

GRANTS ADVISORY PANEL

26 NOVEMBER 2003

Chair: * Councillor Harrison

Councillors: * Arnold * Ismail
* Marilyn Ashton * Lavingia (3)
* Billson (1) * Mrs Joyce Nickolay
* Bluston * N Shah

* Denotes Member present
(1), (3) Denote category of Reserve Member

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION 1: Community Premises Applications 2003/2004

The Panel received a report of the Executive Director, Business Connections detailing an application for accommodation at the community premises received since the last meeting on the Panel on 15 December 2003.

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (To the Portfolio Holder)

That the application by the Somali Cultural Organisation for accommodation at the community premises be approved for casual use, subject to a six month probation period.

REASON: As set out in the officer report.

RECOMMENDATION 2: Reserved Grants 2003/2004

The Panel received a report of the Executive Director, Business Connections which provided an update on those grants on which the Panel had reserved decision, pending further information.

It was advised that it was now considered appropriate to release the £5,000 grant which had been reserved in respect of Harrow Women's Centre. Harrow in Europe and Harrow Agenda 21, however, had not provided the information requested and it was recommended that the reserved grants of £2,500 and £1,000 respectively be withdrawn and taken back into the Grants Budget.

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (To the Portfolio Holder)

That (1) the reserved grant of £5,000 be released to Harrow Women's Centre;

(2) the reserved grant of £2,500 in respect of Harrow in Europe be withdrawn and taken back into the Grants Budget; and

(3) the reserved grant of £1,000 in respect of Harrow Agenda 21 Environmental Forum be also withdrawn and taken back into the Grants Budget.

REASON: For the reasons set out in the officer report.

RECOMMENDATION 3: Grants to Voluntary Organisations Budget 2004/2005 and Grant Funding 2004/2005

Your Panel considered two reports of the Executive Director, Business Connections which summarised the funding requested from voluntary organisations and the amount of funding, reserved funding and funding for salary inflation being recommended by officers. It also proposed that £5,500 from the unallocated fund for 2003/2004 be carried forward to the 2004/5 financial year and used to fund one-off grant requests.

A typographical error in respect of the recommendation for grant funding for the ADHD Support Group was pointed out – it was noted that the recommended grant was £8,096 rather than £8,906.

Your Panel further received some documents tabled by the Labour Group which outlined a number of amendments to the officer recommendations in relation to the grants for specific organisations, and the knock on impact on the overall grants budget. In tabling these amendments the Chair referred to their concern that the Authority

should not pay for organisations to rent private premises as the cost was likely to escalate year on year.

During the discussion which followed, several Members emphasised the current pressure on funding and expressed regret that it would not be possible to accommodate all growth requested. It was agreed that, should further funding become available from the Association of London Government, a number of applications would be re-visited.

Those organisations in respect of which verbal or written amendments were moved are indicated on the attached schedule of decisions.

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (To Cabinet)

That Cabinet (1) note that the existing grants to voluntary organisations budget for 2003/2004 was £1,004,430 and that the budget for 2004/2005, subject to the Council approving its overall Revenue Budget for 2004/5 was £1,034,630;

(2) agree that £5,500 from the unallocated fund for 2003/04 be carried forward and added to the 2004/2005 grants budget;

(3) note that the amount of grant funding requested by applicants for 2004/2005 is £1,283, 119;

(4) note that requests for growth from currently funded groups amount to £169, 026, growth request for Service Level Agreement funding amounts to £20,251, and growth through grant applications from new applicants seeking funding amounts to £92,123;

(5) note that the reserved grant funding recommended by the Panel is £7,500;

(6) agree that the amount of £14,845 inflation additions for salaries;

(7) note that the total recommended funding for 2004/05 is £1,013,230;

(8) agree to the 'in principle' decisions on grant funding and reserved funding in relation to the individual grant applications, as set out in the appendix to these minutes, subject to the Council's approval of the overall Revenue Budget for 2004/2005;

[Note: The Panel agreed that the grants in respect of Harrow Marquetry Group and Pinner Centre Pre-School should be funded from the unallocated fund. This would be dependent on Cabinet agreeing to carry forward the funds from 2003/2004 to 2004/2005 as set out under (2) above]

(9) agree to grant a £15,000 heritage grant to Harrow Heritage Trust from the Capital Fund.

