



## Finance Grants Oversight and Performance Sub Committee

**Date:** MONDAY, 21 JUNE 2021

**Time:** 1.45 pm

**Venue:** VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING (ACCESSIBLE REMOTELY)

**Members:**

Deputy Philip Woodhouse (Chairman)	James de Sausmarez
Paul Martinelli (Deputy Chairman)	Michael Hudson
Nicholas Bensted-Smith	Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark
Deputy Roger Chadwick	Alderman Alastair King
Henry Colthurst	Jeremy Mayhew

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**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. **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

To receive the Sub-Committee's Terms of Reference as agreed by the Finance Committee on 11 May 2021.

**For Information**  
(Pages 5 - 6)

4. **MINUTES**

To agree the public minutes and non-public summary of the previous meeting held on 19 January 2021.

**For Decision**  
(Pages 7 - 10)

5. **WORK PROGRAMME**

Members are asked to note the Sub-Committee's work programme.

**For Information**  
(Pages 11 - 12)

6. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

Members are asked to note the Sub-Committee's outstanding actions list.

**For Information**  
(Pages 13 - 14)

7. **CENTRAL GRANTS PROGRAMME - ANNUAL REPORT**

Report of the Managing Director of Bridge House Estates and Chief Charities Officer.

**For Information**  
(Pages 15 - 32)

8. **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) NEIGHBOURHOOD FUND - UPDATE REPORT**

Report of the Managing Director of Bridge House Estates and Chief Charities Officer.

**For Information**  
(Pages 33 - 42)

9. **BENEFITS IN KIND - ANNUAL REPORT**

Report of the Managing Director of Bridge House Estates and Chief Charities Officer.

**For Information**  
(Pages 43 - 54)

10. **CENTRAL GRANTS UNIT - UPDATE REPORT**

Report of the Managing Director of Bridge House Estate and Chief Charities Officer.

**For Information**  
(Pages 55 - 64)

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

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

13. **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**

14. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

To agree the non-public minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 January 2021.

**For Decision**  
(Pages 65 - 66)

15. **CHARITIES REVIEW - INTERIM OUTCOMES REPORT**

Report of the Managing Director of Bridge House Estates & Chief Charities Officer.

**For Information**  
(Pages 67 - 78)

16. **NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE**
17. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

## **Finance Grants Oversight and Performance Sub-Committee - Terms of Reference**

The Finance Grants Oversight and Performance Sub Committee provides strategic oversight of the City of London Corporation's Central Grants Programme and the wider work of the Central Grants Unit, including reviewing progress, performance, impact against outcomes, and risks for all grants.

### **Composition**

- A minimum of **nine** and maximum of **13** total Members of the Finance Committee (includes the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Sub-Committee)

### **Terms of Reference**

- To provide strategic oversight of the City of London Corporation Central Grants Programme ('the Programme') and the wider work of the Central Grants Unit, including reviewing progress, performance, impact against outcomes and risks for all grants
- To ensure the Programme is compliant with any obligations under the Local Government Transparency Code 2015 and the Equality Act 2010
- To approve and deploy a performance management framework in respect of the Programme
- To assess performance of the Programme against Charity Commission best practice guidelines, as relevant
- To make recommendations to the relevant grant-giving Committees on any performance issues or issues with specific grants
- To provide the Resource Allocation Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee with an annual report regarding performance of the Programme and recommendations in setting the City's Cash and City Fund allocations to the Programme themes
- To have oversight and scrutiny of the allocations and disbursements of the City of London Corporation's Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Fund
- To have oversight and scrutiny of the City of London Corporation's use of its facilities as Benefits in Kind to external organisations
- To be kept up to date with the wider work of the Central Grants Unit

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## FINANCE GRANTS OVERSIGHT AND PERFORMANCE SUB COMMITTEE

**Tuesday, 19 January 2021**

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Grants Oversight and Performance Sub Committee held on Tuesday, 19 January 2021 on the rising of the Finance Committee (3:50 pm)

### **Present**

#### **Members:**

Nicholas Bensted-Smith (Chairman)  
Deputy Philip Woodhouse (Deputy Chairman)  
Deputy Roger Chadwick  
Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark  
Jeremy Mayhew  
Ian Seaton

### **In Attendance**

#### **Officers:**

Chloe Rew	- Town Clerk's Department
Antoinette Duhaney	- Town Clerk's Department
Amelia Ehren	- Town Clerk's Department
Tim Fletcher	- Town Clerk's Department
Jack Joslin	- Town Clerk's Department
James Lee	- Town Clerk's Department
Scott Nixon	- Town Clerk's Department
Julia Pridham	- Town Clerk's Department
Karen Atkinson	- Chamberlain's Department
Emily Rimington	- Comptroller and City Solicitor's Department

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Paul Martinelli.

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

There were none.

### **3. MINUTES**

RESOLVED, that – the public minutes and non-public summary of the previous meeting held on 22 September 2020 be agreed as a correct record.

#### 4. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

Members received the Sub-Committee's list of outstanding actions. The following points were noted:

- Terms of Reference: Members were informed prior to the meeting that the term 'Performance' in the Sub-Committee's title referred to the Sub-Committee's responsibility to oversee the performance of the Central Grants Unit and the Central Grants Programme in administering grants across the various programmes (not the performance of the grants themselves, which was the responsibility of the committees that approve the grants);
- CGU Update on the databases: The CGU shares the same grant-making database with City Bridge Trust (CBT) which requires a licence to use the software. Blackbaud GrantMaking (BBGM) is a market leader in grant management software. The procurement for this database system took place in 2018/19 in accordance with City of London procurement processes. An individual licence for the database costs £1500 annually which comes with wrap around technical support. Since the meeting in November, the CGU has rationalised its database needs and reduced the amount of licences required across the team to 2 at a cost of £3000.
- Benefits in Kind update regarding Mansion House and Central Criminal Court: work had been done since the last meeting with Mansion House, Central Criminal Court and City of London Schools regarding completing thorough reports and the importance of providing this data. They were also asked to provide nil returns where applicable to assess the impact of the pandemic on the Benefits in Kind reporting.

#### 5. **WORK PROGRAMME**

Members received the Sub-Committee's work programme. The Chairman noted that the programme was light and requested that the Town Clerk work with officers to update the programme for the remainder of the year.

#### 6. **CENTRAL GRANTS UNIT UPDATE**

Members received a report of the Chief Grants Officer and Director of CBT relative to the Central Grants Unit Update. It was noted that the pandemic had impacted the grants, both in terms of applications received and funds available, as well as having to take into consideration the safety of events. The Head of CGU summarised the various programmes within the CGP and the NCILF Programme Manager provided a verbal update on the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), which had progressed well since it launched around the time of the Sub-Committee's previous meeting. The CIL officer panel, which plays a role in the selection process, had been diversified following an equality and diversity exercise. The sum of the CIL funds available was approximately £6.2M, without a time-limit on dispersal.

RESOLVED, that Members –

1. note the CGP and CGU progress report update; and,
2. note the budget reduction to the City's Cash elements of the CGP.



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

There were none.

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

There was no other business.

9. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED**, 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.

10. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**, that – the non-public minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 September 2020 be agreed as a correct record.

11. **CORPORATE CHARITIES REVIEW**

Members heard an oral update from the Town Clerk relative to the Corporate Charities Review.

**RESOLVED**, that – the update be received.

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

There were none.

13. **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 4.16 pm**

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Chairman

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**Finance Grants Oversight and Performance Sub-Committee Forward Plan – 2021**

<b>11 May 2021</b>	<b>21 September 2021</b>
Receive Terms of Reference	Community Infrastructure Levy Report (1 Year Update)
Central Grants Unit Update	Corporate Charities Review Update Report
Benefits in Kind Update Report (including more information on MH/CCC and Bursars)	
Central Grants Unit Annual Report	
Corporate Charities Review – Interim Outcomes Report	

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# FINANCE GRANTS OVERSIGHT AND PERFORMANCE SUB-COMMITTEE - Outstanding Actions

## June 2021 update

Items from meeting held 19 January 2021		
ITEM ON AGENDA	Action	Target date
<b>5. WORK PROGRAMME</b>	Work Programme to be filled out for remainder of 2021	<i>11 May 2021 Town Clerk</i>
<b>11. CHARITIES REVIEW UPDATE</b>	Verbal update to be brought to the Sub-Committee at its next meeting	<i>11 May 2021 Chief Grants Officer and Director of CBT</i>

Items from meeting held 22 September 2020		
ITEM ON AGENDA	Action	Target date
<b>11.UPDATE REPORT ON CORPORATE CHARITIES REVIEW</b>	Full report to be brought to Sub-Committee in September 2021	<i>21 September 2021 Chief Grants Officer &amp; Director of CBT</i>

Items from meeting held 21 January 2020		
ITEM ON AGENDA	Action	Target date
<b>12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	City Bridge Trust and the Department of Open Spaces to further consider comments from Deputy Chairman with respect to green spaces.	<i>Ongoing Chief Grants Officer &amp; Director of CBT</i>

Items from meeting held 12 November 2019		
ITEM ON AGENDA	Action	Target date
<b>13. PRESENTATION: CHARITIES REVIEW UPDATE</b>	Regarding the governance plan, any recommendations will be presented first to the Sub-Committee, prior to being presented to Finance Committee and Policy & Resources.	<i>Ongoing Chief Grants Officer and Director of CBT</i>

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<b>Committee(s):</b> Finance Grants Oversight and Performance Sub-Committee	<b>Dated:</b> 21/06/2021
<b>Subject:</b> Central Grants Programme – Annual Report	<b>Public</b>
<b>Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?</b>	2,3,4,9, 10, 11, 12
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>If so, how much?</b>	<b>£0</b>
<b>What is the source of Funding?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Managing Director of Bridge House Estates and Chief Charities Officer	<b>For Information</b>
<b>Report author:</b> Jack Joslin, Head of the Central Grants Unit	

## Summary

This annual report provides an update on the Central Grants Programme (CGP). The report includes the outcomes of the four CGP grant programmes delivered in 2020/21.

