

## LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

<b>Meeting:</b>	GRANTS ADVISORY PANEL
<b>Date:</b>	1 JULY 2003
<b>Subject:</b>	COMMUNITY PREMISES APPLICATIONS
<b>Key decision:</b>	NO
<b>Responsible Chief Officer:</b>	ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
<b>Relevant Portfolio Holder:</b>	DEPUTY LEADER (PARTNERSHIP & PROPERTY)
<b>Status:</b>	PART 1
<b>Ward:</b>	N/A
<b>Enclosures:</b>	APPENDIX A – ACCOMMODATION APPLICATION FORM FROM ASMC APPENDIX B – HARROW YOUTH & COMMUNITY PROJECT SURVEY

### 1. **Summary/ Reason for urgency (if applicable)**

- 1.1 This report deals with the following:  
Provides information on the progress made by the Horn Response Project since 1.4.03, makes recommendation on the deferred accommodation application by the Harrow Youth & Community Project and presents a new application for accommodation from the Association of Senior Muslim Citizens.

### 2. **Recommendations (for decision by Portfolio Holder)**

- 2.1 **To decide on the deferred accommodation application from the Harrow Community & Youth Project and to consider the new application from the Association of Senior Muslim Citizens (ASMC).**

**REASON: To enable these two groups to improve their infrastructure and services by making use of the facilities offered at the Community Premises.**

### 3. **Consultation with Ward Councillors**

- 3.1 Not applicable

### 4. **Policy Context (including Relevant Previous Decisions)**

- 4.1 Grants Panel – 6 March 2003 – Members decided that the application from the Horn Response Project be agreed on a casual basis and subject to a six-month probation period and that the application from the Harrow Youth & Community Project be deferred. Members requested an update from officers on progress made by the organisation.

### 5. **Relevance to Corporate Priorities**

- 5.1 This report addresses the Council's stated priority of "strengthening Harrow's local communities by promoting social inclusion amongst all Harrow residents both young and old, by seeking to eradicate poverty and by reducing the fear of crime".

## 6. **Background Information and options considered**

- 6.1 Members at the meeting on 6 March 2003 considered the applications received from the Horn Response Project and the Harrow Youth & Community Project. Members agreed to recommend that the Horn Response Project should be granted use of the premises and be encouraged to work with the three Somali groups who are already based at the premises.
- 6.2 The Horn Response Project is making steady progress. They keep computerised financial records, individual case records, minutes of management committee meetings and intend to produce 3-monthly casework analysis. They have been attending the premises about three times a week for about 3 hours since May.
- 6.3 The Harrow Youth & Community Project had been allocated a grant by the Panel at the meeting held on 5 December 2002, but its accommodation application was deferred and Members requested an update from officers on progress made by the organisation. The Project registered with the Youth and Connexions Service in the 2002 /03 registration process as a voluntary organisation. Youth Workers have assisted the group to develop a constitution and equal opportunities policy so that they are able to meet the requirements for registration with CAYS. The Service has arranged for volunteers to undergo the necessary CRB checks. The project leader has expressed an interest in attending training provided by the Youth and Connexions Service. The project has a vision for its work with young people, but currently has no young people enrolled as members as the project does not yet have premises. The Youth and Connexions Service is working with the Council's Tenant Participation Officer to investigate the possibility of using Kenmore Hall for 2-3 hours per week to enable the project to get underway. The project has also undertaken a survey of young people to clarify the needs and interests of young people in the area (attached as Appendix B). Officers from Corporate Services met with the Co-ordinator and the Trustees and advised them on financial records and similar matters. The Project's application for charity registration is still pending.
- 6.4 The new application under consideration was received from the Association of Senior Muslim Citizens. This is a newly -formed organisation, which has the support of the Harrow Council of Racial Equality (HCRE). The organisation is constituted and has 48 members, of whom 43 come from Harrow. The organisation has applied for a Bank account , which is due to being approved shortly. The organisation's application, constitution and other details are attached as Appendix A.

## 7. **Consultation**

- 7.1 Not applicable

## 8. **Finance Observations** none

## 9. **Legal Observations** none

## 10. **Conclusion**

- 10.1 Members are requested to recommend that these applications be approved for casual use, subject to a six-month probation period.

## 11. **Background Papers**

- 11.1 Minutes of Grants Advisory Panel 6 March 2003.

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