REASONS: As set out above and in the officer reports.

80. **Tribute to Mr B Anandappa:**

The Chair advised the Panel that Mr Anandappa, who had been a leading community figure and, in particular, had had a great deal of involvement in the Woodlands Community Association, had recently died.

In tribute to the memory of Mr Anandappa, the Panel stood and observed a minute's silence.

The Panel agreed that the Chair would write to Mr Anandappa's wife to convey their sincere condolences. Several members of the Panel spoke to praise Mr Anandappa's vigour in serving the community and to express their sadness at this tremendous loss.

RESOLVED: That the Chair be requested a letter of condolence to Mr Anandappa's wife on behalf of the Panel.

81. **Attendance by Reserve Members:**

RESOLVED: To note the attendance at this meeting of the following duly appointed Reserve Member:-

Ordinary Member

Councillor Anjana Patel

Reserve Member

Councillor Billson

Councillor Thammaiah

Councillor Lavingia

82. **Declarations of Interest:**

RESOLVED: To note the following declarations of interest declared by Members in relation to the business to be transacted at this meeting:

1. The following Members declared personal interests in the item indicated arising from their involvement with the organisations listed. Accordingly they remained and took part in the discussion and voting on the applications relating to those organisations:

| <u>Agenda Item</u> | <u>Member</u> | <u>Organisation</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 11. Grant Funding 2004/05 | Councillor Arnold | Harrow in Europe |
| | Councillor Marilyn Ashton | Harrow Weald Common Board of Conservators |
| | Councillor Bluston | Harrow in Business Harrow Sports Council |
| | Councillor Harrison | Harrow in Europe |
| | Councillor Joyce Nickolay | Harrow in Europe |

2. The following Members declared personal and prejudicial interests in the item indicated arising from their involvement with the organisations listed. Accordingly they left the room and took no part in the discussion or voting on the applications relating to those organisations:

| <u>Agenda Item</u> | <u>Member</u> | <u>Organisation</u> |
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| 11. Grant Funding 2004/05 | Councillor Navin Shah | Harrow Anti Racist Alliance Trust (a sister concern of Harrow Anti Racist Alliance). |
| | Councillor Arnold | Harrow Citizens' Advice Bureau (Appointed by the Authority as a representative on the Management Committee of the above and also a volunteer) |
| | Councillor Ismail | Association of Senior Muslim Citizens |

83. **Arrangement of Agenda:**

RESOLVED: That all items be considered with the press and public present with the exception of the following items which be heard with the press and public excluded for the reasons set out below:

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Reason</u> |
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| Appendix A (Accommodation application from the Somali Cultural Association) of Agenda Item 8: Community Premises Application 2003/04 | This document contains exempt information as defined under paragraph 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) in that it relates to a particular applicant for financial assistance provided by the Authority. |
| Appendix A (documents from Harrow Women's Centre) of Agenda Item 9 – Reserved Grants 2003/04 | This document contains exempt information as defined under paragraph 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) in that it relates to a particular applicant for financial assistance provided by the Authority. |

Documents relating to Harrow Association of Voluntary Service, Harrow Citizens' Advice Bureau and Universal Welfare Trust contained within Appendices A, B and C respectively to Agenda Item 11: Grant Funding 2004/2005

These documents contain exempt information as defined under paragraph 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) in that they relate to particular applicants for financial assistance provided by the Authority.

[Note: None of the above documents were separately referred to in detail and it was therefore not necessary to exclude the press and public from the meeting].

