

Appendix 3

Portfolio Holder Rationale for revised allocations

AGE CONCERN

As the Panel agreed to support the proposed project, funding should be awarded to ensure that it is viable for the organisation to deliver the service. This would not be achieved if the GAP's recommendation were accepted. An amendment to the original recommendation is suggested based on a representation from the organisation, which was available to members at the meeting, stating that the organisation would not be able to deliver the service unless the salary costs are met. As per the officer's report, it is recommended that the organisation be awarded £12,663 to enable them to deliver the project.

ASIAN ELDERLY GROUP

The panel was informed that the organisation has declared an under-spend of £1,800 for 2008/09, due to a staff vacancy. As per the original officer recommendation, it is suggested that the organisation carry this under-spend forward and in addition be awarded £2,400 so that the total grant available to them will be £4,200. This reduction in funding has taken into account the fact that the organisation has been unable to spend their full grant of £5,500.

HARROW ASSOCIATION OF SOMALI VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION

As the Panel agreed to support the proposed project, funding should be awarded to ensure that it is viable for the organisation to deliver the service. However, this would not be achieved if the GAP's recommendation was accepted. As per the original officer recommendation, it is suggested that £6,500 be awarded to the organisation to cover the salary costs of a part-time advice worker.

HARROW GINGERBREAD

The panel was informed that a reduction in funding was recommended because the organisation had requested funding for a different project. As per the original officer recommendation, it is suggested that a contribution of £1,400 be made to cover the cost of visits/entry fees and travel costs.

HARROW KUWAITI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Further representation received from the organisation was available for consideration. It stated that the needs of this community have been overlooked. However, as stated in the original officer's report, the organisation has provided insufficient evidence of the need for this service and therefore funding is not recommended. The organisation is advised to access support and advice on fund-raising.

HARROW OVER 50'S CLUB

Further representation received from organisation was available for consideration. It stated that their membership had increased and requested that this be taken into reconsideration. This information was not submitted with their original application, and it was not clear whether all members were also beneficiaries of the services. As per the original officer's report the organisation has provided very little evidence of the need for this project and therefore it is recommended that they be awarded £960 to meet the hall hire cost. It is also advised that they explore other sources of funding.

HARROW PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING ALLIANCE

The organisation had requested £10,724 and therefore an award of £1,000 would be inadequate and would not enable the organisation to pay the rent at Glebe School and the salary costs of the Administrator and the Finance Officer. As per the officer's report, it is recommended that the Alliance is not awarded funding for 2009/10 but is advised that HPSLA re-negotiate their SLA with the Integrated Early Years and Community Services to meet their core costs.

HARROW TAMIL SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

A representation was made by a member of the panel on behalf of the organisation stating that their concessions on lettings will be reduced to 25%. Officers have confirmed that this is incorrect as they currently receive a 50% concession and will continue to do so. As per the officer's report, it is recommended that this organisation is not awarded funding for 2009/10 but is advised to continue to raise funds to support their activities.

INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF HARROW

Further representation provided by the organisation shows that the organisation organises day trips, cultural celebrations and encourages members to access free swimming sessions at Harrow Leisure Centre and free health walks. It was not possible to see from this information how many of their members had accessed these activities. As stated in the officer's report, a full breakdown of how the grant would be used was not provided and there was also insufficient evidence of the need for this service. Therefore it is recommended that the organisation not be awarded funding for 2009/10.

KSIM SENIOR CITIZEN ASSOCIATION

This organisation does not meet the 80% rule. This was supported by a successful compact challenge in 2008/09, which meant that the organisation was not eligible for funding. The officer's report, which is based on evidence recently provided by the organisation, confirms that they are still not eligible for funding as less than 80% of their beneficiaries live in Harrow. Therefore it is recommended that the organisation be not awarded funding for 2009/10.

LONDON KALIBARI

The grant can't be used to support religious activities and the organisation has declared in their application that they will be using the grant to fund a 'social/religious function'; and monitoring information gathered in 2008 showed that the organisation had used their grant to fund religious activities. Therefore it is recommended that the organisation is not awarded funding for 2009/10.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF VANIK ASSOCIATIONS (UK)

Insufficient evidence has been provided as to the need for this service. As per the officer's report it is recommended that the organisation be not awarded funding for 2009/10.

GIRL GUIDING MIDDLESEX NORTH WEST

The organisation does not meet the following grant qualifying condition:

"The applicant must be a voluntary group based in Harrow, with 80% of this beneficiaries either living or working in Harrow"

The organisation is requesting funding to cover the cost of services that are used by girls that live in Harrow that attend the Willow Tree Centre, based in Hillingdon. A representation was received from a member of the panel on behalf of the organisation, stating that the organisation provides an invaluable service to 4,000 girls from Harrow. However the organisation is not based in Harrow and the service is not delivered in the borough and therefore it is recommended that this application be rejected.

Note: There is an outstanding Compact challenge, relating to the above criteria, as the GAP meeting in January 2009 decided to award Edward Harvest Trust funds to the organisation.