

FINANCE GRANTS OVERSIGHT AND PERFORMANCE SUB COMMITTEE
Tuesday, 9 April 2019

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Grants Oversight and Performance Sub Committee held at Committee Rooms 3 & 4 - 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Tuesday, 9 April 2019 at 3.45 pm

Present

Members:

Simon Duckworth (Chairman)
Deputy Philip Woodhouse (Deputy Chairman)
Nicholas Bensted-Smith
Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark
Jeremy Mayhew
Mark Wheatley

Officers:

Chloe Rew	- Town Clerk's Department
David Farnsworth	- Chief Grants Officer & Director of City Bridge Trust, Town Clerk's Department
Lily Brandhorst	- Town Clerk's Department
Jack Joslin	- Town Clerk's Department
Ciaran Rafferty	- Town Clerk's Department
Karen Atkinson	- Chamberlain's Department
Anne Pietsch	- Comptroller & City Solicitor's
Emily Rimington	- Comptroller & City Solicitor's

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Oliver Lodge.

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

There were no declarations.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 13 November 2018 be approved as a correct record.

4. CENTRAL GRANTS PROGRAMME (CGP) - UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS REPORT

Members received a report of the Chief Grants Officer and Director of City Bridge Trust relative to an update on the Central Grants Programme (CGP).

The Comptroller & City Solicitor provided an oral update on the rationalisation of City Corporation associated charities, informing Members that the Corporation of London Benevolent Association had now been removed from

the register of charities and that its funds have been transferred, subject to conditions, to the Combined Relief of Poverty Charity and that work was ongoing to update the Combined Relief of Poverty Charity's eligibility criteria to reflect this. Members requested that future reference to the Combined Relief of Poverty Charity should indicate that this charity incorporates the former Corporation of London Benevolent Association as this is where the additional funds come from.

Members expressed a preference that funds be awarded to smaller charities, with queries to be referred to the Chairman and Deputy Chairman for informal consultation. Members also requested brief conclusions on applicants who had fallen through the cracks.

RESOLVED – That the report be received and its contents noted.

5. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) NEIGHBOURHOOD FUND

Members received a report of the Chief Grants Officer relative to the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Neighbourhood Fund and its proposed management by the Central Grants Unit (CGU).

The Fund currently has £4.7 million and is projected to receive approximately £1 million income per year. The Chairman requested these figures be reconfirmed with the Chamberlain and Comptroller & City Solicitor.

The Comptroller & City Solicitor noted that Members may find it helpful to clarify this sub committee's relationship with the relevant service committees and sub committees in respect of the oversight and performance of the CGU's proposed administration of the CIL Neighbourhood Fund and other charities where those funds do not form part of the Central Grants Programme (CGP) which are under the oversight and remit of the sub-committee. It was noted that as the work of the CGU expands beyond the CGP that Members may wish to review the sub-committee's Terms of Reference as appropriate.

RESOLVED – That the report be received and its contents noted.

6. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB COMMITTEE

There were no other questions.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

Members expressed their thanks to the Chairman for his three years of service as Subcommittee Chairman.

8. **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 I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

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9. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the non-public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 13 November 2018 be approved as a correct record.

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

There were no questions.

11. **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 3.55 pm

Chairman

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