

## **LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW**

### **CABINET**

**26 MARCH 2009**

### **REFERENCE FROM GRANTS ADVISORY PANEL – 4 MARCH 2009**

#### **MINUTE 152 - GRANT APPLICATIONS FUNDING 2009/2010**

Further to Recommendation 1, a Member of the Panel requested for officers to look into how funding should be allocated to the Harrow Heritage Trust for the 2009/10 financial year. He added that the funding could not be monitored effectively by grants officers as it was part of the Council's Capital programme.

Another Member of the Panel commented that organisations met the grants funding criteria, if it was based in Harrow and 80% of the beneficiaries of the service provided were Harrow residents. The Member added that allocations of grants should be fair and equitable. A discussion took place on the allocation of grants to groups, such as, Girl Guiding Middlesex North West, which fell outside the published criteria and Headway and St. Luke's Hospice, who were based in Harrow followed. The Panel referred to copies of the original grant applications contained in the exempt documents and to an email sent by officers to Members. The adviser to the Panel recommended that if a group that did not meet the criteria and were allocated funding on an historical basis, it could cause resentment to other organisations who had not received a grant for not meeting the criteria. The Legal officer advised that all organisations should be considered fairly.

The Chairman added that exceptional circumstances would be required before the Panel should allocate funding. Another Member commented that they should allocate funding to Girl Guiding Middlesex North West as they felt that organisation provided an important service to the 50% of its beneficiaries who were Harrow residents.

Upon a vote, the Panel resolved to recommend to Cabinet that a grant be provided to Girl guides Middlesex North West.

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

#### **FOR INFORMATION**

##### **Background Documents:**

Report considered by and the minutes of the Grants Advisory Panel held on 4 March 2009.

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