

Committee: Bridge House Estates Board	Date: 15 November 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
Report of: BHE Governance Officer (representing the 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 [3 October 2022]

1. At its meeting on 13 September 2022, the BHE Board approved a report of the Managing Director of BHE requesting delegated authority to consider two 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 upcoming meeting.
2. At its meeting on 26 September 2022, the Grants Committee of the BHE Board considered and agreed to recommend two applications of £500,000 or above to the BHE Board for approval, one in respect of a Collaborative Action for Recovery (to be known as Propel) request for funding towards infrastructure costs for London Funders London Youth, and a strategic initiative in respect of London Communities Emergencies Partnership. The applications were therefore put to the BHE Board for consideration under the delegated authority agreed on 13 September 2022.

Action Taken

3. The Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair, agreed the following funding applications:
 - a) Collaborative Action for Recovery request for funding towards infrastructure costs for London Funders (Grant ID 19552)
A grant of £695,600 over five years (£250,000; £106,500; £109,700; £113,000; £116,400) towards infrastructure and convening costs of the Collaborative Action for Recovery initiative.

b) Strategic Initiative – London Communities Emergencies Partnership (Grant ID 19111)

A grant of £642,500 over four years to Greater London Volunteering [charity no: 1115303], the legal entity for London Plus, to support the work of the London Community Emergencies Partnership.

Delegated Authority – Gateway 3/4 – Horace Jones House and Bridgemasters House – Works to Address Historic Issues [28 October 2022]

4. At its meeting on 13 September 2022, the BHE Board approved a joint report of the Managing Director of Bridge House Estates and City Surveyor requesting delegated authority to consider a Gateway 3/4 report in respect of the works project to address historic issues at Horace Jones House and Bridgemasters House. The subsequent delegated report evaluated the various design solutions and proposed options to address the issues, with one of three options being recommended.
5. In response to concerns around the pace of the project, opportunities to expedite the project were explored. Consequently, the project was reviewed and the expected completion date has now been brought forward by 12 months. Additionally, cost savings have been identified which mean the total estimated cost of the project has decreased since the project was last reported to the BHE Board.

Action Taken

6. The Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair, agreed to:
 - Approve Option 1;
 - Approve a budget to reach the next Gateway;
 - Note the revised estimated cost, with spend to date; and
 - Approve a Costed Risk Provision (to be drawn down via delegation to Chief Officer)

Conclusion

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

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