

Committee	Date
Bridge House Estates Board	27 April 2022
Subject: Decisions Taken Under Delegated Authority or Urgency	Public
Which outcomes in the BHE Bridging London 2020 – 2045 Strategy does this proposal aim to support?	1, 2 and 3
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	Yes
If so, how much?	£5.02m
What is the source of Funding?	BHE (Bridging Divides)
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain’s Department?	Yes
Report of: Town Clerk	For Information

Summary

This report advises the BHE Board of action taken by the Town Clerk since the last meeting of the Board, in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair, in accordance with Standing Order Nos. 41(a) and (b).

Recommendation

- That the BHE Board note the report.

Main Report

Delegated Authority – Funding Applications Over £500,000 [15 December 2021]

1. At its meeting on 16 February 2022, the BHE Board approved a report of the Managing Director of BHE requesting delegated authority to consider funding applications over £500,000, the level at which BHE Board approval is required for grant funding in accordance with the Board’s terms of reference, until the next meeting of the Board, with a view to agreeing any applications of this level recommended for approval by the Grants Committee of the BHE Board at its meeting in March 2022 by the end of the financial year 2021-22.
2. At its meeting on 9 March 2022, the Grants Committee of the BHE Board considered and agreed to recommend four applications of £500,000 or above to the BHE Board for approval, one in respect of London Youth, and three proposals as part of the Alliance Partnerships initiative, in respect of the John Lyon’s Charity, United St. Saviour’s Charity and Trust for London respectively. The applications are therefore put to the BHE Board for consideration under the delegated authority agreed on 16 February 2022.
3. As the Deputy Chair of the BHE Board had a standing interest declared relating to Trust for London by virtue of being a Trustee of Trust for London, a senior Member of the BHE Board was consulted on this application alongside the Chair of the BHE Board.

Action Taken

4. The Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, and Deputy Chair or a senior Member of the BHE Board, agreed the following funding applications:

i. London Youth: Strategic Initiative

APPROVED A grant of £500,000 over five months as a one-off grant to underpin London Youth's core costs and enable its work to benefit the capital's youth organisations, for onward approval by the Bridge House Estates Board.

ii. Alliance Partnerships – John Lyon's Charity

APPROVED A grant of £1,020,000, as an Alliance Partnership, for onward approval by the Bridge House Estates Board, to John Lyon's Charity, registered charity no:237725, towards its Recovery Fund, providing grants to strengthen children & young people's organisations. £1m of the award is to supplement JLC's grant-making, with the additional £20,000 as a contribution towards its costs of administering these funds. The funding is to be restricted to support organisations benefitting Londoners. A payment schedule will be drawn up, allowing the funds to be paid to JLC in instalments, enabling payments to be received prior to onward grants being committed/paid.

iii. Alliance Partnerships – United St. Saviour's Charity

APPROVED A grant of £500,000, as an Alliance Partnership, for onward approval by the Bridge House Estates Board, to the United St Saviour's Charity (USSC), registered charity no: 1103731, towards its work supporting disadvantaged communities in London Borough of Southwark. The funding is to be restricted to support organisations benefitting Londoners. A payment schedule will be drawn up, allowing the funds to be paid to USSC in instalments, enabling payments to be received prior to onward grants being committed/paid.

iv. Alliance Partnerships – Trust for London

APPROVED A grant of £3.5m, as an Alliance Partnership, for onward approval by the Bridge House Estates Board, to Trust for London [charity no: 20529] for onward grantmaking as part of two funds:

- a. £2m for the Racial Justice Fund which will directly resource Black and minority-led organizations working at the intersections of racial and economic justice to address systemic policies and inequities. The funding is to be restricted to support organisations benefitting Londoners;
- b. £1.5m for the Disability Justice Fund, providing grants to strengthen the disability movement in London by supporting organisations led by Deaf and Disabled people to grow in effectiveness, power, and influence. The funding is to be restricted to support organisations benefitting Londoners.

A payment schedule will be drawn up, allowing the funds to be paid to TFL in instalments over the course of the grant commitment period and to be received prior to onward grants being committed/paid.

Conclusion

Background papers for Members are available from Joseph Anstee on the email address provided below.

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