## Recommendations:

- a) To note the Central Grants Programme (CGP) Annual Report

## Main Report

## Background

1. The CGU was established in October 2016 to manage the effectiveness of the CGP based on recommendations of the Effectiveness of Grants Service Based Review (SBR) 2014/15.
2. The CGU is co-located with the City Bridge Trust (CBT) team in the Town Clerk's Department in order to facilitate consistency of approach and harmonise service standards across grant-making activities by the City Corporation (in its various capacities, including as trustee of a number of charities which form part of the CGP). The CGU supports the ambitions of the 'role-modelling' pillar of the Joint Philanthropy Strategy, approved in May 2018, by enabling a more joined up, consistent and ultimately impactful approach to all grant-making taking place across the City of London Corporation and its Charitable Funder, City Bridge Trust.

3. In March 2018 the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee and Policy and Resources Committee met and both agreed to support the implementation of the CGP on a permanent basis from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.
4. The four CGP funding themes were agreed in March 2016 by the Policy and Resources Committee, and the eligibility criteria subsequently agreed by each respective grant-giving committee.

## **Overview of CGP**

1. Like all City of London Departments, the CGU had to adapt to the impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic and the subsequent lockdown. All staff have been working from home throughout the period and continued to deliver grant programmes remotely. The CGU has always delivered a paperless process since its inception so did not need to amend many processes.
2. To replicate best practice approach of CBT, the CGU signed up to London Funders' Pledge to offer support to civil society groups affected by the Coronavirus outbreak. Contact was made with all CGU grantees on several occasions outlining how projects could be extended, and money could be spent differently where required in order to support the small organisations we work with. The CGU Team had conversations with many organisations that had been affected in different ways by the lockdown restrictions and used their resulting insights to influence the wider work CBT have been doing in this field.
3. The CGP maintained its existing deadlines to ensure that organisations still had access to support and could still plan projects for the future. Several applications were considered out of funding rounds to respond to emerging needs.
4. The CGP role-models best practice in grant making by working collaboratively with departments to ensure that the most impactful funding decisions are made across the grant's programmes. The use of expert Officer Panels adds rich expertise to the process that draws on the wealth of knowledge and talent within the organisation. The knowledge of grant making best practice is delivered by the CGU with decisions being made by informed Officers and Committees across CoLC.
5. The table below outlines the total number of successful applications awarded in the year ending 31 March 2021. It is worth noting that the CGP received 92 applications for support in the year, with only one third of these being successful.



12 Month Grant Period April 2020 – March 2021		
CoL Programme	Number of Grants	Amount Awarded
Education & Employment	0	0
Inspiring London through Culture	12	£92,888
Enjoying Green Spaces and the Natural Environment	7	£83,568
Stronger Communities	12	£99,189
Combined Relief of Poverty Charity	2	£15,795
Total	33	£291,440

6. Detail of all applications approved, withdrawn and rejected under the CGP in 2020/21 is shown at **Appendix 1**.

### Education and Employment

7. The Education and Employment theme of the Central Grants Programme is responsible for the distribution of funds from the City Educational Trust Fund (290840) and The City of London Corporation Combined Education Charity (312836). Grant decisions for this programme are made by the Education Charity Sub-Committee.
8. A grant programme was delivered in April 2020, with only a few applications received. During the assessment process it was highlighted that the deficit brought forward from 2018/19 and grants awarded in the year had to be covered by income received in 2019/20, which left a low balance in unrestricted income funds that were carried forward as at 31 March 2020. As the charities cannot forecast the level of income due to be received in 2020/21 due to the impact of Coronavirus, it was unable to make grant commitments ahead of the next investment income distribution due in October 2020.
9. At the Education Board in July 2020 Members noted that if any grants were awarded by the City Educational Trust Fund then the charity would hold a deficit within its unrestricted income funds. The Combined Education Charity would be overdrawn on cash balances held as its income funds are held in non-liquid investments and cannot be accessed until October 2020.
10. The Committee therefore approved the rejection of the three applications received and moved to close the programme for the rest of the financial year. The CGU has since worked with the applicants to identify other funding bodies to approach to support the work that was applied for.
11. The Corporate Charity Review (CC Review) has undertaken a review of these two education charities and has submitted proposals to the relevant Committees in June/July for improved policy and administration arrangements in the best interests of each charity. A separate report will be prepared for your Sub-Committee outlining these proposals (if agreed) and the involvement of the CGU in September 2021.

## Inspiring London through Culture

12. One of the three City's Cash Grants Programmes, the Inspiring London through Culture programme, remains one of the most in demand themes under the Central Grants Programme.
13. The budget for *Inspiring London through Culture* was £84,000 for 2020/21. In the July 2020 grant round the panel approved grants totalling £48,325 leaving a remaining budget of £35,675 for the year.
14. In the January grant round the CGU outlined to the officer panel members that an additional amount of £9,000 could be made available to this grant programme if required, due to an underspend in another grant programme budget. Grants totalling £44,563 were approved spending the full budget for the year totalling £92,888.
15. At the Inspiring London through Culture Panel meeting in March the panel discussed the implications of the cut to the City's Cash grants budget and proposed to move to one grant programme a year rather than the two that are currently offered. Noting that the previous top award of £15,000 represents 20% of the total grant figure, it was also suggested that a maximum grant level of £10,000 should be applied to the programme. These recommendations seek to make best use of the funding available by enabling it to be shared amongst a greater number of applicants and will enable the panel to assess applications holistically in one go. This may also allow for a fairer balance across communities and cultural disciplines.
16. This approach was approved at the Culture Heritage and Libraries Committee in March 2021. A new application deadline for 2021/22 has been set for November, with decisions in January 2022.

## Stronger Communities

17. The Stronger Communities Programme is funded from City's Cash and from the City of London Corporation Combined Relief of Poverty Charity (1073660).
18. At the February 2020 CCS Committee meeting, it was resolved that the CGU administer the City's Cash Small Grants (up to £3,000) element of the Stronger Communities Programme on a rolling basis from 1 April 2020. A subsequent paper went to September 2020 CCS Committee to extend this approach to the Main Grant programme to ensure that the programme can react to emerging community needs in a more strategic and impactful way. This has been well received by the sector and allowed for the CGU to deepen its collaboration with DCCS.
19. The Stronger Communities Programme received a huge amount of initial applications and enquiries at the start of the year due to an erroneous perception that the programme was London-wide. Further work has been done to clarify the area of benefit through the website.

20. Two Grants totalling £15,795 were awarded in 2020/21 through the City of London Combined Relief of Poverty Charity in April and July 2020 to support Age UK City of London with its efforts to set up a City of London Foodbank.
21. There had previously been challenges in attracting suitable applications for the City of London Combined Relief of Poverty Charity and the policy for the charity has been subject to review to also take account of the transfer of funds from two other charities<sup>1</sup>. A new funding strategy which is more suitable to the charity, but still operating within the Stronger Communities Programme and supporting its overarching policy objectives was approved by the Community and Children's Services Committee on the 27 September 2020 . The CGU continue to work with DCCS Officers to explore grant making policy and will be updating the Children and Community Services Committee on this progress in June 2021.
22. The CGU is doing further work with DCCS Officers to explore different options for Strategic Grants. Consideration will need to be made to how grants are publicised in light in the reduction to the City's Cash Grants Budget.

### Enjoying Green Spaces and the Natural Environment

23. This programme is funded solely from City's Cash. Enjoying Green Spaces and the Natural Environment delivered one programme in 2020/21. The October grant awarded 7 grants totalling £83,568.
24. The programme continues to offer one funding deadline each year. CGU Officers usually visit the different open spaces sites to publicise the programme and deliver grant workshops. Due to the impact of Coronavirus these events did not go ahead in person in 2020/21. Instead the CGU provided advice and support on request to all potential applicants to the scheme, working with Open Spaces officers to ensure it was well publicised.
25. The CGU will continue to offer one grant programme a year, with the next deadline for this programme in October 2021.

### **General**

26. The table below outlines the shows the application deadlines for the CGP in 2020/21.

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<sup>1</sup> Nearly £300,000 was transferred from the Corporation of London Benevolent Association in 2019 and around £15,000 from the Signor Favale Marriage Portion Charity in 2020, the former being subject to binding restrictions on the application of those funds, the latter being subject to an expression of wishes which was accepted in receiving the funds.

<b>Funding Theme</b>	<b>Application Deadlines</b>
Education and Employment	Proposed January 2021
Inspiring London through Culture	November 2021
Stronger Communities	Both Small and Main Grant Programmes are accessible throughout the year
Enjoying Green Spaces and the Natural Environment	October 2021

## **Conclusion**

27. Although operating in a difficult environment the CGP continued to provide funding for a range of projects, supporting communities, green space management and cultural activity. The CGP continues to role-model best practice in grant making and works collaboratively across CoLC to ensure the grants awarded make the maximum impact.

## **Appendix 1 – Overview of Approved, Rejected and Withdrawn Grants 2020/21**

### **Background Papers:**

- Policy and Resources Committee, January 2017, 'Review and Reclassification of Former Finance Grants Sub-Committee Grants'.
- Policy and Resources Committee, March 2018, 'Central Grants Programme Review'

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## Appendix 1 – Grants Approved, Withdrawn & Rejected

### Approved Grants

ID/Ref	CoL Programmes	Organisation Name	Status	Grant Amount	Project Description
16363	a) Stronger Communities - Combined Relief of Poverty Charity	Age UK City of London	Active	£9,795.00	£9,795 to contribute to the cost of food, equipment and a contribution to volunteer management and overheads to run the City of London Foodbank.
17497	a) Stronger Communities - Combined Relief of Poverty Charity	Age UK City of London	Active	£6,000.00	£6,000 to contribute to the ongoing costs of the City of London Foodbank.
18451	a) Stronger Communities	Age UK City of London	Active	£9,949.00	£9,949 over a 12-month period to continue to deliver a community outreach programme, regular meetings and support the delivery of the Mansell Street Women's Group working with older Bengali women that reside in the Mansell Street estate and surrounding areas.
16436	a) Stronger Communities	Faith Matters	Active	£8,740.00	£8,740 to create a social media campaign targeting City of London estate residents, by producing a series of short videos challenging extremist conspiracy theories and promoting a sense of community during the Covid-19 pandemic.
17998	a) Stronger Communities	First Love Foundation	Active	£20,000.00	£20,000 to cover the costs of delivering a bespoke foodbank and advice service for beneficiaries in the City of London.
18621	a) Stronger Communities	First Love Foundation	Active	£10,000.00	£10,000 to continue to cover the costs of delivering a bespoke foodbank and advice service for beneficiaries in the City of London.
18467	a) Stronger Communities	Hoxton Health	Active	£10,000.00	£10,000 to run low-cost or free domiciliary and outreach foot health treatments for older residents of the City of London.

