

## GRANTS ADVISORY PANEL

23 JANUARY 2006

Chair: \* Councillor Mrs R Shah

Councillors: \* Arnold \* Mrs Joyce Nickolay  
\* Nana Asante \* Omar (1)  
\* Marilyn Ashton \* Anjana Patel  
\* Bluston \* Thammaiah  
\* Paddy Lyne

Adviser: \* Deven Pillay, Chief Executive, Harrow Mencap

\* Denotes Member present  
(1) Denotes category of Reserve Member

[Note: Councillor Anne Whitehead also attended this meeting to speak on the item indicated at Minute 232 below].

**PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS****RECOMMENDATION 1 - Grant Funding 2006/07 - Deferred Applications**

Your Panel received a report of the Director of Financial and Business Strategy, which set out the applications for funding deferred from the Panel's meeting held on 5 December 2005.

Members stated that it was necessary to consider the manner in which the Panel took decisions in order that all groups felt that the process was fair.

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

**Resolved to RECOMMEND:** (to Cabinet)

That the 'in principle' decisions on grant funding and grants-based service level agreements, as set out in Appendix 1 to the minutes, be agreed, subject to the Council approving its overall Revenue Budget for 2006/07.

[**REASON:** To enable the allocation of funding to voluntary organisations in 2006/07.]

**RECOMMENDATION 2 - Edward Harvist Trust Charity - Grant Applications**

Your Panel received a report of the Director of Financial and Business Strategy, which presented the applications for funding from the Edward Harvist Trust for 2006/07.

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

**Resolved to RECOMMEND:** (to the Portfolio Holder)

That the 'in principle' decisions on grant funding, as set out in Appendix 2 to the minutes, be agreed, subject to the Council approving its overall Revenue Budget for 2006/07.

[**REASON:** To enable the allocation of funding to voluntary organisations in 2006/07]

**RECOMMENDATION 3 - Street Collection Applications for 2006**

The Panel received a report of the Director of Financial and Business Strategy which outlined applications received from charities wishing to be sponsored for a street collection permit in Harrow for 2006.

**Resolved to RECOMMEND:** (to the Portfolio Holder)

That the applications received from Michael Sobell House, Hillingdon North Mencap, and the Harrow Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre for street collection permits for 2005 be sponsored.

[**REASON:** To enable the organisations to make a formal application to the Metropolitan Police in order to obtain a permit to collect on a specified date. ]

**PART II - MINUTES**224. **Attendance by Reserve Members:**

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

<u>Ordinary Member</u>	<u>Reserve Member</u>
Councillor Harrison	Councillor Omar

225. **Declarations of Interest:**

**RESOLVED:** To note the declarations of interest made by Members in relation to the business to be transacted at this meeting, as set out in Appendix 3 to these minutes.

226. **Arrangement of Agenda:**

**RESOLVED:** That all items be considered with the press and public present.

227. **Minutes:**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2005, having been circulated, be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

228. **Public Questions:**

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

229. **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).

230. **Deputations:**

Prior notice had been received from Changes Nightclub 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 this application.

Additionally, the Panel considered written representations submitted prior to the meeting from the following organisations:

- Harrow Refugee Forum
- Changes Nightclub.

**RESOLVED:** That the deputation and representations be received and noted, in the context of the consideration of grant funding for 2006/07.

[Note: The Panel's policy in principle is not to receive deputations relating to individual grant applications (Minute 60 of the meeting held on 28 July 2003 refers)].

231. **Grant Funding 2006/07 - Deferred Grants:**

See Recommendation 1.

232. **Grant Appeals 2006/07:**

The Panel received a report of the Director of Financial and Business Strategy which presented the appeals that had been made following the recommendations made by the Panel at the meeting held on 5 December 2005.

It was moved and seconded that applications be invited to meet the Council's Corporate Priorities in the areas of Safer Harrow, Greener Harrow, Children and Young People and Women's Support Services.

A Member stated that the motion would have the effect of deferring all appeals, including those from the Russian Immigrants Association and the Harrow Refugee Forum, who had not originally submitted late applications, until the next meeting of the Grants Advisory Panel. Those applications that had originally been received late and

addressed the corporate priorities listed in the motion would be treated as new applications. It would be possible for other organisations to make applications.

