

GRANTS ADVISORY PANEL

4 MARCH 2009

- Chairman: * Councillor Chris Mote
- Councillors: * Ms Nana Asante * Mrs Myra Michael
* Don Billson * Joyce Nickolay
* G Chowdhury * Mrs Rekha Shah
* Thaya Idaikkadar (3) * Mrs Sasi Suresh
* Ashok Kulkarni
- Adviser: * Mike Coker, Representative, Voluntary and Community Sector Representative

* Denotes Member present
(3) Denotes category of Reserve Member

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS**RECOMMENDATION 1 - Grants Applications 2009/2010**

The Panel received a report of the Director of Community and Cultural Services which outlined the applications made for funding and the grants-based service level agreements to be awarded for the 2009/10 financial year.

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to Cabinet)

That (1) organisations currently receiving a grant through a three-year service level agreement as listed in Appendix 1 of the minutes continue to receive funding with inflation additions to salaries, with the exception of, Harrow Association of Somali Voluntary Organisations, Harrow Sports Council, Harrow Weald Common Conservators, in the 2009/10 financial year;

(2) a grant of £15,000 be awarded to the Harrow Heritage Trust from the Council's Capital Programme for the 2009/10 financial year;

(3) the recommendations detailed in Appendix 1 of these minutes be agreed.

[Reason for Recommendations: To enable the allocation of funding to voluntary organisations for 2009/2010.]

(See also Minute 156)

RECOMMENDATION 2 - Welldon Activity Group (Additional Funding)

An officer presented a report of the Director of Community and Cultural Services that requested for additional funding of £10,000 from the total underspend of £11,034 in 2008/09 to be allocated to the Welldon Activity Group to enable them to pay rent to their landlord.

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

That (1) an additional grant of £10,000 be awarded to the Welldon Activity Group to pay rent on their premises in Hindes Road, Harrow; and

(2) in the event that a COMPACT challenge on the award is successful, the Chairman should have delegated authority to liaise with Harrow Association of Voluntary Services (HAVS) or a similar organisation to ascertain the possibility of administering the unallocated underspend of £11,034 to the voluntary sector, subject to a criteria for allocation and the suspension of an administration fee being agreed with the Council.

[Reason for Recommendations: (1) To utilise the unspent grant budget from 2008/09, which according to Council guidelines cannot be carried forward into the 2009/10 grants budget if it remains unspent.

(2) To enable Welldon Activity Group to continue providing their service and care to the 8 service users with disabilities that are referred through Harrow Council}

(See also Minute 157)

PART II - MINUTES148. **Attendance by Reserve Members:**

RESOLVED: To note the attendance at this meeting of the following duly appointed Reserve Member:-

Ordinary Member

Councillor Asad Omar

Reserve Member

Councillor Thaya Idaikkadar

149. **Declarations of Interest:**

RESOLVED: To note that the following interests were declared:

| <u>Agenda Item</u> | <u>Member</u> | <u>Nature of Interest</u> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| 7. Grant Applications 2009-10 | Councillor Nana Asante | Councillor Asante declared a personal interest on this item, in that she was a representative of the Council on Harrow In Europe. Accordingly, she remained in the room during the discussion and decision-making for this item. |
| | | Councillor Asante declared a personal interest on this item, in that she was a representative of the Council on Harrow Agenda 21 Environmental Forum. Accordingly, she remained in the room during the discussion and decision-making for this item. |
| | Councillor Thaya Idaikkadar | Councillor Thaya Idaikkadar declared a personal interest in that he was involved with the Pakistan Society of Harrow. Accordingly, he remained in the room during the discussion and decision-making on this item. |
| | Councillor Myra Michael | Councillor Myra Michael declared a personal interest in that she was a representative of the Council for Age Concern, Harrow. Accordingly, she remained in the room during the discussion and decision-making on this item. |
| | Councillor Chris Mote | Councillor Chris Mote declared a prejudicial interest in that his sister was a fundraiser for St Luke's Hospice. Accordingly, he left the room and took no part in the discussion and decision-making on this item. |
| | Councillor Joyce Nickolay | Councillor Joyce Nickolay declared a personal interest in the following organisations. Accordingly, she remained in the room for the discussion and decision-making on this item: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bentley Priory Nature Reserve • Harrow Agenda 21 Environmental Forum • Harrow Association of Voluntary Services • Harrow in Europe • Harrow Weald Common Board of Conservators |