17989	a) Stronger Communities	London Metropolitan University	Active	£3,000.00	£3,000 contribution towards the costs of delivering Aldgate in Winter 2020.
18016	a) Stronger Communities	Mer-IT Digital	Active	£10,000.00	£10,000 towards the cost of refurbishing laptops to be distributed to City of London residents that are digitally isolated.
16435	a) Stronger Communities	St. Mary Moorfields Parish (Westminster Roman Catholic Diocese Trust)	Active	£3,500.00	£3,500 for events on history of the City of London and a panel speaker event to equip participants to serve the community
18468	a) Stronger Communities	Tavistock Relationships	Active	£10,000.00	£10,000 to promote the development of therapeutic support for carers and their loved ones living in the City of London.
16444	a) Stronger Communities	The Barbican Tuesday Club	Active	£2,000.00	£2,000 towards the running costs of the Barbican Tuesday Club.
16354	a) Stronger Communities	Tower Hamlets Youth Sport Foundation	Active	£9,000.00	£9,000 towards the costs of establishing the Platform Cricket programme for children in the City, Tower Hamlets and Islington.
17307	a) Stronger Communities	Tudor Rose Court Residents' Association	Active	£3,000.00	£3,000 towards the cost of furniture to improve the communal areas on Tudor Rose Court. Funding being released is conditional on the Residents Association seeking a Covid-19 related risk assessment from the landlord to ensure that the spacing of the furniture adheres to social distancing and public health guidelines.

ID/Ref	CoL Programmes	Organisation Name	Status	Grant Amount	Project Description
18002	b) Enjoying Green Spaces & the Natural Environment	Buckinghamshire Fungus Group	Active	£9,700.00	£9,700 over three years towards the study of fungal biodiversity in Burnham Beeches and Stoke Common through specimen collection and analysis.
17996	b) Enjoying Green Spaces & the Natural Environment	Downlands Trust	Active	£14,988.00	£14,988 towards the cost of volunteer task days and the oversight of grazing on the City Common's over a 12-month period. The work will be contracted to the Downlands Partnership and monitored and managed by the Downlands Trust.
18013	b) Enjoying Green Spaces & the Natural Environment	Epping Forest Heritage Trust	Active	£14,053.00	£14,053 towards the design, purchase and installation of signage for the 2021 Epping Forest Centenary Walk and any related marketing and activity costs.
18007	b) Enjoying Green Spaces & the Natural Environment	Friends of City Gardens	Active	£11,800.00	£11,800 over a 12-month period towards the support of volunteer tasks in City gardens completed according to the City of London's Biodiversity Strategy.
18462	b) Enjoying Green Spaces & the Natural Environment	Heritage of London Trust Ltd	Active	£14,000.00	£14,000 to support the cost of Phase Two of the Wanstead Grotto improvement project.
18466	b) Enjoying Green Spaces & the Natural Environment	Rare Breeds Survival Trust	Active	£14,927.00	£14,927 to purchase GPS cattle collars, the necessary infrastructure to support the new cattle management technology and RBST's management costs.
17997	b) Enjoying Green Spaces & the Natural Environment	The Friends of Wanstead Park	Active	£4,100.00	£4,100 towards the purchase of directional signage to be installed in Wanstead Park.

ID/Ref	CoL Programmes	Organisation Name	Status	Grant Amount	Project Description
18441	c) Inspiring London through Culture	Bishopsgate Institute	Active	£8,716.00	£8,716 to contribute to the total project cost of delivering nine streamed lunchtime concerts at the Great Hall in the Bishopsgate Institute from May – July 2021.
17571	c) Inspiring London through Culture	City Music Foundation	Active	£10,000.00	£10,000 towards the cost of Musical live stream or concerts to take place in 2021 showcasing young Musicians in City of London venues.
17385	c) Inspiring London through Culture	Connaught Opera	Active	£1,200.00	£1,200 to deliver two live on-site concerts at City locations to older people.
17572	c) Inspiring London through Culture	CurvingRoad	Active	£9,900.00	£9,900 to provide space, training and opportunity for individuals from CoLC's underrepresented communities to develop stories exploring lockdown and imagining post-Covid futures.
18454	c) Inspiring London through Culture	Forma Arts & Media	Active	£9,000.00	£9,000 towards activities to support the 2021 Himali Singh Soin Festival at the Barbican and to extend its reach to local schools and residents, on the condition that a set date is agreed with the artist and the Barbican.
17578	c) Inspiring London through Culture	Fuel Productions Limited	Active	£10,000.00	£10,000 towards the costs of delivering of two iterations of the night-time artist-led urban walk The Midnight Run with London Metropolitan Archives and Culture Mile.
17570	c) Inspiring London through Culture	Games London / Film London	Active	£8,425.00	£8,425 to contribute to the cost of free, open air showing of the Ensemble exhibition showcasing eight games industry leading lights from BAME backgrounds in Guildhall Yard and Aldgate Square.



17582	c) Inspiring London through Culture	Inspiring Audio Ltd	Active	£9,350.00	£9,350 towards the production costs of creating 'Streets of London', a podcast walking tour engaging children to explore City of London's social, historical and architectural stories. Please contact the Central Grants Unit to discuss how this project can connect to the Museum of London and the Culture Mile Team.
18447	c) Inspiring London through Culture	Japanese Avant-garde and Experimental Film Festival	Active	£5,647.00	£5,647 towards the delivery of 'JAEFF 2021: Bodies', under the condition that the organisation files a governing document with Companies' House that contains charitable objects and a suitable dissolution clause.
17574	c) Inspiring London through Culture	Noel Coward Foundation	Active	£5,000.00	£5,000 towards workshops and events extending access to the 'Noel Coward: Art & Style' exhibition at the Guildhall Art Gallery on the condition that an appropriate safeguarding policy is implemented.
18442	c) Inspiring London through Culture	Spread the Word	Active	£10,000.00	£10,000 to extend the delivery of the 'Runaways' project to City of London schools and cultural institutions, and to engage three emerging artists in the project's production.
17576	c) Inspiring London through Culture	Voces Cantabiles Music	Active	£5,650.00	£5,650 to support the creation of online content and digital workshops for schools to engage in professional singing provision and learn about the history and culture of the City of London.

## Application Withdrawn and Rejected

ID/Ref	CoL Programmes	Organisation Name	Status	Project Description
16359	d) The City Educational Trust Fund	Geffrye Museum Trust	Rejected	This application was rejected due to insufficient funds
14860	Education	King's College London Students' Union	Withdrawn	This application was rejected due to insufficient funds
15710	Education	Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts 2018/2019	Rejected	This application was rejected due to insufficient funds
18027	c) Inspiring London through Culture	All Hallows by the Tower Church	Withdrawn	Withdrawn because the project cannot be funded retrospectively.
17575	c) Inspiring London through Culture	Artis Foundation	Rejected	This was a high-quality application. The Panel could not consider it at this time due to the risk of Covid-19 on the projects viability.
17569	c) Inspiring London through Culture	Arts Territory	Rejected	This is an interesting application but was not developed enough to be considered. The panel would like to see an application later that has had more planning and engagement with the culture team.
18453	c) Inspiring London through Culture	Arts Territory	Rejected	The application could not be prioritised by the panel due to insufficient funds.
16985	c) Inspiring London through Culture	BeBox Limited	Rejected	The applicant organisation was not eligible as they are not a Charitable Company.

17580	c) Inspiring London through Culture	Becket Pageant for London, acting through the Skinners' Malmesbury Foundation	Rejected	This application was recommended for rejection by the Panel by a unanimous decision. Decision pending for Committee.
16986	a) Stronger Communities	Bilal Wellfare Trust Limited	Rejected	The application is ineligible as the work will not take place in the City of London or on one of its managed housing estates.
17999	a) Stronger Communities	Burgess Sports	Rejected	This application has not sufficiently demonstrated how it will work with young people from City of London housing estates in Southwark. Funding is therefore rejected.
16434	a) Stronger Communities	camp knak	Rejected	This application is not eligible as it takes place as it is not delivered in the City of London or on one of its housing estates. Funding is rejected.
18001	a) Stronger Communities	Capoyoga UK	Rejected	The application was not prioritised by the Officer Panel.
18448	d) The City Educational Trust Fund	Centre for Skills & Professional Development	Rejected	This application cannot be considered as this grant programme is closed.
16358	a) Stronger Communities	Coram's Fields & Harmsworth Memorial Playground	Rejected	The project is not targeted at Communities in the City of London or those living on its housing estates.
16360	d) The City Educational Trust Fund	Education and Employers	Rejected	Funding was not approved due to insufficient Charity Funds.

16439	a) Stronger Communities	Elevated Minds C.I.C	Rejected	The project is not targeted at Communities in the City of London or those living on its housing estates.
18003	b) Enjoying Green Spaces & the Natural Environment	Epping Forest Charitable Trust	Rejected	This application was not eligible as it was a City of London Charity.
16355	a) Stronger Communities	Esther Community Enterprise	Rejected	This application is not delivering services to City of London Communities or City of London managed housing estates. Application rejected.
16445	a) Stronger Communities	Fleet Street Sundial CIC	Rejected	The application was not considered to be a priority at this time, the panel felt that it would be better placed for the CIL Neighbourhood Fund.
16437	a) Stronger Communities	GINAGI FOUNDATION	Rejected	The project is not targeted at Communities in the City of London or those living on its housing estates.
16438	a) Stronger Communities	Golden Lane Estate Residents' Association	Rejected	The panel did not feel that this application met the criteria for the Stronger Communities Programme.
17382	c) Inspiring London through Culture	Historia Theatre Company	Rejected	This application was deemed as un-viable by the Panel.
15996	a) Stronger Communities	Hoxton Health	Rejected	The application needs re-thinking to more meet the needs of the beneficiaries they plan to serve. Funding is rejected.
17581	c) Inspiring London through Culture	Illuminated River Foundation	Rejected	This application was not deemed a priority by the Panel.
16442	a) Stronger Communities	Inspired Futures	Rejected	This grant is not sufficiently focused on Children and Young people from City of London Communities or its housing estates.
17988	b) Enjoying Green Spaces & the Natural Environment	Islington Boat Club	Rejected	This application is not eligible as it will not take place on a City of London managed Green Space.