Members discussed the circumstances in which some organisations had submitted late applications and how the gaps in services created by the resulting decision not to approve grants to these organisations could be filled. The Voluntary Sector Advisor stated that a full review of the application process could be considered to avoid the problems that had been experienced recurring in future. An officer stated that all funded groups had received application packs in the second week of July 2005.

Having been put to a vote, it was

**RESOLVED:** (1) That applications be invited to meet the Council's Corporate Priorities in the areas of Safer Harrow, Greener Harrow, Children and Young People and Women's Support Services; and

(2) that:

- the deadline for receiving applications be set at the close on Friday 10 February 2006;
- valid applications be considered for grant funding at the next Grants Panel meeting on 8 March 2006;
- the amount of funding for this new round of Grant Applications be contained within the current Grants Budget.

[Notes: (i) Having been put to a vote, the above decision was carried upon the Chair using her second and casting vote;

(ii) Councillors Marilyn Ashton, Billson, Paddy Lyne, Mrs Joyce Nickolay and Anjana Patel wished to be recorded as having voted against the decision].

233. **Edward Harvist Trust Charity - Grant Applications:**

Further to Recommendation 2, Members expressed their agreement with the recommended order of priority to be used when considering applications and stated that this would be accepted as the standard policy of the Panel. Therefore, it was

**RESOLVED:** That applications be considered in the following priority order:

- (a) new/emerging or unfunded groups;
- (b) groups in receipt of funding under £10,000; and
- (c) groups in receipt of funding in excess of £10,000.

234. **Street Collection Applications for 2006:**

See Recommendation 3.

235. **Zacharias Stavrinos:**

The Panel thanked Zach Stavrinos for his services to the Council and wished him well on his retirement.

236. **Evaluation of Grants Application Process:**

The Voluntary Sector advisor suggested that an evaluation of the application process be held as soon as possible. Members stated that this should be considered at the meeting due to be held in June 2006.

(Note: The meeting having commenced at 7.30 pm, closed at 9.55 pm)

(Signed) COUNCILLOR REKHA SHAH  
Chair

APPENDIX 1**PROPOSED GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 2006/2007**

Further to Recommendation 1, the following "in principle" decisions were made in relation to the applications for grants in 2006/07.

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Decision</u>	<u>Reason/Comments</u>
<b>Organisations funded under Service Level Agreement in 2005/2006</b>		
It was moved that the applications process for organisations meeting the Councils' corporate priorities in the areas of Safer Harrow, Greener Harrow, Children and Young People and Women's Support Services would be reopened with all late applications having the opportunity to reapply. Upon being put to the vote, this was carried with the Chair's second and casting vote (see also Minute 232). See note (1) below.		
Bentley Priory Nature Reserve	Deferred	Late application (see also Minute 232)
Harrow Crime Prevention Panel	Deferred	Late application (see also Minute 232)
Harrow Pre-School Learning Alliance	Deferred	Late application (see also Minute 232)
Harrow Weald Common Conservators	Deferred	Late application (see also Minute 232)
Harrow Women's Centre	Deferred	Late application (see also Minute 232)
Women's Aid Harrow	Deferred	Late application (see also Minute 232)
<b>Organisations currently funded</b>		
Angolan Civic Communities Alliance	3,000	
Carramea	2,400	
Community Link-Up	5,000	
Harrow Agenda 21 Environmental Forum	Deferred	Late application (see also Minute 232).
Harrow Anti-Racist Alliance (HARA)	3,000 (1,000 from Edward Harvist Trust)	
Harrow Association of Somali Voluntary Organisations (HASVO)	10,000	It was moved that the resolution of internal communication difficulties would be a condition of receiving this grant. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel. It was noted that HASVO's future funding would be organised via a Service Level Agreement.
Harrow Council for Racial Equality (HCRE)	57,585	
Harrow Iranian Community Association	5,000	
Harrow Refugee Forum	Deferred	
Harrow Somali Women's Action Group	5,000	
Hindu Council	2,000	It was moved that the level of funding be increased to £2,000. Upon being put to the vote, this motion was carried. See note (2) below.
Islamic & Cultural Society of Harrow	1,000	It was moved that the level of funding be increased to £1,000. Upon being put to the vote, this motion was carried. See note (2) below.