84. **Minutes:**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2003, having been circulated, be taken as read and signed as a correct record, subject to the following amendment:

Declarations of Interest:

RESOLVED: To note that the following interests were declared:

- Councillors Arnold, Harrison and Joyce Nickolay declared a prejudicial interest in Harrow in Europe, but in accordance with Paragraph 12.2 of the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors they remained and took part in discussions and voting on the agenda item in question.
- Councillor Arnold declared a personal interest in Harrow Citizens' Advice Bureau (Management Committee).
- Councillor Bluston declared a personal interest in Harrow in Business.

85. **Public Questions:**

RESOLVED: To note that there were no public questions to be received at this meeting under the provisions of Advisory Panel and Consultative Forum Procedure Rule 15 (Part 4E of the Constitution).

86. **Petitions:**

RESOLVED: To note that there were no petitions to be received at this meeting under the provisions of Committee Procedure Rule 13 (Part 4E of the Constitution).

87. **Deputations:**

RESOLVED: To note that there were no deputations to be received at this meeting under the provisions of Advisory Panel and Consultative Forum Procedure Rule 14 (Part 4E of the Constitution).

88. **Community Premises Applications 2003/04:**

See Recommendation 1.

89. **Reserved Grants 2003/2004:**

See Recommendation 2.

90. **Grants to Voluntary Organisations Budget 2004/2005:**

See Recommendation 3.

91. **Grant Funding 2004/2005:**

See Recommendation 3.

92. **Any Other Business:**

- **Recognition of Harrow Funding by Voluntary Groups**
The Chair advised the Panel that he felt that groups in receipt of grants from the Council should indicate/state this fact through, for example, their headed notepaper. The Grants Officer confirmed that, under the terms of the grant agreements, organisations were required to do this. He advised that he had

recently written to organisations to remind them of this obligation. It was agreed that officers would be requested to send a further reminder.

RESOLVED: That officers be requested to write to those organisations in receipt of a Grant from Harrow Council to remind them of their obligation to recognise this fact.

- Introduction of Panel Members
It was suggested that at future meetings of the Panel where the annual budget was discussed, Panel Members and officers introduce themselves at the beginning of the meeting for the benefit of the public.

RESOLVED: That the above be noted.

- Apologies for the next meeting
The Chair tendered his apologies for the next meeting of the Panel scheduled for 26 January 2004.

RESOLVED: That the above be noted.

(Note: The meeting having commenced at 7.30 pm, closed at 9.58 pm)

(Signed) COUNCILLOR CYRIL HARRISON
Chair

APPENDIX**PROPOSED GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 2004/2005**

Further to Recommendation 3 the following "in principle" decisions were made in relation to the applications for grants in 2004/05.

| <u>Organisation</u> | <u>Decision</u> | <u>Reason/Comments</u> |
|---|-----------------|---|
| Organisations funded under service level agreement | | |
| Arts Culture Harrow | 330,442 | Plus salary inflation. It was also agreed that the organisation should be encouraged to seek alternative sources of funding. |
| Bentley Priory Nature Reserve | 1,250 | It was moved that the proposed level of grant be amended to £1,250. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel. |
| Harrow African-Caribbean Association (HACAS) | 5,000 | Plus salary inflation. |
| Harrow Association of Disabled People | 42,062 | Plus salary inflation. |
| Harrow Association of Voluntary Service | 72,612 | Plus salary inflation. |
| Harrow Crime Prevention Panel | 15,755 | |
| Harrow in Business | 60,479 | Plus salary inflation. |
| Harrow in Europe Association | 2,500 | It was moved that the proposed level of grant be amended to £2,500. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel. |
| Harrow Neighbourhood Watch Scheme | Nil | |
| Harrow Pre-School Learning Alliance | 4,230 | |
| Harrow Shop Mobility Scheme | 11,963 | Plus salary inflation |
| Harrow Sports Council | Deferred | It was moved that consideration of this item be deferred until the January meeting of the Panel in order to allow further information to be requested from the organisation. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel. |
| Harrow Weald Common Conservators | 25,837 | Plus salary inflation. |
| Harrow Women's Centre | 55,046 | Plus salary inflation |
| K.S.I.M. Senior Citizens Association | Deferred | It was moved that consideration of this item be deferred until the January meeting of the Panel in order to allow further information to be requested from the organisation. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel. |
| Mind in Harrow | 7,722 | |
| National Autistic Society – Harrow Branch | 1,650 | |
| RELATE | 21,683 | Plus salary inflation |
| Welldon Activity Group | 21,504 | |
| Women's Aid Harrow | 31,591 | Plus salary inflation |

