

GRANTS ADVISORY PANEL

24 JANUARY 2005

Chair: * Councillor Harrison

Councillors: * Arnold * Myra Michael (2)
 * Nana Asante * Mrs Joyce Nickolay
 * Billson (1) * Mrs R Shah
 * Bluston * Thammaiah
 * Branch (1)

* Denotes Member present
 (1) and (2) Denote category of Reserve Member

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS**RECOMMENDATION 1 - Grant Funding 2005/06**

Your Panel considered a report of the Director of Financial and Business Strategy that summarised the funding requested from voluntary organisations and the amount of funding being recommended by officers for each organisation, as well as funding recommended for the overall grants budget and inflation additions for salaries.

During the discussion that followed, several Members emphasised the current pressure on funding and expressed regret that it would not be possible to accommodate all growth requested. The Panel was advised on alternative funding sources that could be available to applicants, including the Edward Harvist Trust and North West London Community Foundation. The Panel was also advised to consider funding for organisations only within the context of their application, and not to establish a precedent for covering an organisation's deficit.

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 overall grants budget for 2005/2006, subject to the Council approving its overall Revenue Budget for 2005/2006, is £1,139,600;

(2) agree that the amount of £31,800 accounts for inflation additions for salaries;

(3) 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 2005/2006.

[REASON: As set out above and in the officer reports].

PART II - MINUTES154. **Attendance by Reserve Members:**

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

Ordinary Member

Councillor Marilyn Ashton
 Councillor Anjana Patel
 Councillor Miss Lyne

Reserve Member

Councillor Myra Michael
 Councillor Billson
 Councillor Branch

155. **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 an interest in the items indicated arising from their involvement with the organisations listed, and 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>
8. Grant Funding 2005/06	Councillor Arnold	* Harrow in Europe * Harrow Citizens' Advice Bureau (Council representative and also a volunteer)
	Councillor Branch	* Harrow in Europe * Harrow Shopmobility Scheme (Wife involved with organisation) * Harrow Show Committee (Organised Dog Show within the Harrow Show)
	Councillor Bluston	* Harrow in Business * Harrow Sports Council * Harrow School of Gymnastics - Member of Harrow Sports Council * North West London Community Foundation
	Councillor Nana Asante	* Harrow in Europe * BTWSC (Son involved with organisation)
	Councillor Harrison	* Harrow in Europe
	Councillor Mrs Joyce Nickolay	* Harrow in Europe

2. The following Member 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>
8. Grant Funding 2005/06	Councillor Mrs R Shah	* Harrow Council for Racial Equality * Harrow Anti-Racist Alliance

[Note: Subject to paragraph 12.2(c) of Section A in Part 5 of the London Borough of Harrow Constitution, a Member appointed or nominated to a body by the authority as its representative may regard themselves as not having a prejudicial interest in a matter relating to that body].

156. **Arrangement of Agenda:**

RESOLVED: (1) That all items be considered with the press and public present with the exception of the following item for the reasons set out below:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Submitted applications from both new and currently funded applicants contained within the supporting documents to Agenda Item 8, "Grant Funding 2005/06"	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.

(2) that the following item be admitted onto the Agenda before Item 8, "Grant Funding 2005/06" for the reasons set out below:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Presentation from the Secretary of the North West London Community Foundation	To make the Panel aware of the Foundation, which could provide an alternative source of funding to some applicants considered in Agenda Item 8.

157. **Minutes:**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2004, having been circulated, be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

158. **Public Questions:**

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

159. **Petitions:**

RESOLVED: To note that no petitions were received at this meeting under the provisions of the Advisory Panel and Consultative Forum Procedure Rule 13 (Part 4E of the Constitution).

160. **Deputations/Representations:**

(1) Prior notice had been received from the Harrow Agenda 21 Environmental Forum of the wish to make a deputation to the Panel in relation to their grant application. The Chair put this request to the meeting and it was agreed at the discretion of the Panel to hear the deputation;

(2) Additionally, informal representations were allowed at the meeting as contributions to the Panel's consideration in relation to the following organisations:

- Harrow Bengalee Association
- Harrow Tamil School Association
- National Council of Vanik Associations UK
- BTWSC
- Girl Guiding North West Middlesex

RESOLVED: That the deputation and representations be received and noted, in the context of the consideration of grant funding for 2005/06.