Kala Anjali Arts Circle	1,500 reserved	It was moved that consideration of this item be deferred until the March 2006 meeting of the Panel in order to allow further information to be submitted by the organisation when the co-ordinator of the organisation returned from vacation. £1,000 would be reserved. The motion was carried. See note (3) below.
Kids Can Achieve	4,524 and 1,500 reserved (1,500 from Edward Harvist Trust)	It was moved that the level of funding be reduced to £4,524 with an additional £1,500 reserved as a contingency in the event that the organisation could not secure funding from Children in Need. Upon being put to the vote, this motion was carried with the Chair's second and casting vote. See note (1) below.
Russian Immigrants Association	Deferred	
The WISH Centre	2,000	
<b>Grants – New Applicants – Not Funded Currently</b>		
ASHIANA	Nil (3,000 from 2005/6 budget) (1,500 from the Edward Harvist Trust)	
East African Welfare and Development Concern	Nil (2,000 was allocated from the Edward Harvist Trust)	
Edo State Women's Association	Nil (1,000 from 2005/6 budget)	
Harrow Mencap	7,455 reserved	It was moved that the level of reserved funding be increased to £10,000. Upon being put to the vote, this was not carried. See note (4) below.  It was then moved that consideration of this item be deferred until the March meeting of the Panel in order to allow further information to be obtained on alternative funding opportunities. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel.

[Note: (1) Councillors Marilyn Ashton, Arnold, Mrs Joyce Nickolay, Anjana Patel and Paddy Lyne wished to be recorded as having voted to increase the allocation.]

[Note: (2) Councillors Marilyn Ashton, Arnold, Mrs Joyce Nickolay and Anjana Patel wished to be recorded as having voted against the allocation.]

[Note: (3) Councillor Marilyn Ashton wished to record as having voted against the allocation.]

[Note: (4) Councillors Marilyn Ashton, Arnold, Mrs Joyce Nickolay and Paddy Lyne wished to be recorded as having voted to increase the allocation.]

APPENDIX 2**PROPOSED GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 2006/2007**

Further to Recommendation 2, the following "in principle" decisions were made in relation to the applications for grants from the Edward Harvist Trust in 2006/07.

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Decision</u>	<u>Reason/Comments</u>
<b>Organisations currently funded</b>		
Angolan Civic Communities Alliance	1,500	
Arts Culture Harrow	Nil	
Carramea	Nil	
Community Link-Up	2,000	
Harrow Anti-Racist Alliance (HARA)	1,000	
Harrow Council for Racial Equality (HCRE)	Nil	
Harrow Heritage Trust	Nil	
Harrow Iranian Community Association	Nil	
Harrow Shopmobility	2,000	
Harrow Somali Women's Action Group	Nil	
Harrow Youth & Community Project	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.
Kids Can Achieve	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.
National Council of Vanik Organisations	1,000	
The WISH Centre	1,000	It was moved that the level of funding be increased from £1,000. Upon being put to the vote, this was not carried, the Chair having exercised her second and casting vote. See note (2) below.
<b>Grants – New Applicants – Not Funded Currently</b>		
9 <sup>th</sup> Kenton Scout Group	2,500	
ASHIANA	1,500	It was moved that the level of funding be increased from £1,500. Upon being put to the vote, this was not carried. See note (2) below.
Canons Park Estate Association	1,000	It was moved that the level of funding be increased from £1,000. Upon being put to the vote, this was not carried. See note (1) below.
East African Welfare and Development Concern	2,000	
Edo State Women's Association	Nil	It was recommended that the organisation seek a B&Q Award.
Harrow Gingerbread	1,000	
Harrow Recreation Ground Users Association	2,000	
Harrow Pensioners' Forum	1,000	

Harrow Visual Arts Forum	500	It was moved that the level of funding be decreased from £500. Upon being put to the vote, this was not carried. See note (3) below.
Harrow Weald Bowling Club	Nil	It was moved that the level of funding be increased from £1,000. Upon being put to the vote, this was not carried with the casting vote of the Chair. See note (2) below.
Humanitarian Action Group	2,000	
IJAPI	Nil	
Kodak Football Club	1,000	
Headstone Manor Ladies Cricket Club	1,500	It was moved that the level of funding be increased from £1,500. Upon being put to the vote, this was not carried. See note (1) below.
Light & Colour Workshop UK Ltd	1,000	
Otakar Kraus Music Trust	1,000	
Refugee Link & Training Agency	2,000	
Tam Tam Tales Trust	600	It was moved that the proposed level of grant be amended to £600. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel.
West London YMCA Winter Shelter	2,500	

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[Note: (2) Councillors Marilyn Ashton, Arnold, Mrs Joyce Nickolay, Anjana Patel and Paddy Lyne wished to be recorded as having voted to increase this allocation.]