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| |) | Councillor Rekha Shah | Councillor Rekha Shah declared a personal interest on this item in that she was a representative of the Council on the Board of Directors for Harrow Refugees and Minorities Forum. Accordingly, she remained in the room during the discussion and decision-making on this item. |
| |) | | Councillor Rekha Shah declared a personal interest on this item in that she was a representative of the Council on the Harrow Association of Voluntary Services. Accordingly, she remained in the room during the discussion and decision-making on this item. |
| |) | Mike Coker, Adviser to the Panel | The adviser to the Panel declared a prejudicial interest in the following organisations. Accordingly, he left the room and took no part in the discussion or decision-making on this item: |
| |) | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age Concern • Community Lift Up (Director) • Harrow Healthy Living Centre (Voluntary Member of the Management Committee) |
| 8. |) | Welldon Activity Group (Additional Funding) | Councillor Joyce Nickolay declared a prejudicial interest on this item due to her involvement with the group as Mayoress of the Borough. Accordingly, she left the room and took no part in the discussion or decision-making when the application was considered. |

150. **Minutes:**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2009 be agreed, subject to the following amendments:

Recommendation 1

That the wording of the first recommendation should read, 'Harrow Agenda 21 Environmental Forum be modified from casual use to designated desk accommodation and officers be authorised to amend the Facilities Use Agreement accordingly with immediate effect'.

Recommendation 3

That the following statement be included before the last sentence of the second paragraph of the minutes to read, '...That the Voluntary Sector adviser to the Panel advised that the Panel should consider deferring funding for some groups rather than reducing it for all groups...'

That the following statement be included in the minutes before the last sentence of the fourth paragraph of the minutes to read, '...The Adviser to the Panel opposed the inclusion of this application on the grounds that it was unfair and other voluntary community sector groups had not had the opportunity to have potentially exceptional circumstances represented...'

Minute 139

Minute 134 of the minutes for the previous meeting held on 20 November 2009, at the fourth paragraph should read, 'The Panel unanimously requested that no applicant should be written to in advance of the relevant Panel meeting and that all applications should be recorded in the report'.

151. **Public Questions, Petitions, Deputations:**

RESOLVED: To note that no public questions, petitions or deputations were received at this meeting under the provisions of Advisory Panel and Consultative Forum Procedure Rule 16, 14 and 15 respectively (Part 4E of the Constitution).

152. **Grant Applications 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.

153. **Welldon Activity Group (Additional Funding):**

(See Recommendation 2)

154. **Exclusion of the Press and Public:**

RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items for the reasons set out below:

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Reason</u> |
|-------------|---|---|
| 11. | Other Background Papers to Grant Applications 2009/2010 | The item contained information under Paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, relating to any individual and the financial and business affairs of any particular person, including the authority holding that information. |
| 12. | Appendices to Welldon Activity Group (Additional Funding) | The item contained information under Paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, relating to any individual and the financial and business affairs of any particular person, including the authority holding that information. |

155. **Any Other Urgent Business:**

A Member asked officers on whether grant papers could be circulated shortly after applications for the following financial year had been received, so that the Panel had a longer period of time to consider them. An officer advised that, the team had endeavoured to analyse and process the applications, so that papers were forwarded for Members to consider at the earliest opportunity.

RESOLVED: That the comments be noted.

156. **Other Background Papers to Grant Applications 2009/2010:**
The Panel received exempt Background Papers to Grant Applications 2009/10 to the report on Grant applications.
- RESOLVED:** That the exempt background papers be noted.
157. **Appendices to Welldon Activity Group (Additional Funding):**
The Panel received exempt Appendices to the report on Welldon Activity Group (Additional Funding).
- RESOLVED:** That the exempt appendices be noted.
158. **Extension and Termination of the Meeting:**
In accordance with the Advisory and Consultative Procedure Rule 13 (Part 4E of the Constitution) it was:
- RESOLVED:** At (1) 9.55 pm to continue until 10.30 pm;
(2) 10.29 pm to continue until 11.00 pm.
- (Note: The meeting having commenced at 7.32 pm, closed at 10.55 pm)