18455	c) Inspiring London through Culture	JGO MEDIA	Rejected	The application's focus and benefit on the City of London is very limited.
18430	a) Stronger Communities	JS Community Association	Rejected	This application is for work taking place in Ealing and Hounslow. This application is ineligible.
16443	a) Stronger Communities	Kekoa Coaching	Rejected	The organisation has only 2 Directors and this project is clearly not targeted at City of London Communities or those living on City of London Managed Housing estates.
18028	a) Stronger Communities	Larkers CIC	Rejected	The panel agreed to reject this proposal due to lack of evidence of need and Applicant's suitability to impactfully carry out this work, noting Assessing Officer's comments on the missing charitable objects in the Larkers' governing document.
17383	a) Stronger Communities	Little Giants Volleyball Club	Rejected	The organisation applied out of a funding round. Application is not eligible.
18015	a) Stronger Communities	London Irish Foundation	Rejected	This Application is not targeted at Communities living in the City of London or its managed housing estates. Funding is therefore rejected.
18018	a) Stronger Communities	Mint Street Music Festival CIC	Rejected	The Panel agreed to reject this proposal as recommended by the Assessing Officer, recognising the challenges posed by the coronavirus on the festival delivery and noting the organisation's limited financial statement and safeguarding policy. An issue of overreliance was also raised as this would be the fourth time MSMF is funded in a row under this programme.
16441	a) Stronger Communities	Music for People	Rejected	The project is not targeted at Communities in the City of London or those living on its housing estates.

18006	b) Enjoying Green Spaces & the Natural Environment	National Trust, Morden Hall Park	Withdrawn	The applicant has withdrawn the application to access funding elsewhere.
16356	a) Stronger Communities	Nickel Support Community Interest Company	Rejected	The organisation has only 2 Directors and this project is clearly not targeted at City of London Communities or those living on City of London Managed Housing estates.
18456	c) Inspiring London through Culture	Outset Contemporary Art Fund	Withdrawn	Withdrawn as the project is better suited for the Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Fund.
18443	c) Inspiring London through Culture	Outside Edge Theatre Company	Withdrawn	Withdrawn as the project is ineligible.
16361	e) Combined Education Charity	Prisoners of Conscience (PoC) Appeal Fund	Rejected	
16357	a) Stronger Communities	Sal's Shoes	Rejected	The project is not targeted at Communities in the City of London or those living on its housing estates.
18452	a) Stronger Communities	Simply Beauty Pamper Services C.I.C	Rejected	This application is to deliver online beauty classes for young people not in Education and Employment. The organisation was set up in 2020 as a CIC and currently only has one listed Director, when we require a minimum of three. The project is also not targeted at City of London Communities or those living in City of London managed Housing Estates. Funding is therefore rejected.
18008	a) Stronger Communities	South London Women's Football Club	Rejected	This application is ineligible as it will not benefit communities living in the City of London or its managed housing estates.
17573	c) Inspiring London through Culture	Spitalfields Music	Rejected	The application could not be prioritised at this time.

16447	a) Stronger Communities	Spread a Smile	Rejected	This application has its merit but does not operate at Bart's so falls out of the scope of the scheme. Funding is rejected.
16446	a) Stronger Communities	Subtle FM CIC	Rejected	This application is targeted at Hackney Residents. This project is not eligible for funding.
17577	c) Inspiring London through Culture	Summer Music in City Churches	Rejected	The panel did not believe this application could not be prioritised.
18444	c) Inspiring London through Culture	Summer Music in City Churches	Rejected	This application could not be prioritised due to insufficient funds.
15956	a) Stronger Communities	The Drop In Bereavement Centre	Rejected	This application falls outside the geographical eligibility of the programme. Funding is rejected.
18005	b) Enjoying Green Spaces & the Natural Environment	The Garden Classroom	Rejected	
16433	a) Stronger Communities	The Prince's Foundation	Rejected	This application is not eligible as it will not be benefiting City of London residents or those living on City of London managed Housing estates.
18060	a) Stronger Communities	The Reasons Why Foundation	Rejected	This application is looking to deliver a mentoring programme for ex-offenders, supporting them through the gates as they look to reintegrate into society. Although this project has its merits it has not demonstrated how the work will specifically target individuals residing in the City of London or its managed housing estates. This is a speculative funding ask that has not been sufficiently researched or targeted.
18445	c) Inspiring London through Culture	The Royal Philatelic Society London	Rejected	This application could not be prioritised at this time due to the lack of funds.

17308	a) Stronger Communities	Third Age Challenge Organisation	Rejected	This application is for work in the London Borough of Enfield so does not meet the programme's geographical criteria. In addition, the amount requested is double the total funds held by the applicant at the end of 2019. A grant cannot be recommended.
18446	a) Stronger Communities	True You Today CIC	Rejected	This application is looking to work with 100 self-defined women who are survivors of Domestic abuse to engage in creative movement workshops. The Company outline in their application that they wish to target City of London Communities, however on further assessment it is clear that this work will take place in the East of Hackney, furthest from City Communities and Housing Estates. The applicant has clearly not researched the needs of City of London residents and this application is speculative.
16440	a) Stronger Communities	Ultimate Counselling Training and Support Services C.I.C	Rejected	The project is not targeted at Communities in the City of London or those living on its housing estates.
17579	c) Inspiring London through Culture	Walk East CIC	Rejected	This application could not be prioritised at this time.
18440	c) Inspiring London through Culture	Wearers Festival	Rejected	The application did not meet the eligibility criteria.
18004	b) Enjoying Green Spaces & the Natural Environment	wild green E13	Withdrawn	This application is not eligible as it will not take place on a City of London managed Green Space.



<b>Committee(s):</b> Finance Grants Oversight and Performance Sub-Committee	<b>Dated:</b> 21/06/2021
<b>Subject:</b> Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Neighbourhood Fund – Update Report	<b>Public</b>
<b>Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?</b>	2,3,4,9, 10, 11, 12
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>If so, how much?</b>	<b>£0</b>
<b>What is the source of Funding?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Managing Director of Bridge House Estates and Chief Charities Officer	<b>For Information</b>
<b>Report author:</b> Jack Joslin, Head of the Central Grants Unit James Lee, CIL Neighbourhood Fund Programme Manager	

## Summary

The City Corporation adopted a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) in 2014. National CIL Regulations require that 15% of CIL receipts be reserved for neighbourhood funding. Local authorities are required to engage with communities on how this neighbourhood funding should be used to support development of the area. Local authorities are required to report annually on the collection and use of CIL funds, identifying separately the amount of funds allocated to neighbourhood funding.

Public consultation on draft proposals for a City of London Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Fund (CILNF) took place in December 2018 and January 2019. Responses were received from 17 organisations and individuals, making 95 separate comments. These comments variously support the proposed approach to the Neighbourhood Fund, sought clarification on how the Fund would operate, and suggested amendments to the design and operation of the Fund.

An amended policy for the CILNF was agreed by this committee in May 2019, with agreement that a proportion of funding applications would be undertaken by officers under delegation, whilst retaining the role of the Committee to determine applications in excess of £50,000; a normal upper limit on funds for any one project of 15% of outstanding funds at the time of application; clarification of the reporting requirements for the Fund; clarification on those organisations that would be eligible to apply for funding, but allowing applications from constituted resident and business organisations in the City; and amendments to make the Fund more responsive to community-led projects and to allow for use of the Fund to cover robustly justified, time limited applications for revenue funding and maintenance.

The CILNF application process will be managed by the City Corporation's Central Grants Unit, with officers assessing applications and providing support to Committee in the consideration of larger applications. The administrative cost incurred in operating the Fund is recoverable from the 5% of City CIL funds allowed to cover such costs in Regulations.

### **Recommendation**

Members are recommended to:

1. To note the CILNF Update Report
2. To note the schedule of grants approved, withdrawn and rejected in the first 6 months of the programme at **Appendix 1**.

### **Main Report**

#### **Background**

1. Under the 2008 Planning Act and the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended), a local authority may adopt a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) setting out how it will require contributions from development towards the cost of providing new infrastructure. A local authority adopting a CIL must set out the infrastructure it will fund through the CIL in a document known as a Regulation 123 List. CIL regulations allow for up to 5% of CIL receipts to be used to fund the administrative costs incurred in operating a CIL. Regulations also require that 15% of CIL receipts shall be reserved for neighbourhood funding, or 25% where there is a neighbourhood plan. Neighbourhood funding must be passed to a neighbourhood forum, parish or town council, where they exist. Where they do not exist (as in the City of London), the local authority will retain CIL neighbourhood funds but should engage with communities where development has taken place and agree with them how best to spend this element of CIL.
2. In accordance with national Planning Practice Guidance, local authorities should set out clearly and transparently how they will engage with communities and the use of the neighbourhood fund should match the priorities expressed by these local communities.
3. Regulations require that the neighbourhood fund must be used to support the development of the local council's area, or any part of that area. CIL Regulation 59F allows a wider scope of projects to be funded through the CILNF than that allowed for other CIL funding, including:
  - a) the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; (the same criteria as for other CIL funds) or
  - b) anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area (additional flexibility for neighbourhood fund).

In delivering against (b) above, the CILNF does not have to be spent in accordance with the local authority's CIL spending priorities (set out in its Regulation 123 List).

4. Local authorities are required to report annually on the collection and use of CIL funds, identifying separately the amount of CILNF and how they have been used.

### **Current Position**

5. Proposals for the City CILNF were considered and approved by the Policy & Resources Committee on 2 May 2019. Management of the City CILNF process are aligned with the City's existing grant allocation process, through the Central Grants Unit (CGU).
6. The CGU has prepared the back-office functions for the CILNF and it is delivered by the the CILNF Programme Manager who started in post at the beginning of March 2020.
7. In March 2020, the lockdown commenced, and it was decided that the CILNF launch should postponed to 1 September 2020. Mindful of the significant contribution being made by CBT to emergency response funding, it was felt that the Fund would be better suited to dealing with the re-build stages of City Communities post lockdown than being utilised to make emergency funding. The CIL Programme Manager has worked with Officers across CoLC to ensure that that the programme will be ready to respond effectively to emerging need once launched.
8. The CILNF will have approved a minimum level of funding for which applications can be made, of £1,000, to ensure that very small applications do not lead to disproportionate administrative cost. There is a upper limit of 15% of CIL Neighbourhood Funds available at the time of application, to ensure that funding is not exhausted on a small number of schemes. Applications in excess of 15% can be considered in exceptional circumstances where there is demonstrable benefit to more than one of the City's communities and the proposal aligns with published City Corporation strategies.
9. When proposals are submitted that take place in a specific Ward, the CGU contacts the Alderman and Ward Members to consult on proposals. An email is sent outlining the intended proposal and giving a two-week timescale to provide comments. Comments are consolidated and taken into consideration as part of the assessment and decision-making process.
10. Payment of funds and management of financial procedures will be handled by the CGU. Costs incurred by the CGU in fulfilling this function and by service Departments are recovered from the 5% of all CIL funds that are available to fund the administrative costs of delivering CIL.
11. The City of London CILNF was opened for applications in September 2020 with £6.2 million available for distribution.