[Note: The Panel's policy (Minute 60: 28.07.03) in principle is not to receive deputations relating to individual grant applications].

161. **Presentation from the North West London Community Foundation:**

The Panel received a presentation from the Secretary of the North West London Community Foundation, outlining its history and the funding opportunities it could provide for some organisations to be considered by the Panel.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

162. **Grant Funding 2005/06:**

See Recommendation 1.

(Note: The meeting having commenced at 7.30 pm, closed at 10.35 pm)

(Signed) COUNCILLOR CYRIL HARRISON
Chair

APPENDIX**PROPOSED GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 2005/2006**

Further to Recommendation 1, the following "in principle" decisions were made in relation to the applications for grants in 2005/06.

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Decision</u>	<u>Reason/Comments</u>
Organisations funded under Service Level Agreement		
Arts Culture Harrow	369,590	Inclusive of salary inflation. Already approved by Cabinet.
Bentley Priory Nature Reserve	2,200	Inclusive of salary inflation.
Harrow African-Caribbean Association	5,152	Inclusive of salary inflation.
Harrow Association of Disabled People	44,163	Inclusive of salary inflation.
Harrow Association of Voluntary Service	88,603	Inclusive of salary inflation.
Harrow Crime Prevention Panel	11,250	
Harrow in Business	64,162	Inclusive of salary inflation.
Harrow in Europe Association	5,000	
Harrow Pre-School Learning Alliance	4,230	
Harrow Shopmobility Service	12,670	Inclusive of salary inflation.
Harrow Sports Council	27,381	
Harrow Weald Common Conservators	27,258	Inclusive of salary inflation.
Harrow Women's Centre	56,283	Inclusive of salary inflation.
K.S.I.M. Senior Citizens Association	2,387	
Mind in Harrow	7,722	
Mind in Harrow – Additional Funding Request	0	
National Autistic Society – Harrow Branch	1,650	
RELATE	22,708	Inclusive of salary inflation.
Welldon Activity Group	21,504	
Women's Aid Harrow	33,515	Inclusive of salary inflation.
Organisations currently funded		
ADHD Support Group	8,096	
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	3,000	It was moved that the proposed level of grant be amended to £3,000. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel.
Asian Elderly Group	Deferred + 6,670 reserved	It was moved that consideration of this item be deferred until the February 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. It was subsequently agreed by general assent that £6,670 be held in reserve, pending the release of this information.
Association of Senior Muslim Citizens	1,000 + 1,000 reserved	It was moved that the proposed level of grant be amended to £1,000. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel. It was moved that additional funding be reserved until further information was received from the organisation. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel.
Carers Support - Harrow	Nil	
Carramea	2,400	
Community Link-Up	2,000 reserved	It was agreed that the organisation should consider making a more realistic bid, unless they are requesting funding for a specific, detailed project. It was moved that the grant be reserved and the association encouraged to make a more realistic bid. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel.

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Decision</u>	<u>Reason/Comments</u>
Connaught Opera	2,000	
Harrow Agenda 21 Environmental Forum	5,000 reserved	It was moved that consideration of this item be deferred until the February meeting of the Panel, and that the grant be reserved, to allow the forum to provide the Panel with information regarding their current work. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel. It was subsequently agreed that the organisation could submit a late application for Community Premises to next month's meeting.
Harrow Anti-Racist Alliance (HARA)	3,000	It was moved that the proposed level of grant be amended to £3,000. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel.
Harrow Bengalee Association	Deferred + 1,500 reserved	It was moved that consideration of this item be deferred until the February meeting of the Panel, and that the grant be reserved, to allow a revised officers' report to be submitted. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel.
Harrow Churches Bereavement Visiting Scheme	7,128	Plus salary inflation.
Harrow Citizens Advice Bureau	98,417	It was moved that the Panel grant the full funding requested by the organisation (£105,692). Upon being put to a vote this was not carried. It was subsequently agreed by the general assent of the Panel that £98,417 be granted.
Harrow Citizens Advice Bureau – Additional Request	0	
Harrow Community Transport	5,000	
Harrow Council for Racial Equality	52,795	
Harrow Council for Racial Equality – Additional Request	Deferred + 3,000 from 04/05 budget	It was moved that consideration of this item be deferred until the February meeting of the Panel to allow further investigation into the merits of the project. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel. It was subsequently agreed by general assent to release £3,000 from reserved funding from the 2004/2005 budget.
Harrow Heritage Trust	9,000	
Harrow in Leaf	1,000	
Harrow Iranian Community Association	5,000	
Harrow Pensioners' Action Group	750	It was moved that the proposed level of grant be amended to £750. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel.
Harrow Public Transport Users' Association	300	
Harrow Refugee Forum	5,000	
Harrow School of Gymnastics	2,000	
Harrow Show Committee	1,000	
Harrow Somali Women's Action Group	5,000	
Harrow Tamil School Association	4,500	It was moved that the proposed level of grant be amended to £4,500 to support the Association's work with children affected by the recent disaster in South Asia. This was carried by a unanimous decision of the Panel.
Harrow Youth and Community Project	1,000	
Headway N.W. London (formerly Headway Harrow)	3,102	It was moved that the proposed level of grant be amended to £3,102. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel.
Herga Road & Masons Avenue Community Association	1,000	

