

to the Scheme that is recommended for 2010/11 represents a standstill compared with the current year. An outline of the budget, which was presented as Appendix 1 to the reports, is attached.

As you are aware, constituent councils are required to contribute to any London Boroughs Grants Scheme expenditure which has been incurred with the approval of at 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 2010/11 the apportionment is based on the ONS mid-year estimates for 2008 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 total contribution required from each constituent council for 2010/11 is shown in the total column for the year 2010/11 of the attached schedule, which was presented as Appendix 2 to the Committee reports.

Action

Further to the Grants to Voluntary Organisations (Specified Date) Order 1992, the budget must be agreed by two-thirds of constituent councils before 1 February 2010. If it is not, the overall level of expenditure will be deemed to be the same as that approved for 2009/10. I would therefore be grateful if you would advise me of your authority's formal response to the recommendation as soon as possible and certainly by no later than Friday 15 January 2010 (as required under section 7.5 of the Grants Scheme). If you are unable to meet this deadline, please let me know. If your officers have any queries about this, please could they contact Ian Redding, Head of Grants, on 020 7934 9802 - ian.redding@londoncouncils.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John O'Brien".

John O'Brien
Chief Executive