

Meeting:	Cabinet
Date:	15 December 2005
Subject:	Association of London Government (ALG) Grants Scheme 2006/07
Responsible Officer:	Director of Financial & Business Strategy
Contact Officer:	Myfanwy Barrett
Portfolio Holder:	Communications, Partnership and Human Resources
Key Decision:	No
Status:	Public

Section 1: Summary

Decision Required

To approve the provisional ALG Grants Committee budget for 2006/07 and note Harrow's contribution to the grants scheme.

Reason for report

The ALG Grants Committee budget for 2006/07 must be agreed by two-thirds of constituent Councils before 1 February 2006.

Benefits

Harrow will be able to meet the deadline of 20 January 2006 for responding to the ALG's proposal.

Cost of Proposals

Under the proposed budget, Harrow Council's contribution will increase from £755,055 to £756,428.

Risks

If two-thirds of the constituent Councils do not approve the provisional ALG Grants Committee budget by 1 February 2006, this year's budget remains in force.

Implications if recommendations rejected

Harrow Council will not have approved the budget for the ALG Grants Committee, but, assuming that a two-thirds majority is obtained, it will still be implemented.

Section 2: Report

2.1 Brief History

The ALG Grants Committee considered proposals for expenditure in 2006/07 at its meeting on 7 November 2005, and with the agreement of the ALG's Leaders' Committee on 8 November 2005 recommended to constituent Councils that the overall expenditure in 2006/07 should be £28,204,895 comprising:-

Grants	£26,400,000
Administrative Expenditure	£1,804,895

Income would comprise

Interest and balances	£1,684,578
Borough contributions	£26,520,317

When comparing 2006/07 to the current year, the grants budget is being frozen, and a small increase in the use of balances is being used to fund an inflationary increase in administrative expenditure. This means that there is a minimal increase in borough contributions (approximately 0.18%).

2.2 Options considered

The ALG Leaders' Committee, at their meeting on 8 November 2005, concurred with the recommendations.

In view of this, the Cabinet is recommended to approve the provisional budget for the ALG Grants Committee.

2.3 Consultation

None

2.4 Financial Implications

This is a report of the Director of Financial & Business Strategy and deals with financial matters throughout.

2.5 Legal Implications

None.

2.6 Equalities Impact

Not applicable.

2.7 Section 17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Considerations

Not applicable.

Section 3: Supporting Information/ Background Documents

Background Papers

ALG Chief Executive's circular dated 23 November 2005, ref. no: 54 / 05

Any person wishing to inspect the background paper should telephone 020 8420 9269