12. Since opening for applications, the CILNF has received 98 separate enquiries about the funding available and processed 19 completed applications.
13. To date, the CILNF has committed £623,748 (£544,327 in 19/20 and £79,421 in 21/22) to support communities in the City in a variety of ways: from providing non-statutory cancer support specialists at Barts Hospital to improving the accessibility of important cultural assets such as Bevis Marks Synagogue.
14. It is anticipated that the support available through the CILNF will continue to play an important role in the re-opening and recovery of the City.
15. In addition to the £623,748 already committed to projects in the City, the CILNF is currently considering over £1.5m worth of applications that are intended to provide benefit to City communities.

### **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

16. Corporate Plan Implications: Adoption of a mechanism enabling City communities to bid for funding from the City CILNF will enable community-led infrastructure improvements across the City and contribute towards meeting the 3 aims of the Corporate Plan 2018-23, particularly Contribute to a Flourishing Society and Shaping an Outstanding Environment.
17. Security Implications: The proposal to create a Neighbourhood Fund fulfils a statutory requirement for the spending of CIL. There are no direct security implications, though future funded projects may bring security benefits.
18. Financial Implications: The proposed City CILNF would make use of that proportion of City CIL monies which are required by statute to be used to assist in the delivery of new infrastructure to meet community needs (15% of CIL funds). The costs of management of the grant application process will be met through the 5% of CIL funds set aside by statute to cover CIL administration.
19. Equalities and resourcing implications: The proposed City CILNF has been subject to an Equality Analysis Test of Relevance. This has concluded that there are no impacts arising from these proposals for protected groups and that a full Equality Analysis is not required.
20. Delivery of the Fund will be through existing staff resources in Departments. Staff resource requirements will be met through allocation of some of the City CIL funds set aside by statute to cover administration costs.

### **Conclusion**

21. Community Infrastructure Levy legislation requires local authorities to reserve between 15% and 25% of CIL receipts for neighbourhood funding. Where there is no recognised parish or town council or neighbourhood forum, the local authority will retain the neighbourhood fund but must spend it on infrastructure which meets community needs. The local authority must consult the community on how these funds will be used.

22. The Neighbourhood Fund application process is managed by the CGU, with officers assessing applications and providing support to Committee in the consideration of larger applications. The administrative cost incurred in operating the Fund is recoverable from the 5% of City CIL funds allowed to cover such costs in Regulations. The programme launched on 1 September 2020.

## **Appendices**

### **Appendix 1 – Applications Approved, Withdrawn and Rejected**

## **Background Papers**

Report to Policy & Resources Committee 02/05/2019: City of London Community Infrastructure Levy –Approval of Neighbourhood Fund

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## Appendix 1 – Grants Approved, Withdrawn and Rejected

### Grants Approved – 2019/20 - £544,327

<b>Maggie Keswick Jencks Cancer Caring Centres Trust (ref. 17995)</b>	£254,827 contribution to three years' salary costs of a Cancer Support Specialist to be based at the Maggie's Centre at Barts Hospital, alongside capital funding for the creation of an open-access therapeutic garden at the Maggie's Centre.
<b>Becket Pageant for London, acting through the Skinners' Malmesbury Foundation (ref. 18026)</b>	£24,500 contribution towards the costs of a Community and School Engagement Programme showcasing the historical importance of the Beckett Pageant and its links to the City of London.
<b>St Vedast-alias-Foster (ref. 18459)</b>	£25,000 contribution to make the churchyard of St Mary Staining at the corner of Oat Lane fully accessible by replacing the steep steps with a graduated incline.
<b>Bevis Marks Synagogue Heritage Foundation (ref. 18025)</b>	£240,000 contribution for a community education and outreach programme, alongside capital work to improve accessibility of Bevis Marks Synagogue, an historic asset to the City community.

### Grants approved – 2020/21 - £79,421

<b>Age UK City of London (ref. 18506)</b>	£48,171 contribution to two years' salary costs of a coordinator to deliver a range of activities for City residents, whilst working with local agencies and service providers.
<b>Fleet Street Sundial CIC (ref. 18616)</b>	£31,250 contribution towards the creation of a sundial and information plaques to be located on Fleet Street to celebrate the area's heritage as the heartland of Britain's newspaper industry.

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**Grants Withdrawn**

<b>Sherwood Park Hall CIC (ref. 18449)</b>	Grant withdrawn as entirety of the work would occur outside of the City.
<b>Learning Through The Arts (ref. 18457)</b>	Grant withdrawn as entirety of the work would occur outside of the City.
<b>Basch Helps CIC (ref. 18014)</b>	Grant withdrawn as lacked enough focus on benefit to City communities. Applicant has been provided with constructive feedback and encouraged to re-apply.
<b>Hounslow &amp; Whitton Cricket Club (ref. 18201)</b>	Grant withdrawn as entirety of the work would occur outside of the City.



## Grants Rejected

<b>The Hope Union (ref. 18433)</b>	£500,000 contribution declined as work was poorly planned and little detail was provided. The intended geographic area of work also falls outside of the City.
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<b>Committee(s):</b> Finance Grants Oversight and Performance Sub-Committee	<b>Dated:</b> 21/06/2021
<b>Subject:</b> Benefits in Kind – Annual Report	<b>Public</b>
<b>Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?</b>	2,3,4,9, 10, 11, 12
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>If so, how much?</b>	<b>£0</b>
<b>What is the source of Funding?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Managing Director of Bridge House Estates and Chief Charities Officer	<b>For Information</b>
<b>Report author:</b> Jack Joslin, Head of the Central Grants Unit	

## Summary

The purpose of this report is for Members of this Sub-Committee to receive an update on the annual BIK data collected and the amount of time that officers have reported spending on volunteering or providing advice and guidance to external bodies/charities during the period between April 2020 and March 2021.

CoLC's definition of BIK is: Abatement of a full commercial rent; abatement of a fee or charge for services provided; or the provision of goods or services to a third party at either a nil or reduced charge by the City of London Corporation. This is to include Officer volunteering time and general support and the provision of advice or guidance to external bodies/charities.

In the meeting of this Committee in November 2019 it was agreed to align the BIK reporting with the financial year to correspond with the Philanthropy Strategy reporting.

Work is ongoing by the Central Grants Unit to ensure comprehensive reports are completed by all departments.

It is worth noting that the impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic on how the City of London operates has had an impact in what BIK's could be offered this year.

A total of 56 BIKs have been reported for in the period between April 2020 and March 2021, with total monetary value of £607,744. 14 BIKs are considered new and have a total monetary equivalent of £329,161.

A total of 3611 hours has been reported by the City Bridge Trust Team in relation to the volunteering time, general support and the provision of advice or guidance to

external bodies/charities that has been undertaken in the period. This has been the time given to the Pan-London Covid Response.

## **Recommendations**

- a) To note the summary and analysis of BIK relating to April 2020 and March 2021
- b) To note the new reporting approach to be implemented across departments for 2021/22

## **Main Report**

### **Background**

1. It was recognised in the corporate Effectiveness of Grants Service Based Review that CoLC offers support to the wider community in a number of ways – through direct financial contributions (or grants) often for charitable purposes; through the CoLC's support and trusteeship of many charities; and through non-monetary resources or BIK. The Grants Review excluded consideration of BIK, but as that report passed through the various committees the relevance of some of the findings to BIK were noted. It was requested by Members of various committees that BIK be considered in implementing the Grants Review outcomes.
2. Members highlighted that the key reputational and value-for-money risks and issues that were identified in relation to the payment of grants also apply to a BIK. Members identified that BIK would also benefit from the application of a similarly consistent, coherent and co-ordinated approach to ensure that there are no hidden financial costs to the organisation which are not being properly quantified and managed and to ensure reputational risks are mitigated by a fair decision making process.
3. To date, on an annual basis, the Chamberlain's Department requested that every department provide details of BIK that are provided to external organisations. This information formed the basis of an information report presented to the Finance Grants Sub-Committee (FGSC) every November. In 2016, FGSC was dissolved by the Finance Committee with the agreement of Policy and Resources Committee. Since that time, the BIK report has been the responsibility of this Sub-Committee to review.
4. In November 2017 a review of the BIK policy and framework was undertaken. Members of this Sub-Committee agreed that this refreshed and more comprehensive corporate BIK policy be submitted to the Finance Committee and Policy and Resources Committee for approval. The corporate-wide BIK policy was agreed by both committees and is now part of the Corporation's Financial Regulations which came into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.
5. In the meeting of this Committee in November 2019 it was agreed to align the BIK reporting with the financial year to correspond with the Philanthropy Strategy reporting.

6. This policy is part of the Financial Regulations and works alongside any local charging policies which are already established and operate effectively, such as that of the Remembrancer's Department.
7. A copy of the implemented BIK policy and framework is at **Appendix 1**.

### **Current BIKs**

8. A summary of the data collected from departments between April 2020 and March 2021 is shown at **Appendix 2**.
9. A new requirement of CoLC departments was to report on Officer volunteering time and general support and the provision of advice or guidance to external bodies/charities. The amount of time reported is once again below what we had expected, however, as part of the Philanthropy Strategy's aim of modelling excellent philanthropy (the giving of time, money and skills) a new corporate Volunteering Strategy has now been agreed at the September 2019 Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee and a dedicated Corporate Volunteering Manager (CVM) were recruited and are pushing forward the strategy. A key task of this post will be to increase the reporting pan -Corporation. A key task will be to improve this to ensure that officers understand when to record this and where. The LEAP volunteering platform was launched in 2020 which will provide accurate recording data for future Annual Reports.
10. In 2020/21 the City Bridge Trust Team recorded a total of 3611 hours of time that was committed to Pan-London Covid-Response. A further breakdown of this can be found at **Appendix 3**. The CGU did not receive any further returns regarding officer volunteering time.
11. Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic BIK reporting will have decreased as there have been less offered or taken up this year due to the closure of the Guildhall estate and social distancing rules. The CGU has ensured that departments submit Nil returns where this has been the case. It is worth noting that the Remembrancers department filed a Nil Return this year, which is usually a significant part of BIK reporting. The Coronavirus Pandemic has impacted how CoLC operates especially its ability to provide space and hospitality.
12. The CGU has provided a number of bespoke sessions this year with departments on why this reporting is important. The benefits of this will hopefully be seen when lockdown measures are lifted and CoLC is able to offer space again.
13. The CGU will be working with departments going forward to ensure that they are aware of the requirements of the policy and offer support where required. The CGU Funding Officer will be providing this service on an ongoing basis and has already started working with officers across CoLC to implement it.