[Note: (3) Councillors Marilyn Ashton, Arnold, Mrs Joyce Nickolay and Anjana Patel wished to be recorded as having voted to decrease this allocation.]

APPENDIX 3DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. The following Members declared personal and prejudicial interests in the items indicated below 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 and nature of interest</u>
8. Grants Funding 2006/07 – Deferred Grants	Councillor Anjana Patel	* <b>Harrow Mencap</b> , Board Member
	Deven Pillay, Adviser	* <b>Harrow Council for Racial Equality (HCRE)</b> , Executive Member * <b>Harrow Mencap</b> , Chief Executive
9. Grants Appeals 2006/07	Councillor Thammiah	* <b>Harrow Crime Prevention Panel</b> , member.

2. The following Members declared interests from the public gallery:

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Organisation and nature of interest</u>
9. Grants Appeals 2006/07	Councillor Whitehead	* <b>Harrow Weald Common Conservators</b> – personal interest.

3. The following Members declared an interest in the items indicated below arising from their involvement with the organisations listed. They remained and took part in the discussion and voting on the applications relating to these organisations:

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Organisation and nature of interest</u>
8. Grants to voluntary organisations 2006/07 – deferred applications	Councillor Nana Asante	* <b>Angolan Civic Communities Alliance</b> , African-led organisation. Alex Da Costa used to chair the Harrow Refugee Forum. The Member was invited to the organisation's AGM and actively requests support for member organisations.
		* <b>CARRAMEA</b> , was a member of HARA in 1998 and HARA is a founding member of CARRAMEA. The Member has not renewed her membership of HARA.
		* <b>Community Link Up</b> , Invited Mike Coker, the Director to speak at the last meeting of the Community Consultative Forum.
		* <b>HARA</b> , was a member of HARA in 1998 and HARA is a founding member of CARRAMEA. The Member has not renewed her membership of HARA.



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- \* **HASVO**, met many members of HASVO in 1998/99 at community premises. Helped them with funding applications.
  - \* **HCRE**, Chairperson Trevor Chisholm worked with me on Black History Month matters early this year.
  - \* **Harrow Iranian Community Association**, met Pari Nouroozi in 1998 at Community Premises. She is on the Board of HaRF. Attended interview of organisation in October 05 as part of Review of Community Premises.
  - \* **Harrow Somali Women's Action Group**, wrote a successful funding application for the organisation in 1999. Asha Kalib, the coordinator is on the board of HaRF.
  - \* **Islamic Cultural Society of Harrow**, was at Community Premises when the Member organised a fundraiser to buy a microwave for the kitchen.
  - \* **Kala Anjali Arts Circle**, helped Punitha Perinparaja with her constitution in 1998. Also with a lottery funding application to Awards for All.
  - \* **Kids Can Achieve**, received invitation to Open Day but was unable to attend.
  - \* **The WISH Centre**, attended AGM at Civic Centre. Also Julia Smith of HAVS co-chairs Hear/Say Scrutiny Review and the Member chairs one of the Case Study Groups as part of the review.
  - \* **ASHIANA**, met MC member at a Voluntary Sector Forum meeting at Harrow Council in July this year.
  - \* **East African Welfare & Development Concern**, African-led organisation. The coordinator Ms Lulah Salah asked the Member to attend a meeting at Youth & Connexions meeting to advocate on her behalf a few months ago. Board of HaRF.
  - \* **EDO State Women Association**, African-led organisation.
  - \* **Harrow Mencap**, Deven Pillay is a member of the Black History Month Forum.