| <u>Organisation</u> | <u>Decision</u> | <u>Reason/Comments</u> |
|--|-----------------|---|
| Grants - Currently Funded Organisations | | |
| Abundance Arts | Nil | Did not apply. |
| ADHD Support Group | 8,096 | Plus £1,500 reserved funding. The officer recommendation had proposed that £3,000 be held in reserve in relation to this organisation. It was moved that no funds be held in reserve. Upon being put to a vote this was not carried. It was subsequently agreed by the general assent of the Panel that £1,500 be held in reserve. |
| Afghan Association | 3,584 | It was moved that the proposed level of grant be amended to £3,584. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel. |
| Angolan Civic Communities Alliance | 1,500 | It was moved that the proposed level of grant be amended to £1,500. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel. |

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| Asian Elderly Group | 6,670 | |
| CanDoCo Dance Company | 5,000 | |
| CARRAMEA | 2,400 | |
| Community Accountancy Self-Help (C.A.S.H.) | 1,000 | |
| deafPLUS | 500 | |
| East African Welfare and Development Concern | 1,000 | The officer recommendation had proposed that £500 be held in reserve in relation to this organisation. It was moved that no funds be held in reserve. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel. |
| Harrow Agenda 21 Environmental Forum | 1,500 | Plus £6,000 reserved funding. It was moved that the proposed level of grant be amended to £1,500. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel. |
| Harrow Anti Racist Alliance (HARA) | 1,500 | The officer recommendation had proposed that £6000 be held in reserve in relation to this application. It was moved that no funds be held in reserve. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel. |
| Harrow Churches Bereavement Visiting Scheme | 7,000 | Plus salary inflation. |
| Harrow Citizens Advice Bureau | 93,885 | Plus salary inflation. It was also agreed that the organisation would be encouraged to progress the search for alternative sources of funding. |
| Harrow Community Transport | 5,000 | |
| Harrow Council for Racial Equality | 45,361 | Plus salary inflation |
| Harrow Family Learning Network | Nil | Did not apply |
| Harrow Gingerbread | Nil | Did not apply |
| Harrow Heritage Trust | 9,000 | Plus £15,000 heritage grant – see Recommendation 3(9). |
| Harrow Iranian Community Association | 5,000 | The officer recommendation had proposed that £6000 be held in reserve in relation to this application. It was moved that no funds be held in reserve. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel. |
| Harrow Kuwaiti Association | Nil | Did not apply |
| Harrow Pensioners' Action Group | 500 | |
| Harrow Public Transport Users Association | 275 | |
| Harrow Refugee Forum | 5,000 | The officer recommendation had proposed that £6000 be held in reserve in relation to this application. It was moved that no funds be held in reserve in respect of this organisation. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel. |
| Harrow School of Gymnastics | 2,000 | |
| Harrow Show Committee | 1,000 | It was moved that the proposed level of grant be amended to £1,000. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel. |
| Harrow Victim Support Scheme | 15,220 | Plus salary inflation |
| Harrow Youth and & Community Project | 1,000 | |
| Headway NW London (Formerly Headway Harrow) | 450 | |
| Ifa-Yoruba Contemporary Arts Trust | Nil | Did not apply. |
| Ignite Trust | Deferred | Officers agreed to find out how much support was received from awards. |
| Iwanaaji Somali Disabled Association | Nil | Did not apply. |
| Jaago Punjabi Women's Group | 2,750 | |
| Kala Anjali Arts Circle | 1,500 | |
| Kodak Football Club | Nil | Did not apply. |
| Kurdish Association | Nil | |
| Middlesex Association for the Blind (Harrow) | 2,500 | |
| Newspeak | 1,500 | It was moved that the proposed level of grant be amended to £1,500. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel. |
| Newton Park Horticultural Society | Nil | |
| North Kenton Scout Group | Nil | Did not apply |
| Pakistan Society of Harrow | 1,000 | |

