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| Committee: | Date: |
| Finance Committee | 23 June 2020 |
| Subject: City Cash Contingency Fund for National and International Disaster Relief – Donation to St John Ambulance | Public |
| Report of: Town Clerk | For Information |
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Summary

This report advises Members of a Delegated Authority taken by the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, since the last meeting of the Committee, in accordance with Standing Order No. 41(b)

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the report.

SUBJECT: City Cash Contingency Fund for National and International Disaster Relief – Donation to St John Ambulance

BACKGROUND:

1. The City of London Corporation has been decisive in its response to the Coronavirus Pandemic through its work as a Charitable funder. The emergency needs of the Charity Sector and Communities in London are being well supported, through the City Bridge Trust (CBT), London Community Response Fund and the initial donations made through the International Disaster Fund (IDF).
2. At the start of the lockdown it was agreed that the IDF should explore options to support organisations working in the UK in response to the Pandemic. The DEC has not launched an appeal specifically for work in the UK. It was therefore decided that consideration should be given to supporting organisations which were responding at a national and local level, providing the work fell outside the eligibility of CBT and focused on emergency relief in line with the IDF agreed policy.
3. The IDF has an annual budget of £100,000. In the 2019/20 financial year there was an underspend of £25,000 which is now subject to the usual carry forward process. If the carry forward is agreed there will be a budget available of £125,000 for 2020/21 financial year. Donations from the IDF for

this year have so far included the Red Cross and Team Rubicon UK (£20,000 each), leaving a remaining budget of £85,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS: That: - St John Ambulance have had to significantly increase its delivery in response to the impact of Covid-19 while finding itself in a difficult position due to a loss of fundraising income. It is recommended that the Finance Committee agree a donation of £20,000 to St John Ambulance to support the Charity in its response to the Coronavirus Pandemic in London. This will leave £65,000 available in the IDF to impactfully support an emergency response either Nationally or Internationally later in the Financial Year.

REASON FOR URGENCY:

It is requested that this report is considered under urgency procedures in order that a decision can be taken promptly to provide certainty and assist St John Ambulances with cashflow during the COVID19 Pandemic.

ACTION TAKEN: The Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Finance Committee is asked to approve the City Cash Contingency Fund for National and International Disaster Relief – Donation to St John Ambulance.

PAPERS ATTACHED: Report of the Head of the Central Grants Unit.

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