

Meeting:	Cabinet
Date:	15 th January 2009
Subject:	London Councils – London Borough Grants Scheme 2009/10
Key Decision:	Yes
Responsible Officer:	Javed Khan Director of Community and Cultural Services
Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Chris Mote Portfolio Holder for Community and Cultural Services
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	London Councils – Chief Executives’ Circular Appendix 1 -Grants Committee Income and Expenditure Budget 2009/10 Appendix 2 - Borough Subscriptions 2009/10

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report sets out the proposals received from the London Councils Grants Committee for expenditure in 2009/10.

Recommendations:

Cabinet is requested to consider the proposals for expenditure and give a formal response to the recommendation.

Reason: (For recommendation)

The London Borough Grants Scheme informed the Borough through a circular dated 13th November 2008 of the recommended budget for 2009/10.

Section 2 – Report

Background

London Councils are required to contribute to any London Boroughs Grants Scheme expenditure, which has been incurred with the approval of a least two-thirds of the constituent Councils. Contributions are, under Regulation 6 (8) of the Levying Bodies (General) Regulations 1992, to be proportionate to constituent Councils' populations. For 2009/10 the apportionment is based on the ONS (office for National Statistics) mid-year estimates for 2007 in accordance with Section 48 (4) Local Government Act 1985, which states that "the population of any areas shall be taken to be the number estimated by the Registrar General and certified by him to the Secretary of State by reference to such date as the Secretary of State may from time to time determine."

The London Councils Grants Committee considered proposals for expenditure in 2009/10 at its meeting on 10th November 2008. The Leaders' Committee concurred with the Grants Committee's recommendations on 11th November recommending to constituent Councils that the overall expenditure in 2009-10 should be £30,118,000 comprising:

Grants:	£28,400,000
Administrative Expenditure	£1,718,000

Income would comprise:

European Social fund Grant	£2,000,000
Interest and balances:	£1,788,000
Borough Contributions:	£26,330,000

The budget must be agreed by two-thirds of constituent Councils before 1st February 2009. If it is not, the overall level of expenditure will be deemed to be the same as that approved for 2008/9.

Options considered

None

Current situation

The expenditure for 2008-09 was set at £26,350,394. Harrow Council's contribution this year has been £752,708

Why a change is needed

The London Councils Grants Committee considers their proposals for expenditure annually. Local authorities are invited to provide a formal response to these recommendations by Friday, 16th January 2009.

Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to consider the proposals for expenditure and give a formal response to the recommendation.

Resources, costs and risks

Harrow's contribution for 2009-10 will be £747,865. This will result in a reduction in the borough's contribution of £4,843.

Staffing/Workforce

There are no staffing or workforce implications.

Equalities Impact

Not applicable.

Legal Comments

There are no legal implications.

Community Safety

Not applicable.

Financial Implications

This will result in a net reduction in expenditure of £4,843. The Councils annual contribution to the LBGS is built into the base budget.

Performance Issues

There are no direct performance issues.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

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Section 4 – Performance Officer Clearance

Name: Tom Whiting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Divisional Director (Strategy and Improvement)
Date: 17/12/08		

Section 5 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers: London Councils Chief Executives' Circular