		Councillor Marilyn Ashton	* <b>Ashiana</b> , knew someone involved in the organisation
		Councillor Bluston	* <b>Kids Can Achieve</b> , attended a meeting involving the organisation
		Councillor Mrs Joyce Nickolay Councillor Omar	* Personal involvement with <b>Ashiana</b> . * <b>Harrow Council for Racial Equality</b> , member of the Executive Committee
		Councillor Rekha Shah	* <b>Ashiana</b> , personal interest * <b>HARA</b> , personal interest
9. Grants 2006/07	Appeals	Councillor Nana Asante	* <b>Harrow Crime Prevention Panel</b> , The Member is a member of a Scrutiny Review Group on Reducing the Fear of Crime. * <b>Harrow Weald Common Conservators</b> , attended presentation of Open Spaces Review Group. * <b>Harrow Women's Centre</b> , attended International Women's Event in 1997. Cllr Margaret Davine who chairs the organisation is my ward councillor. * <b>Harrow Refugee Forum</b> , have known the secretary Alex Da Costa for a number of years. The Member attended their AGM in October at his invitation. * <b>Russian Immigrants Association</b> , was at Community Premises when the Member organised a fundraiser to buy a microwave for the kitchen. Attended interview of organisation in October 05, as part of Review of Community Premises.
		Councillor Paddy Lyne	* <b>Harrow Weald Common Conservators</b> – personal interest * <b>Harrow Crime Prevention Panel</b> – personal interest
10. Edward Harvist Trust Applications 2006/07		Councillor Nana Asante	* <b>Angolan Civic Communities Alliance</b> , African-led organisation; the Member has known the chairperson Alex Da Costa for a number of years. He is also a member of Harrow Refugee Forum (HaRF) and the Member attended their AGM in October. * <b>ASHIANA</b> , met MC member at a Voluntary Sector Forum meeting at Harrow Council in July this year.

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- \* **CARRAMEA**, was a member of HARA IN 1998 and HARA is a founding member of CARRAMEA. The Member has not renewed her membership of HARA.
  - \* **Community Link Up**, invited Mike Coker, the Director to speak at the last meeting of the Community Consultative Forum.
  - \* **East African Welfare & Development Concern**, African led organisation. The coordinator, Ms Lulah Salah asked the Member to attend a meeting at Youth & Connexions meeting to advocate on her behalf a few months ago. Board of HaRF.
  - \* **Edo State Women's Association**, African-led organisation.
  - \* **Harrow Anti-Racist Alliance (HARA)**, was a member of HARA in 1998. Attended a conference in Manchester on behalf of the organisation and wrote a report in 1998. The Member has not renewed her membership of HARA.
  - \* **Harrow Council for Racial Equality**, attended their conference at the Civic Centre on ?. Chairperson Trevor Chisholm worked with the Member on Black History Month early this year.
  - \* **Harrow Iranian Community Association**, met Pari Nouroozi in 1998 at Community Premises. She is on the Board of HaRF. She was present at the interview of her organisation which the Member attended in October.
  - \* **Harrow Shopmobility**, attended their AGM at HAVS earlier this year.
  - \* **Harrow Somali Women's Action Group**, wrote a successful funding application for the organisation in 1999. Asha Kalib, the coordinator is on the Board of HaRF.
  - \* **Harrow Youth & Community Project**, met Carlton, one of the organisers, at the Open Budget meeting and he sent me a copy of his to the Council about Kenmore Park Community Centre.
  - \* **Kids Can Achieve**, was invited to their AGM but was unable to attend.

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- \* **National Council of Vanik Associations**, led carol singing at their Christmas Concert last year. The Member has been asked to do the same this year on 17 December 2005.
- \* **West London YMCA Winter Shelter**, The Member is a member of Stanmore Baptist Church, a Christian faith group. The Member is Vice Chairperson of SACRE.
- \* **The Wish Centre**, attended the AGM of The Wish Centre at the Civic Centre in October 2005.
- Councillor Marilyn Ashton \* **Ashiana**, knew someone involved in the organisation
- Councillor Bluston \* **Kids Can Achieve**, attended a meeting involving the organisation.
- \* **Edward Harvist Trust**, Council appointed representative
- Councillor Mrs Joyce Nickolay \* **Ashiana**, personal interest
- Councillor Omar \* **Harrow Council for Racial Equality**, member of the Executive Committee
- Councillor Rekha Shah \* **Ashiana**, personal interest