14. The new process will involve departments filling in a simple form when agreeing a new BIK or recording an ongoing BIK. The CGU will hold all of this information centrally ensuring all of the data is clear and formatted which will provide more accurate reporting. Training on the new process and the importance of it will be provided to ensure departments are providing the most accurate data.

## **Conclusion**

15. The purpose of this report is for Members of this Sub-Committee to receive an update on the BIK data collected for 2020/21.

## **Appendices:**

**Appendix 1:** Corporate Wide BIK policy and framework

**Appendix 2:** Summary of BIK data 2020/21

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## **Appendix 1: Corporate Wide Benefits In Kind (BIK) policy and framework**

The City of London Corporation's definition of BIK is:

- a) Abatement of a full commercial rent;
- b) Abatement of a fee or charge for services provided; or
- c) The provision of goods or services to a third party at either a nil or reduced charge by the City of London Corporation. This is to include Officer volunteering time and general support and the provision of advice or guidance to external bodies/charities

1. In accordance with the existing corporate governance framework, all BIK should be approved by either a Chief Officer (or delegate), or relevant service Committee (or Sub-Committee):

a. Any BIK decisions with a monetary equivalent of under £10,000 may be taken by Chief Officers –

i. In relation to property matters, subject always to the advice of the City Surveyor, in both managing the physical assets, including land and buildings for which they are responsible; and in approving the casual or occasional use of land, premises or equipment under the control of the department (as provided under the officer Scheme of Delegations); and

ii. otherwise in respect of goods and services in accordance with any properly approved charging policy (as provided for in the Financial Regulations).

iii. If the aggregate value of the delegated BIK's (agreed by a single department) in any financial year reach £100k, the relevant service Committee (or Sub-Committee) must receive notification, including a breakdown of all decisions to be taken.

b. Any BIKs with a monetary equivalent over the threshold of £10,000 shall, subject to a specific discretion otherwise granted to a Chief Officer (as provided for in the Financial Regulations), should be reported to the relevant service Committee for approval in setting any charging policy.

2. At the time of agreement of a BIK, a review or end date must be included.

3. All data from internal volunteering programmes must be included. This would include any Officer time provided in terms of general support, advice or guidance to external bodies/charities. An aggregation of data (time spent and equivalent cost) is acceptable from each department. This data collection does not apply to City of London Corporation Members.

4. All BIK allocated to external organisations over a value of £10,000 should be acknowledged in any relevant publicity. City of London Corporation branding

should be used in each such instance (in line with the current guidance of the Communications Department).

5. All departments are expected to maintain a rolling register of BIK, in a standard format rather than relying on end of year data capture. These will be fed into the CGU who will maintain a central, transparent register.
6. All BIK to be reported to the FGOPSC, annually in April/ May. A standardised template will be provided to all departments for completion throughout the year.

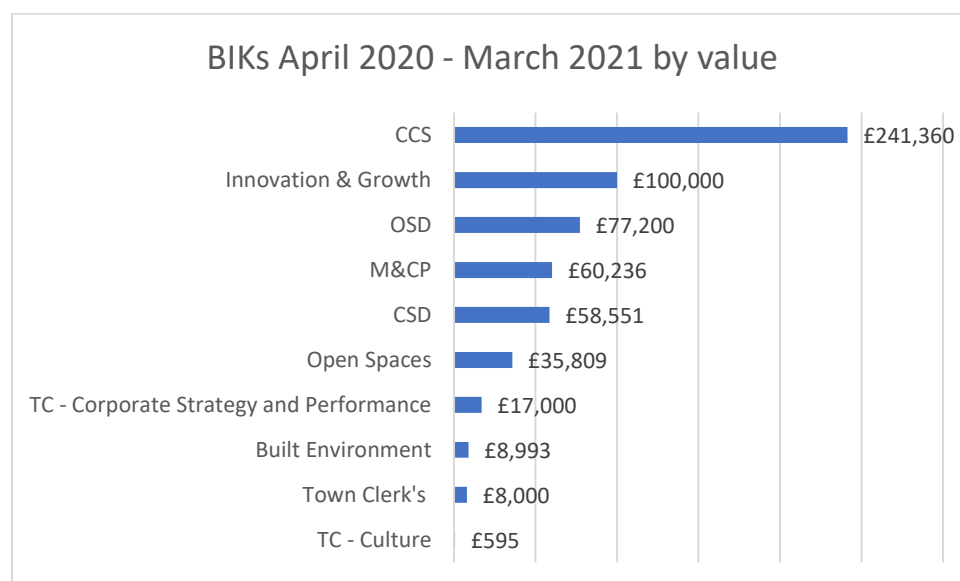
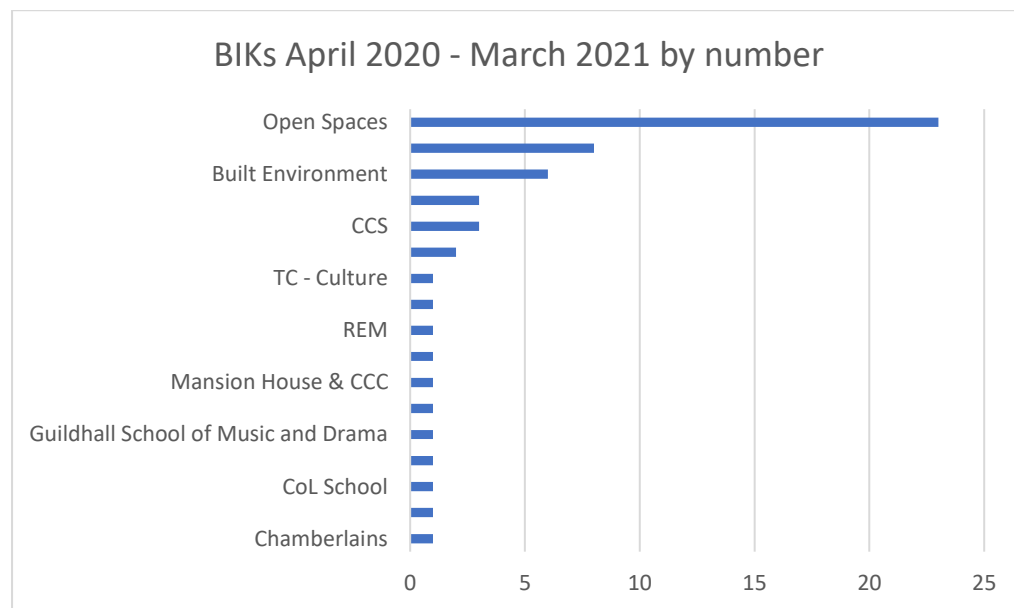


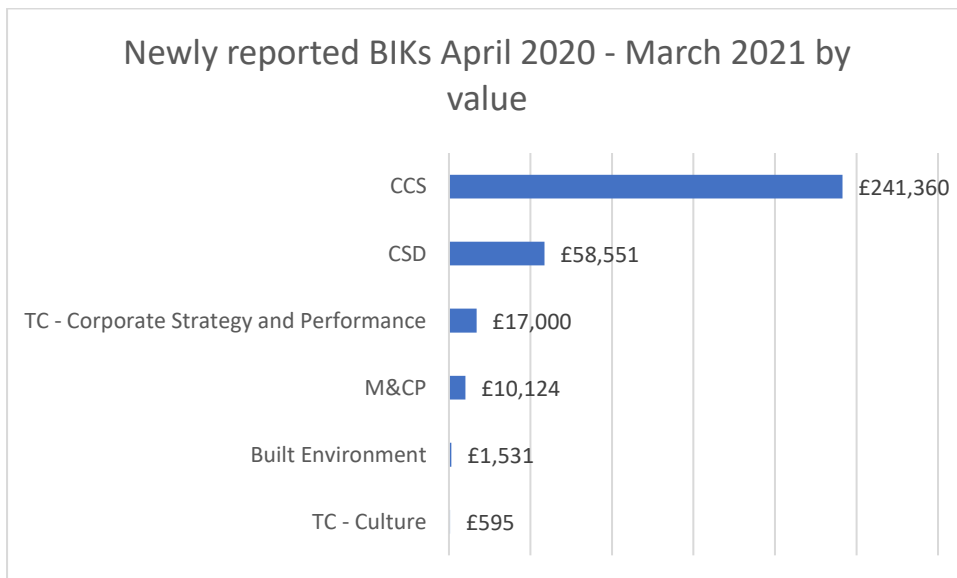
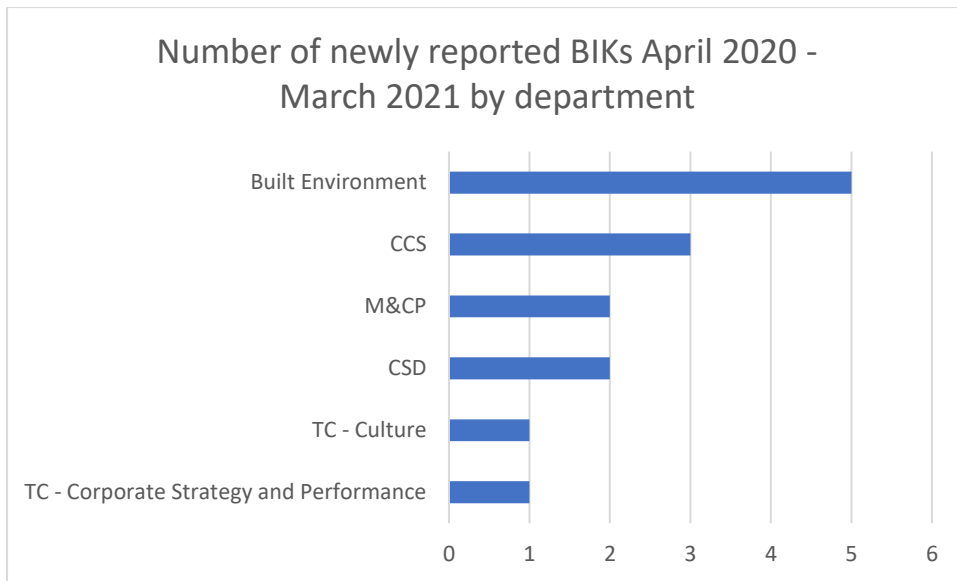
## Appendix 2 - BIK Report Data

April 2021

2020-21

Total BIKs	56
Total new BIKs	14
£ BIKs	£607,744
£ new BIKs	£329,161

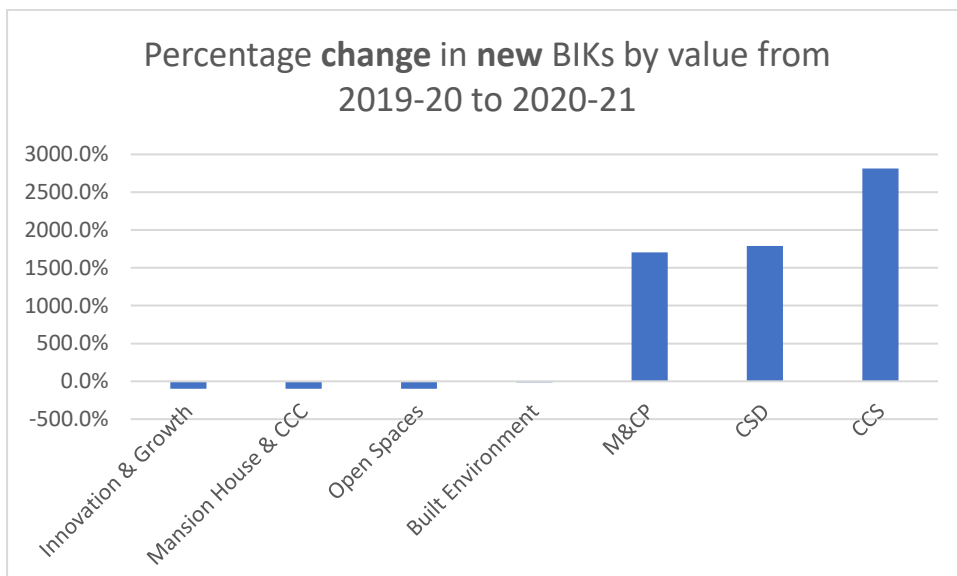
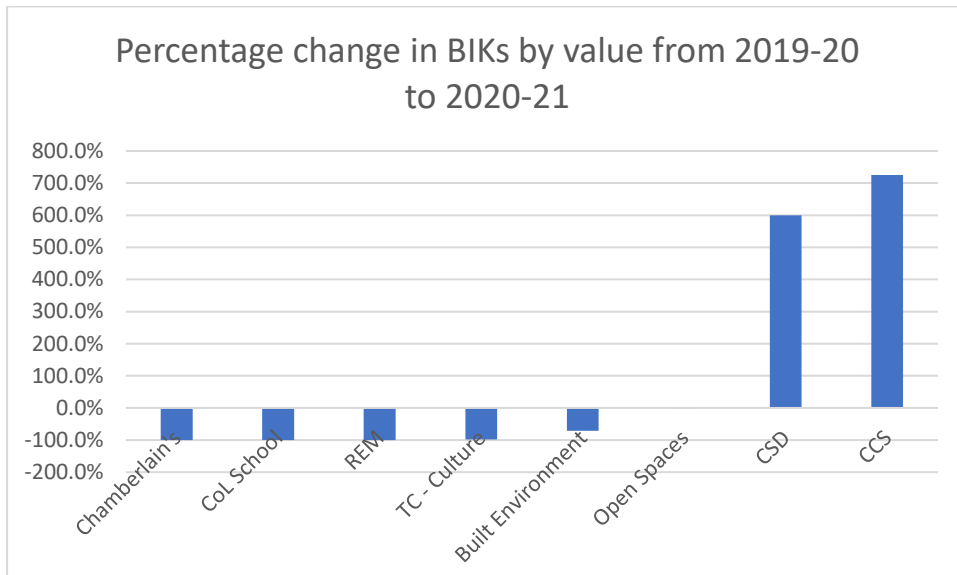
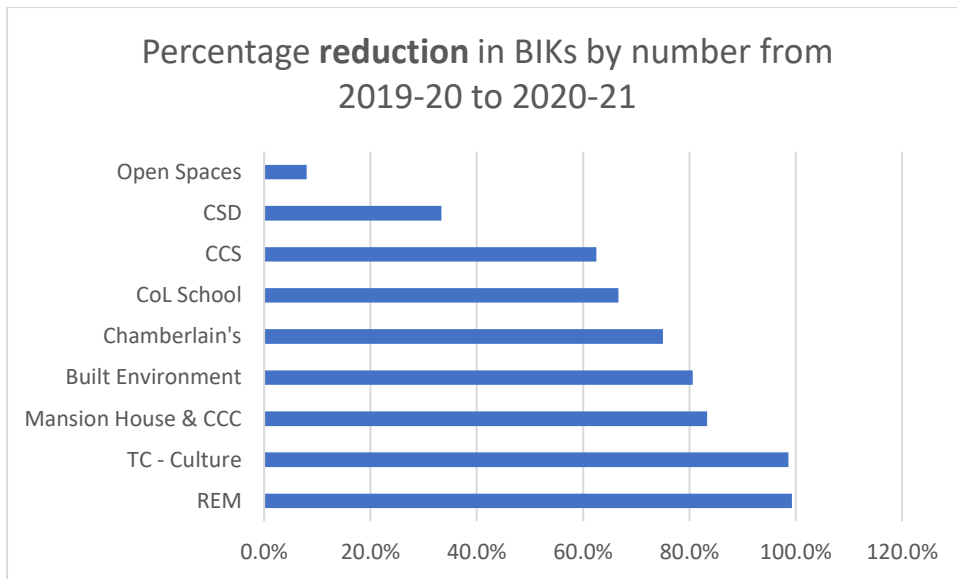




#### 2019-20 v 2020-21

	2020-21	2019-20	% change
Total BIKs	56	311	-82.0%
Total new BIKs	14	154	-90.9%
£ BIKs	£607,744	£1,964,956	-69.1%
£ new BIKs	£329,161	£199,105	65.3%

Two large new BIKs have contributed to the increased £ value of new BIKs compared to the previous year



CCS large increase driven by a new BIK for Square Mile Foodbank - £178,360

CSD large increase driven by a new BIK for rent-free office accommodation - £50,183

### Appendix 3: Snapshot Summary of City Bridge Trust time spent on Pan-London Covid-19 work

1. A total of 461 days has been spent by City Bridge Trust colleagues over the last 12 months responding to the Pan-London work in response to the Coronavirus Pandemic.
2. That equates to 3,611 hours

#### Full time (7 weeks)

Name	Days per week	Start date	End date	Estimated days	Hours
Managing Director of BHE	6	16/03/2020	01/05/2020	40	320
Philanthropy Director	6	16/03/2020	01/05/2020	40	320
Project Lead	6	17/03/2020	01/05/2020	39	312
Head of Directors Office	6	16/03/2020	01/05/2020	40	320

#### Part time basis

Name	Days per week	Start date	End date	Estimated days	Hours
Managing Director of BHE	3	04/05/2020	03/07/2020	27	216
Philanthropy Director	4	04/05/2020	03/07/2020	36	288
Project Lead	3	04/05/2020	03/07/2020	27	216
Head of Directors Office	2	04/05/2020	03/07/2020	18	144

#### Part time basis

Name	Days per week	Start date	End date	Estimated days	Hours
Managing Director of BHE	1	06/07/2020	28/08/2020	8	64
Philanthropy Director	3	06/07/2020	28/08/2020	24	192
Project Lead	1	06/07/2020	28/08/2020	8	64
Head of Directors Office	0	-	-	-	0

Name	Days per week	Start date	End date	Estimated days	Hours
Managing Director of BHE	2	01/09/2020	01/03/2021	56	420
Philanthropy Director	1.5	01/09/2020	01/03/2021	42	315
Project Lead	1	01/09/2020	01/03/2021	28	210
Head of Directors Office	1	01/09/2020	01/03/2021	28	210

<b>Total over 12 Months</b>		
	<b>Estimated days</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Managing Director of BHE	131	1020
Philanthropy Director	142	1115
Project Lead	102	802
Head of Directors Office	86	674

<b>Committee(s):</b> Finance Grants Oversight and Performance Sub-Committee	<b>Dated:</b> 21/06/2021
<b>Subject:</b> Central Grants Unit – Update Report	<b>Public</b>
<b>Which outcomes in the City Corporation’s Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?</b>	2,3,4,9, 10, 11, 12
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>If so, how much?</b>	<b>£0</b>
<b>What is the source of Funding?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain’s Department?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Managing Director of Bridge House Estate and Chief Charities Officer	<b>For Information</b>
<b>Report author:</b> Jack Joslin, Head of the Central Grants Unit	

## Summary

This report provides an update on the work of the Central Grants Unit (CGU) established in late 2016. The CGU administers the City Corporation’s Central Grants Programme (CGP) as well as providing a centre of excellence in charity and grants administration and management with a view to establishing consistency of approach within the City Corporation and to role model best practice in the field of Grant Making. The success of the CGU has led to it taking on the administration of other funding and grants programmes for the City Corporation as charity trustee (Emanuel Hospital) and as local authority (Community Infrastructure Levy Fund).

## Recommendations:

- a) To note the CGU progress update report

## Main Report

## Background

1. The CGU was established in October 2016 to manage the effectiveness of the CGP based on recommendations of the Effectiveness of Grants Service Based Review (SBR) 2014/15.
2. The CGU is co-located with the City Bridge Trust (CBT) team in the Town Clerk’s Department in order to facilitate consistency of approach and harmonise service standards across grant-making activities by the City Corporation (in its various capacities, including as trustee of a number of

charities which form part of the CGP). A full report on the activities of the CGP over the last year is part of this Agenda.