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Decision</u>	<u>Reason/Comments</u>
Hindu Council	2,000	It was moved that consideration of the item be deferred to the next meeting; upon being put to the vote this was not carried. It was subsequently agreed by general assent that the grant be amended to £2,000.
Home Start Harrow	5,000	It was moved that the proposed level of grant be amended to £5,000. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel.
Ignite Trust – 2 applications	3,500	
Islamic & 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.
Jaago Punjabi Women's Group	2,750	
Kala Anjali Arts Circle	1,500	
Kids Can Achieve	4,524	It was moved that the proposed level of grant be amended to £4,524. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel.
Middlesex Association for the Blind (Harrow)	Deferred	It was moved that consideration of this item be deferred until the February meeting of the Panel in order to allow further information to be requested from the Association. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel.
Multiple Sclerosis Society – Harrow Branch	1,000	
National Council of Vanik Associations UK	Deferred	It was moved that consideration of this item be deferred until the February meeting of the Panel in order to allow further information to be requested from the Association. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel.
Pakistan Society of Harrow	6,500	It was moved that the proposed level of the grant be amended to £7,000. Upon being put to the vote this was not carried. It was subsequently agreed by general assent that the grant be amended to £6,500.
Parkinson's Disease Society	2,300	
Russian Immigrants Association	3,000	It was agreed that the Association should be encouraged to seek alternative sources of funding from bodies such as ALG.
Special Connection	2,000	
Tongues on Fire	5,000	
UK Asian Women's Conference	2,750	
Victim Support Harrow	15,780	
Vitalise (formerly Winged Fellowship Trust)	3,364	
Woodlands Community Association	4,000	
Grants – New Applicants – Not Funded Currently		
Age Concern Harrow	0	
Aspire	1,000	
BTWSC	Deferred	It was moved that consideration of this item be deferred until the February meeting of the Panel in order to allow further information to be requested from the organisation. This was carried by general assent of the Panel.
Community and Refugee Enlightening (CARE)	0	
Disability Foundation (The)	1,000	
Girlguiding North West Middlesex	2,000	It was moved that the proposed level of grant be amended to £2,000. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel.
Harrow Association of Somali Voluntary Organisations	10,000	

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Decision</u>	<u>Reason/Comments</u>
Harrow Bangladeshi Association	Deferred	It was moved that consideration of this item be deferred until the February 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 Computer Group	0	
Harrow Emerald Group	500	
Harrow Family Learning Network	0	
Harrow Gayatri Satsang Mandal	Deferred	It was moved that consideration of this item be deferred until the February meeting of the Panel when the results of other funding applications would be available.
Persian Senior Citizens Club	500	It was moved that the proposed level of grant be amended to £500. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel.
Rayners Lane Estate Tenants & Residents 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.
Sahara	500 reserve	It was moved that £500 be reserved until the organisation produces further information requested by officers. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel.
Sangat Advice Centre	0	
Transage Project (The)	0	
Wealdstone Active Community	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.
Wish Centre (The)	1,000	It was moved that the decision on whether to grant the deficit of £7,000 between the requested and recommended amounts be deferred until the February meeting, pending the outcome of their applications to other funders. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel.