

Committee Finance Grants Oversight and Performance Sub-Committee	Dated: 21 st February 2017
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Summary

An overview of the CGP budget for the current financial year 2016/2017 and a forecast for 2017/18 has been provided in order to update Members on the financial position of the CGP.

Members are provided with an overview of the costs incurred between September 2016 and January 2017 by the Central Grants Unit (CGU). These will be recharged to each of the four CGP funding themes, as per the agreement of the Policy and Resources Committee.

As two of the four CGP funding themes have yet to award funding and time and resource will be committed by the Senior Grants Officer (SGO) and other officers between now and the end of March 2017 to support this work; a full report will be issued to Members at the next meeting of this Sub-Committee.

Recommendations

- To note the CGP management fee to be recharged to each of the four funding themes.
- To note the CGP budget report.

Main Report

Background

CGU Staffing and management fee

1. In September 2016, Members of the Policy and Resources Committee agreed to endorse an approach, which allowed City Bridge Trust to second staff in to manage the CGP until 31st March 2017 agreed an interim resource of up to £41,000 to support the Central Grants Unit (CGU) during this time (equivalent to 10% of the CGP's total budget allocation).

2. The Central Grants Unit (CGU) has implemented a time recording system so that each of the four funding themes can be recharged for the actual time and resource spent by officers on each theme.
3. A breakdown of the officer time spent managing each CGP theme between October 2016 and January 2017, the overhead costs incurred by City Bridge Trust relating to this and the amount that will be recharged to each CGP theme is shown at Appendix 1.
4. Members are requested to note that two officer panels responsible for allocating funds from the CGP in financial year 2016/2017 will not have met by the time that this report has been written (Enjoying Green Spaces and the Natural Environment and Stronger Communities). A verbal update will be provided at the Sub-Committee meeting on 21st February 2017.
5. A report will be submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee in March 2017 to agree the CGP management approach post March 2017.

CGP Budget 2017/2018

6. The CGP budget for the current financial year, (which includes a breakdown of how the funds are distributed across all four funding themes) and a forecast for 2017/18 are provided at Appendix 2.
7. Members are requested to note that the level of funding available to distribute through the CGP is less for 2017/2018. This is because of the reduced carry forward funding and a slight reduction in investment income across all in scope charities - see below.

Investment Income overview for in scope charities

8. The funding available to distribute from the City Educational Trust Fund and The City of London Corporation Combined Education Charity (312836) is generated on an annual basis through investment income from the charitable assets. The charities do not have an express power to accumulate income. An overview of the investment income generated for both charities over the past 5 years is provided below in Table 1 and 2 below.
9. In respect of 2016-2017, the first half dividend income has been received and amounts to £22,645. The 2nd half dividend income will be paid at the end of the financial year along with interest on the cash balance.

Table 1: Investment Income 2012-2017 (Combined Education Charity)			
Year	Interest on cash balances	Dividend income	Total received
2011/12	4,443	20,983	25,426
2012/13	1,082	29,939	31,021
2013/14	767	38,693	39,460

**Table 1:
Investment Income 2012-2017 (Combined Education Charity)**

2014/15	514	38,819	39,333
2015/16	299	37,602	37,901
2016/17	TBD	22,645	22,645

**Table 2:
Investment Income 2012-2017 (City Educational Trust Fund, 290840)**

Year	Interest on cash balances	Total dividend income	Total received
2011/12	3,193	103,020	106,213
2012/13	3,176	100,052	103,228
2013/14	1,469	129,305	130,774
2014/15	925	129,728	130,653
2015/16	447	125,658	126,105
2016/17	TBD	75,675	75,675

10. The Stronger Communities funding theme is supported by the Combined Relief of Poverty. An overview of the investment income generated for this charity over the past 5 years is provided below in Table 3 below.

**Table 3:
Investment Income 2012-2017 (Combined Relief of Poverty Charity-1073660)**

Year	Interest on cash balances	Total dividend income	Total received
2011/12	1,194	3,018	4,212
2012/13	1,012	2,952	3,964
2013/14	615	3,815	4,430
2014/15	502	3,827	4,329
2015/16	259	3,707	3,966
2016/17	TBD	TBD	TBD

Appendices:

- Appendix 1: CGU recharge to funding themes
- Appendix 2: CGP Budget 2016/17 and forecast for 2017/2018

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