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| Parkinson's Disease Society | 2,200 | |
| Racial Harassment Sub Group | Deferred | This was a late and incomplete application. It was moved that consideration of this item be deferred until January due to special circumstances, and that the applicant be requested to provide the information necessary for the Panel to consider the application. This was carried. |
| Russian Immigrants Association | 2,300 | It was moved that the proposed level of grant be amended to £2,300. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel. |
| Special Connection | 2,000 | |
| Tipto | Nil | Did not apply. |
| Tongues on Fire | 5,000 | |
| U Can Do IT | 3,600 | |
| UK Asian Women's Conference | 2,750 | |
| Winged Fellowship Trust | 2,022 | |
| Woodcottes Youth Club (Woodlands Community Association) | 7,500 | Plus salary inflation. Officers were requested to write a letter to the organisation offering additional support during this difficult time (see also Minute..). |

| <u>Organisation</u> | <u>Decision</u> | <u>Reason/Comments</u> |
|---|-----------------|---|
| Grants - New Applicants – Not Funded Currently | | |
| Association of Senior Muslim Citizens | 500 | |
| Brent Irish Advisory Service (BIAS) Harrow Irish Elders Project | Nil | |
| Carers Support, Harrow | 2,000 | |
| Community Link Up | 2,000 | |
| Connaught Opera | 2,000 | |
| Girlguiding Middlesex North West | Nil | |
| Harrow Bengalee Association | 1,500 | It was moved that the proposed level of grant be amended to £1,500. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel. |
| Harrow In Leaf | Deferred | It was moved that consideration of this item be deferred until the Panel's meeting in January. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel. |
| Harrow Marquetry Group | 1,000 | Agreed to fund from the unallocated fund |
| Harrow Opera | Nil | |
| Harrow Somali Women's Action Group | Deferred | It was moved that consideration of the applications relating to Harrow Somali Women's Action Group and the Somali Cultural Organisation be deferred to the January meeting of the Panel to obtain further information regarding an umbrella organisation which was to be established. Upon a vote, this was carried. Councillors Arnold, Marilyn Ashton, Billson and Mrs Joyce Nickolay wished to be recorded as having voted against the deferral on the basis that they did not support the deferral of the application relating to Harrow Somali Women's Action Group. |
| Harrow Tamil School Association | 2,400 | |
| Herga Road & Masons Avenue Community Association | 500 | It was moved that the proposed level of grant be amended to £500. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel. |
| Hindu Council (Harrow) | Deferred. | It was moved that consideration of this item be deferred until the Panel's meeting in January for a further report. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel. |
| Home-Start Harrow (Family Group) | 2,496 | |
| Islamic and Cultural Society of Harrow | 500 | It was moved that the proposed level of grant be amended to £500. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel. |

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| Jubilate | Nil | |
| Kids Can Achieve (Formerly Tipto) | 2,000 | |
| London Sath Sangam | Deferred. | Deferred for further report. |
| Multiple Sclerosis Society, Harrow District Branch | 1000 | |
| National Council of Vanik Associations (UK) | 500 | It was moved that the proposed level of grant be amended to £500. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel. |
| Pinner Centre Pre-School | 600 | Agreed to fund from the unallocated fund. |
| Sikh Identity and Kulture in Harrow Association | 500 | It was moved that the proposed level of grant be amended to £500. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel. |
| Somali Cultural Association | Deferred | See note under Harrow Somali Women's Action group above. |
| Swahili Cultural Association | Nil | |
| Triveni Dance Company | Nil | |
| Universal Welfare Trust | Nil | |