

**GRANTS ADVISORY PANEL****22 NOVEMBER 2007**

Chairman: \* Councillor Joyce Nickolay

Councillors: \* Ms Nana Asante \* Mrs Anjana Patel  
 \* Don Billson \* Mrs Rekha Shah  
 \* Ashok Kulkarni \* Stanley Sheinwald  
 \* Mrs Myra Michael \* Mrs Sasi Suresh  
 \* Asad Omar

Adviser: \* Deven Pillay, Chief Executive, Mencap

\* Denotes Member present

**PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS****RECOMMENDATION 1 - Applications for Community Premises Accommodation 2008/09**

The Panel considered a report of the Director of Community and Cultural Services, which set out the applications for allocation of space at the Community Premises.

A Member queried why the Association of Senior Muslim Citizens and the Tamil Community Centre had not been recommended a designated desk, as requested in their applications. Officers stated that these organisations did not meet the criteria for a designated desk. The Panel however felt that the Association of Senior Muslim Citizens would qualify for a designated desk.

**Resolved to RECOMMEND:** (To the Portfolio Holder for Community and Cultural Services)

That (1) the recommendations as detailed in Appendix 1 be approved;

(2) the new allocations be effective from 1 January 2008 for new and existing users;

(3) authority be delegated to officers to review decisions after six months where stated in the published officer report;

(4) authority be delegated to officers to update the facilities use agreement with Legal Services and ensure these were signed by all users.

**[Reason for Recommendation:** To finalise the allocation of space at the Community Premises to enable it to become better utilised.]

**PART II - MINUTES**80. **Attendance by Reserve Members:**

**RESOLVED:** To note that there were no Reserve Members in attendance at this meeting.

81. **Declarations of Interest:**

**RESOLVED:** To note that in relation to agenda items 8 – Monitoring of Grant Funding Received in 2006/07 and 9 – Applications for Community Premises Accommodation 2008/09 the following Members declared personal interests arising from their involvement with the organisations listed. Accordingly, they remained and took part in the discussion and voting on the applications relating to these organisations:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Organisation</u>
Councillor Ms Nana Asante	Harrow Association for Voluntary Services
Councillor Mrs Myra Michael	Age Concern
Councillor Joyce Nickolay	Harrow Weald Common Conservators
Councillor Asad Omar	Harrow Council for Racial Equality
Councillor Mrs Anjana Patel	Harrow Mencap

Deven Pillay  
 Harrow Association for Voluntary Services  
 Harrow Council for Racial Equality  
 Harrow in Business  
 Harrow Mencap

Councillor Mrs Rekha Shah Harrow Anti-Racist Alliance

82. **Arrangement of Agenda:**

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

83. **Minutes:**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2007 be deferred until printed in the Council Bound Minute Volume.

84. **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 16 (Part 4E of the Constitution).

85. **Petitions:**

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

86. **Deputations:**

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

87. **Monitoring of Grant Funding Received in 2006/07:**

The Panel received a report of the Director of Community and Cultural Services, outlining the performance and activities of those voluntary organisations awarded funding in 2005/2006.

The Panel heard that monitoring had been undertaken through the submission of a standard Monitoring and Assessment Form by organisations in receipt of funding below £5,000. Forms were sent to 49 organisations, of which 8 had not been returned. Groups in receipt of funding in excess of £5,000 were monitored through an officer visit; 29 organisations had been visited to this end.

Members discussed the activities of the individual organisations set out in the appendices to the published officer report, and commented that the report would provide useful background information prior to allocating grant funding in 2007/2008.

A Member suggested that Harrow Association of Somali Voluntary Organisations (HASVO) be encouraged to monitor their member organisations possibly using the Grants monitoring forms. Other Members felt that the Council ought not to micro-manage organisations and that, as an umbrella organisation, HASVO should undertake their own monitoring.

The question of CRB checks on volunteers in organisations was discussed, and particular mention was made of HASVO and Harrow Bereavement Care where it was known that volunteers visited people in their homes. An officer confirmed that HASVO had reported that checks were performed on their volunteers and that their member organisations carried out their own checks. There was a proposal to include CRB checks as a condition in any grant application but officers would seek legal advice on this matter and make a recommendation to the next meeting of the Panel.

The Adviser to the Panel suggested including a breakdown of ethnicity of clients on the self-monitoring forms. Officers stated this had been requested but had been omitted from the report. They added that the information would be included in future reports.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

88. **Applications for Community Premises Accommodation 2008/09:**  
 (See Recommendation 1).

89. **Any Other Urgent Business:**

The Chairman had been notified that there was no substantive business for the meeting due to be held on 17 December 2007.

**RESOLVED:** (1) That the Grants Advisory Panel meeting scheduled for 17 December 2007 be cancelled;

(2) it be noted that the date of the next meeting was 21 January 2008.

(Note: The meeting having commenced at 7.33 pm, closed at 9.02 pm)

(Signed) COUNCILLOR JOYCE NICKOLAY  
Chairman

APPENDIX 1RECOMMENDATION 1 – APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY PREMISES ACCOMMODATION 2008/09ALLOCATION OF SPACE

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Decision</u>
ANGOLAN CIVIC COMMUNITIES ALLIANCE (ACCA)	Individual Office
HARROW IRANIAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (HICA)	Individual Office
HARROW ANTI-RACIST ALLIANCE (HARA)	Individual Office
RUSSIAN IMMIGRANTS ASSOCIATION (RIAS)	Individual Office
HARROW AFRICAN CARIBBEAN ASSOCIATION (HACAS)	Designated Desk
HARROW BENGALEE ASSOCIATION (HBA)	Designated Desk
HARROW KUWAITI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	Designated Desk
HARROW SOMALI WOMEN'S ACTION GROUP (HASWAG)	Designated Desk
INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF HARROW	Designated Desk
IWANAAJI SOMALI DISABLED ASSOCIATION	Designated Desk
PAKISTAN SOCIETY OF HARROW	Designated Desk
SOMALI CULTURAL & EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION	Designated Desk
ASSOCIATION OF SENIOR MUSLIM CITIZENS	Designated Desk
EAST AFRICAN WELFARE & DEVELOPMENT CONCERN	Casual Use
HARROW YOUTH & COMMUNITY PROJECT	Casual Use
HORN RESPONSE PROJECT	Casual Use
TAMIL COMMUNITY CENTRE	Casual Use
BRIDGE ORGANISATION LIMITED	Casual Use
HARROW AGENDA 21	Casual Use
HESTIA HOUSING & SUPPORT (WOMEN'S AID HARROW)	Casual Use