3. In March 2018 the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee and Policy and Resources Committee met and both agreed to support the implementation of the CGP on a permanent basis from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.
4. The CGU supports the ambitions of the 'role-modelling' pillar of the Joint Philanthropy Strategy, approved in May 2018, by enabling a more joined up, consistent and ultimately impactful approach to all grant-making taking place across the City of London Corporation.
5. A number of small charities in respect of which the City Corporation is trustee are administered through the CGP in a manner consistent with their charitable objects and governing documents, it being considered in each case to be in the charity's best interests for their most efficient administration and effective application of funds to do so, these matters being kept under review in the normal way. Consistent with the powers of a charity trustee to recover the reasonable costs and expenses of administering their charity, in each case these costs are recovered from each of the charities operating as part of the CGP.
6. As noted above, the CGU was originally set up to manage the effectiveness of the CGP. Due to its success, in May 2019 the Policy and Resources Committee agreed that the City Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Neighbourhood Fund be managed by the City CGU. It was agreed that a post be created to manage the programme under the oversight of the Head of the Central Grants Unit (HCGU). Any resources spent on the CIL Neighbourhood Fund by the CGU are met from the 5% administration fee charged to the total CIL.
7. The CGU is co-located within City Bridge Trust (CBT) in order to facilitate consistency of approach and harmonise service standards across all City Corporation Philanthropy, consistent with the 2018 – 2023 Joint Philanthropy Strategy agreed for the City Corporation in its own right and as Trustee of BHE.

### **Overview of the work of the CGU**

8. The CGU has had to continue to adapt to the impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic. All staff have been working from home throughout the period and continued to deliver grant programmes remotely.
9. The CGU Team has had to continue to respond to the changing landscape and has maintained good relationships with grantees, providing flexibility on projects and giving advice where required.
10. The CGP maintained its existing deadlines to ensure that organisations still had access to support and could still plan projects for the future. Since Members met in January, the CGU has ensured that all the CGP funding



rounds have completed and spent allocated budgets. The CGP Annual Report received by this Committee outlines all the CGP Grant programmes delivered in 2020/21 Financial Year.

11. The CIL Neighbourhood Fund launched on the 1 September 2020. The fund has received a lot of interest and the CGU have regular discussions with organisations looking to apply. A more detailed report is provided in the CIL Neighbourhood Fund Update report on this Agenda.
12. In September 2020 the CGU became directly involved in the Corporate Charity (CC) Review. Part of this work has been supporting the Emanuel Hospital Charity (EH) (206952) to implement new strategic policies and refreshed administration arrangements to support the charity achieving maximum impact from its funds. At the meeting of the Emanuel Hospital Sub-Committee in May 2021 the Alderman approved two strategic grants totalling £442,584 supporting vulnerable older people in London.
13. The Table below outlines the funding that has been overseen by the CGU in year ending March 2021.

12 Month Grant Period April 2020 – March 2021		
CoL Programme	Number of Grants	Amount Awarded
Central Grants Programme	33	£291,440
CIL Neighbourhood Fund	4	£544,327
International Disaster Fund	6	£125,000
Total	43	£960,767

14. It is anticipated that the amount of grant oversight by the CGU is to increase significantly by March 2022. This is due to the successful imbedding of the CIL Neighbourhood Fund and from the implementation of outcomes of the CC Review.
15. A breakdown of the Management and Re-Charge costs for the CGU in 2020/21 is shown at **Appendix 1**.

#### Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Fund (CILNF)

16. The CILNF Launched on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020. Since opening it has attracted a lot of interest and the CGU deals regularly with enquiries about the fund and what it can support. To date 6 grants totalling £623,748 have been awarded, with some more substantial applications in the pipeline. Further detail on this fund is included in the CILNF report on the Agenda in this Committee.

#### The Corporate Charity Review

17. In 2020 the CGU became directly involved in the CC Review and in implementing outcomes has taken on the grant making and management of EH referred to in paragraph 12. CC Review proposals for the two education

charities<sup>1</sup> that the CGU administers as part of the CGP will be submitted to the Community and Children's Services Committee on 11 June 2021 and the Education Board on 1 July 2021 and, if approved, could release £5.2m in funding to beneficiaries over the next 5 years. The CGU will play a pivotal role in developing policy for and administering the proposed grant programmes with support from the CC Working Group.

18. The Corporate Charities Project Officer has joined the CGU team to support with the development of a 'Centre of Excellence' in grant making, charity management and administration. Further information on this ongoing work is provided later in the agenda.

### International Disaster Fund

19. The City Corporation holds a contingency fund of £125,000 in its City's Cash budget allocated to the International Disasters Fund (IDF) administered by the Finance Committee. The CGU provide advice and make recommendations to the Finance Committee about where to distribute IDF in response to International Appeals. The HCGU has refined the policy for the IDF which was approved at the January meeting of the Finance Committee. A subsequent donation of £25,000 was approved in March 2021 to City Harvest in support of its Livery Kitchen Initiative and Food distribution service in East London.
20. A breakdown of all IDF Donations dating back to 2021 is provided in **Appendix 2** for information.

### General

21. The CGU and the HCGU are now directly responsible to the Philanthropy Director to ensure that the CGU is reflecting the aspirations of the City Corporation's Joint Philanthropy Strategy and role-modelling best practice in grant making across its programmes, advice and support. Ongoing work is planned on how to work collaboratively and in support of other departments to role model best practice.
22. The CGU has been approached to administer other grants (including charitable grants) which are the responsibility of the City Corporation in its various legal capacities, and also to provide grant-making support in respect of grants that do not form part of the CGP. The CGU is seen as a trusted and collaborative team across CoLC.
23. The HCGU continues to be the City Corporation nominated London local authority Grants Officer to attend the London Borough Grants Officer Forum, hosted by London Councils. This is a useful forum to discuss grants funding related issues across London and to get updates from London Funders and

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<sup>1</sup> City Educational Trust Fund (290840) and City of London Corporation Combined Education Charity (312836)

London Councils. This has been especially useful for sharing experiences of implementing CIL Neighborhood Funds across London local authorities.

## **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – Breakdown of CGU Management Costs 2020/21
- Appendix 2 – IDF Donations 2010 - 2021

## **Background Papers:**

- Policy and Resources Committee, January 2017, 'Review and Reclassification of Former Finance Grants Sub-Committee Grants'.
- Policy and Resources Committee, March 2018, 'Central Grants Programme Review'
- Policy and Resources Committee, April 2021, Philanthropy Strategy Implementation and Plan

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## Appendix 1 - Breakdown of Management Costs & Re-Charges

### Re-Charge Breakdown 2020/21

	Budget	Actual	Variance	2019/20
City Educational Trust Fund	4,000	1,715	2,285	9,313
City of London Corporation Combined Education Charity	4,000	1,715	2,285	9,313
City of London Corporation Combined Relief of Poverty Charity	2,000	644	1,356	417
City's Cash	60,000	60,000	0	54,881
Neighbourhood CIL	92,000	68,314	23,686	0
Corporate Charity Review	7,500	8,372	(872)	0
CBT	15,000	16,422	(1,422)	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>184,500</b>	<b>157,182</b>	<b>27,318</b>	<b>73,923</b>

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## **Appendix 2 -Summary of Charitable Donations 2010/11 to 2021/22**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Donation To</b>	<b>Reason for Donation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
August 2010	British Red Cross	Pakistan Flood Relief Appeal	£20,000
August 2010	RedR UK	Pakistan Flood Relief Appeal	£10,000
December 2010	Friends of Colombia for Social Aid	Colombia Flood Relief Appeal	£5,000
March 2011	British Red Cross	Libya and Region Appeal (violent unrest)	£25,000
March 2011	British Red Cross	Japan Flood Relief Appeal	£50,000
April 2011	British Red Cross	Ivory Coast Conflict Relief Appeal	£15,000
July 2011	British Red Cross	East Africa Famine Crisis	£25,000
November 2011	British Red Cross	Turkey Earthquake Emergency Appeal	£25,000
January 2012	British Red Cross	Philippines Typhoon Botha Appeal	£20,000
March 2013	Disaster Emergency Committee	Syrian Refugee Appeal	£50,000
October 2013	British Red Cross	India Cyclone Phailin Appeal	£25,000
November 2013	Disaster Emergency Committee	Philippines Typhoon Haiyan Appeal	£50,000
September 2014	British Red Cross	West Africa Ebola Outbreak Appeal	£20,000
September 2014	British Red Cross	South Sudan Refugee Appeal	£20,000
October 2014	Disaster Emergency Committee	West Africa Ebola Outbreak Appeal	£30,000
March 2015	British Red Cross	Nepal Earthquake Appeal	£25,000
April 2015	Disaster Emergency Committee	Nepal Earthquake Appeal	£25,000
April 2016	UK Community Foundations	Child Refugees/Asylum Seekers	£50,000
October 2016	British Red Cross	Haiti Hurricane Matthew Appeal	£30,000
Jan 2017	Disaster Emergency Committee	Yemen Crisis Emergency Appeal	£25,000
Jan 2017	Save The Children	Nigeria Food Crisis Appeal	£20,000
March 2017	Disaster Emergency Committee	East Africa Famine Relief Appeal	£55,000
May 2017	Red Cross & Manchester City Councils 'We Love Manchester Appeal'	Manchester Arena terrorist attack	£25,000
Sep 2017	Red Cross	South Asia Floods Emergency Appeal	£25,000
Sep 2017	Red Cross	Hurricane Irma Emergency Appeal	£25,000
Sep 2017	Red Cross	Myanmar Rohingya Crisis Appeal	£25,000

Oct 2018	Disaster Emergency Committee	Indonesia Earthquake and Tsunami Appeal	£40,000
Jan 2019	Save the Children	Indonesia Tsunami Appeal	£30,000
Mar 2019	Disaster Emergency Committee	Cyclone Idai Appeal	£30,000
Sep 2019	Team Rubicon UK	Hurricane Dorian Appeal	£25,000
Dec 2019	Red Cross	Myanmar Rohingya Crisis Appeal	£25,000
Jan 2020	Red cross	Australian Bush Fire Appeal	£15,000
April 2020	Red Cross	UK Coronavirus Appeal	£20,000
April 2020	Team Rubicon	London Coronavirus Response	£20,000
May 2020	St John Ambulance	London Coronavirus Response	£20,000
July 2020	Disaster Emergency Committee	DEC Coronavirus Appeal	£20,000
August 2020	Red Cross	Beirut Disaster Fund	£20,000
March 2021	City Harvest	East London Food distribution and Livery Kitchen Initiative	£25,000
May 2021	Disaster Emergency Committee	DEC India Coronavirus Appeal	£25,000



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