstanding actions list and noted particularly the importance of communicating how support could be fulfilled to those organisations previously assisted by the Finance Grants Sub Committee and redirected to other sources, where appropriate.

5. **CENTRAL GRANTS PROGRAMME - 360GIVING**

The Sub Committee considered a report of the Chief Grants Officer which provided information on the 360Giving initiative. Members also received an external presentation from Katherine Duerden, Partnerships and Engagement Manager, 360Giving.

During the presentation and questions, the following points were noted:

- The system aligned with the minimum requirements of the Local Government Transparency Code which was not mandatory in respect of the funds being distributed through the Central Grants Unit and within the remit of the Sub Committee (being charitable or from City's Cash only). Therefore, there was no obligation on the City of London Corporation to join the scheme but it demonstrated good practice relating to transparency in the grant-making sector. Publication of relevant information was discretionary and the system allowed for the redaction of any sensitive data; donations to womens' refuges being given as an example by Ms Duerden.
- Ms Duerdin had met with some of the Livery Companies and the Chief Grants Officer agreed to contact all Members of the Livery Committee, which was due to meet before the end of the year.
- Given that the first round of grants were due to be awarded early in the New Year, the Chairman suggested, and Members agreed, that the report be shared with the relevant Service Committees and to ensure the trustees of the charities that form part of the Central Grant Programme were consulted..
- The City Bridge Trust had joined the scheme in September this year and several local authorities have expressed an interest.
- The system had been designed for easy use with spreadsheets, with simple searching tools and could be over-layed with other data sets, such as indices of deprivation. There had been positive feedback from existing users.

- That the Livery Committee be provided with information about the system with a view to drawing this best practice tool to the attention of those Livery Companies which had not yet arranged to meet with 360Giving.

RESOLVED, that - As a matter of policy the Central Grant Programme grants data be published bi-annually on a discretionary basis using the 360Giving Standard subject to any decision not to publish on a case-by-case basis in respect of a grant.

6. CENTRAL GRANTS PROGRAMME

The Sub Committee received a report of the Chief Grants Officer, which provided an update on the Central Grants Programme (CGP). Members noted the outcome of a report submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee in October 2016, at which Members had agreed to (1) a secondment from the City Bridge Trust (CBT) to manage the CPG for a 6 month period; (2) to receive a follow up report in March 2017 to approve resources for 2017/18; and (3) that the CGU could recharge up to £41,000 to manage the CGU over a 6 month period.

RESOLVED, that:

1. The interim staffing and management fee proposal agreed by the Policy and Resources Committee in October 2016 be noted.
2. The update on the CGP be noted.

7. CENTRAL GRANTS PROGRAMME (CGP) WORK PROGRAMME

The Sub Committee received the Central Grants Work Programme and noted the reporting cycle of three times a year in November, February and July.

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

There were no questions.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

There were no items of urgent business.

10. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED, that – under section 100A 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 Paragraphs 2 and 3 of Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

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11. MINUTES

The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 21 July 2016 were approved.

12. **ANALYSIS OF GRANTS AGREED FOR THE FIVE YEARS 2011/12 TO 2015/16**

The Committee received a report of the Chamberlain.

13. **BENEFITS IN KIND REPORTING**

The Committee received a report of the Chief Grants Officer.

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

There were no questions.

15. **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.

The meeting ended at 4pm

Chairman

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