(Signed) COUNCILLOR CHRIS MOTE
Chairman

APPENDIX 1**GRANTS APPROVED TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 2009/2010**

| <u>Organisation</u> | <u>Amount recommended (£)</u> | <u>Amount granted (£)</u> | <u>Reason for Recommendation</u> |
|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| APPLICANTS FUNDED UNDER 3-YEAR SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS | | | |
| HARROW ASSOCIATION OF DISABLED PEOPLE | 46,722 | 46,722 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| HARROW ASSOCIATION OF SOMALI VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS (HASVO) | 10,200 | 10,200 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| HARROW ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTARY SERVICES | 94,439 | 94,439 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| HARROW CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU | 104,349 | 104,349 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| HARROW COUNCIL FOR RACIAL EQUALITY | 59,765 | 59,765 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| HARROW SHOPMOBILITY SCHEME | 15,121 | 15,121 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| HARROW SPORTS COUNCIL | 27,540 | 27,540 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| HARROW WEALD COMMON BOARD OF CONSERVATORS | 28,500 | 28,500 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| HARROW WOMEN'S CENTRE | 59,045 | 59,045 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| HESTIA HOUSING & SUPPORT (PREVIOUSLY WOMEN'S AID, HARROW) | 31,136 | 31,136 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| IGNITE TRUST | 10,379 | 10,379 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| RELATE | 24,063 | 24,063 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| VICTIM SUPPORT HARROW | 16,740 | 16,740 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| WELLDON ACTIVITY GROUP | 22,988 | 22,988 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| TOTAL | 550,985 | 550,985 | N/A |
| APPLICANTS FOR GRANTS IN 2009/10 | | | |
| ADHD SUPPORT GROUP | 10,080 | 9,000 | The organisation receives funding from other sources. The amount recommended would pay the Project Manager's salary. |
| AGE CONCERN HARROW | 12,663 | 5,000 | The organisation should seek to reduce the subsidy provided to service users. |
| ANGOLAN CIVIC COMMUNITIES ALLIANCE (ACCA) | 4,000 | 4,000 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| ASHIANA | 1,920 | 3,060 | In accordance with the grant received in the previous financial year 2008/09 |

| <u>Organisation</u> | <u>Amount recommended (£)</u> | <u>Amount granted (£)</u> | <u>Reason for Recommendation</u> |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| ASIAN ELDERLY GROUP | 2,400 | 5,500 | In accordance with the grant received in the previous financial year 2008/09 |
| ASSOCIATION OF SENIOR MUSLIM CITIZENS | 1,885 | 2,040 | In accordance with the grant received in the previous financial year 2008/09 |
| BENTLEY PRIORY NATURE RESERVE | 3,500 | 3,500 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| CARRAMEA (CONSORTIUM OF ANTI-RACIST, REFUGEE AND MINORITY ETHNIC ASSOCIATIONS) | 2,200 | 2,400 | In accordance with the grant received in the previous financial year 2008/09 |
| COMMUNITY LINK UP | 5,650 | 5,650 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| HARROW AFRICAN-CARIBBEAN ASSOCIATION | 4,500 | 6,732 | In accordance with the grant received in the previous financial year 2008/09. The management committee should review the way in which volunteer expenses are paid. |
| HARROW AGENDA 21 ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM | 5,730 | 5,730 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| HARROW ANTI-RACIST ALLIANCE (HARA) | 5,000 | 3,750 | In accordance with the grant received in the previous financial year 2008/09 |
| HARROW ASSOCIATION OF SOMALI VOLUNTARY ORGS (HASVO) | 6,500 | 3,250 | The organisation would not receive funding in the 2009/10 financial year and contributes to the well being of Somalian Community in Harrow. |
| HARROW BANGLADESHI ASSOCIATION | 0 | 1,000 | The organisations work was vital for community cohesion and should receive funding to continue it's work. |
| HARROW BENGALEE ASSOCIATION | 2,100 | 2,729 | In accordance with the grant received in the previous financial year 2008/09 |
| HARROW BEREAVEMENT CARE (FORMERLY HBVS) | 9,800 | 9,500 | In accordance with the grant received in the previous financial year 2008/09 |
| HARROW COMMUNITY RADIO | 0 | 0 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| HARROW COMMUNITY TRANSPORT | 8,840 | 8,840 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| HARROW CROSSROADS WITH OUTREACH | 0 | 0 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| HARROW GINGERBREAD | 1,400 | 1,530 | In accordance with the grant received in the previous financial year 2008/09 |
| HARROW HERITAGE TRUST | 8,100 | 8,100 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| HARROW IN EUROPE ASSOCIATION (HIE) | 5,100 | 5,100 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| HARROW INTER FAITH COUNCIL | 2,710 | 2,710 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| HARROW IRANIAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (HICA) | 5,500 | 5,500 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |

| <u>Organisation</u> | <u>Amount recommended (£)</u> | <u>Amount granted (£)</u> | <u>Reason for Recommendation</u> |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| HARROW KUWAITI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION | 0 | 1,000 | The organisations work was vital for community cohesion and should receive funding to continue it's work. |
| HARROW MENCAP | 8,080 | 8,080 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| HARROW OVER 50s CLUB | 960 | 2,000 | In accordance with the grant received in the previous financial year 2008/09 |
| HARROW PENSIONERS' ACTION ASSOCIATION | 500 | 500 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| HARROW PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING ALLIANCE (HPSLA) | 0 | 1,000 | The organisation provides an invaluable service and should receive funding to support it's viability. |
| HARROW PUBLIC TRANSPORT USERS ASSOCIATION | 360 | 400 | The amount applied for to ensure that they can continue their activities at the same level as previous year |
| HARROW REFUGEE FORUM | 7,000 | 7,000 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| HARROW SOMALI WOMEN'S ACTION GROUP (HASWAG) | 5,100 | 5,100 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| HARROW TALKING NEWSPAPER | 5,000 | 5,000 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| HARROW TAMIL ASSOCIATION | 2,040 | 2,040 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| HARROW TAMIL SCHOOL ASSOCIATION | 0 | 2,000 | The organisations work was vital for community cohesion and should receive funding to continue it's work. |
| HEADWAY NW LONDON | 3,487 | 3,487 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| HESTIA HOUSING & SUPPORT | 11,830 | 5,295 | To contribute to the organisations salary costs as they receive a significant amount of funding from other sources. |
| HOME START – HARROW | 5,000 | 5,000 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| IGNITE TRUST (in addition to service level agreement) | 0 | 0 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF HARROW | 0 | 1,000 | The organisations work was vital for community cohesion and should receive funding to continue it's work. |
| KIDS CAN ACHIEVE | 10,000 | 10,000 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| K.S.I.M SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOC | 0 | 1,000 | The organisations work was vital for community cohesion and should receive funding to continue it's work. |
| LONDON KALIBARI | 0 | 1,500 | The organisation had received funding in 2007/08 and work done promotes community cohesion |

| <u>Organisation</u> | <u>Amount recommended (£)</u> | <u>Amount granted (£)</u> | <u>Reason for Recommendation</u> |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND | 6,800 | 6,800 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| MIND IN HARROW | 7,722 | 7,722 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY-HARROW BRANCH | 1,000 | 1,000 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| NATIONAL AUTISTIC SOCIETY-HARROW BRANCH | 4,040 | 4,040 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| NATIONAL COUNCIL OF VANIK ASSOCIATIONS (UK) | 0 | 1,000 | The organisations work was vital for community cohesion and should receive funding to continue it's work. |
| NAVALAR TAMIL SCHOOL | 0 | 1,000 | The organisations work was vital for community cohesion and should receive funding to continue it's work. |
| PAKISTAN SOCIETY OF HARROW | 6,775 | 6,775 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| PARKINSON'S DISEASE SOCIETY | 2,500 | 2,500 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| ROYAL MENCAP SOCIETY, HARROW PATHWAY | 0 | 0 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| RUSSIAN IMMIGRANTS ASSOCIATION | 1,800 | 1,000 | In accordance with the grant received in the previous financial year 2008/09 |
| SANGAT ADVICE CENTRE | 10,000 | 10,000 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| SPECIAL CONNECTION | 1,000 | 1,000 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| ST. LUKES HOSPICE | 5,000 | 5,000 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| UNITED SOMALI LEAGUE TRUST | 0 | 0 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| U. K. ASIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE | 1,200 | 1,200 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| WEALDSTONE ACTIVE COMMUNITY | 1,200 | 1,200 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| WHITTLESEA LIFE SKILLS ASSOCIATION | 3,920 | 3,920 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| WISH CENTRE (THE) | 0 | 0 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| YOUTH UNITED | 0 | 0 | In accordance with criteria and officer recommendations |
| TOTAL (£) | 221,892 | 218,380 | |
| REJECTED APPLICATIONS | | | |
| GIRLGUIDING MIDDLESEX NORTH WEST | 0 | 5,000 | A large number of the beneficiaries of the services provided by the organisation are Harrow residents. |
| TOTAL | 0 | 5,000 | |