

Committee Finance Grants Oversight and Performance Sub-Committee	Dated: 12/11/2019
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Summary

This report provides an update to Members on the City’s Cash Grants Budget Allocations.

Recommendations:

Members are asked to note the City’s Cash Grants Budget Allocations.

Main Report

Background

1. In July 2017, the Finance Grants Oversight and Performance Sub-Committee met to receive a report providing an update on the CGP. At the meeting members requested to see a breakdown of the City’s Cash Grants Budget to get a better understanding of the current commitments and how they relate to the budget held by the CGU. An update for 2019 is now provided.
2. **Appendix 1** outlines the historical, current and future City’s Cash Grants Budget specifying the responsible committee for each.

Current Position

3. The overall City’s Cash Grants budget proposed for 2020/21 remains at a similar level to previous years, with the most significant allocation being to Education related activities. These grants are being considered within the current Tomlinson Review. The amount under the management of the CGU for the year remains at the previously approved level of £250,000. Members should note that previous years stated budgets include carry-forward amounts.

4. In January 2019 the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of Finance approved an early transfer of an unspent amount from another City's Cash grants budget (King Edward's School, Witley) to deal with the demand in applications received to the Inspiring London through Culture theme of the Central Grants Programme. As this theme and the Enjoying Green Spaces theme are likely to be heavily oversubscribed this year members should be aware that another in-year request may be requested, to ensure that each theme can support as many good applications as possible.
5. Members will note the continued budget for Toynbee Hall/ CAB. The City Advice Service is for all residents, workers and students within the square mile and tenants on City of London Housing estates. Toynbee Hall have provided the service, with support from the Royal Courts of Justice, since October 2015 at a cost of £200,000 per year. The contract cost is met from the Director of Community and Children's Services' Local Risk budget and the City's Cash Grants budget reimburse the department for half the cost (for the City worker and student element). From the start of the contract until April this year the City Advice Service has supported 442 residents and 451 workers and students in areas such as welfare benefits, debt, housing, employment rights, consumer rights and family issues.
6. The current contract will end in October 2020 and recommissioning activity has commenced to shape the service once the current contract ends. Members should note that there will be a continued allocation of City's Cash funding to at least the current value to enable the service to continue for City workers and students in the future.

Conclusion

7. For members to note the City's Cash Grants Budget allocation and the update on specific lines in the budget.

Appendix 1 – Overview of City's Cash Grants Budget Allocations

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