

# REPORT FOR: CABINET

---

Date:	14 <sup>th</sup> January 2010
Subject:	London Councils – London Borough Grants Scheme 2010/11
Key Decision:	Yes
Responsible Officer:	Heather Kerswell, Interim Divisional Director Community and Cultural Services
Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Jean Lammiman, Portfolio Holder for Community and Cultural Services
Exempt:	No
Decision subject to Call-in:	Yes
Enclosures:	London Councils Chief Executives' Circular Appendix 1: Grants Committee Expenditure and Income budget 2010-11 Appendix 2: Borough Subscriptions 2010-11 Appendix 3: London Council Grants-Harrow

## Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report sets out the proposals received from the London Councils Grants Committee for expenditure in 2010/11.

### **1.1 Recommendations:**

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

### **1.2 Reason: (For recommendation)**

The London Borough Grants Scheme informed the Borough through a circular dated 11<sup>th</sup> November 2009 of the recommended budget for 2010/11.

## Section 2 – Report

### 2.1 Background

London 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 (office for National Statistics) 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 London Councils Grants Committee considered proposals for expenditure in 2010/11 at its meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2009. The Leaders' Committee concurred with the Grants Committee's recommendations on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2009 recommending to constituent Councils that the overall expenditure in 2010/11 should be £30,116,000 comprising:

Grants:	£28,400,000.00
Administrative Expenditure	£1,716,000.00

Income would comprise:

European Social fund Grant	£2,070,000.00
Interest and balances:	£1,716,000.00
Borough Contributions:	£26,330,000.00

The budget must be agreed by two-thirds of constituent Councils before 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010. If it is not, the overall level of expenditure will be deemed to be the same as that approved for 2009/10.

### 2.2 Options considered

None

### 2.3 Current situation

The expenditure for 2009/10 was set at £26,330,00. Harrow Council's contribution this year was £747,865.

### 2.4 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, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

### 2.5 Recommendation

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

## **2.6 Implications of the Recommendation**

## **2.7 Resources, costs and risks**

Harrow's contribution for 2010-11 will be £747,073. This will result in a reduction in the borough's contribution of £792.

## **2.8 Staffing/Workforce**

There are no staffing or workforce implications.

## **2.9 Equalities Impact**

Not applicable.

## **2.10 Legal Comments**

There are no legal implications.

## **2.11 Community Safety**

Not applicable.

## **2.12 Financial Implications**

This will result in a net reduction in expenditure of £792. The Council's annual contribution to the LBGS is built into the base budget.

## **2.13 Performance Issues**

There are no direct performance issues.

## **2.14 Environmental Impact**

There are no direct environmental impacts.

## **2.15 Risk Management Implications**

N/A

## **2.16 Corporate Priorities**

This has the potential to contribute to the corporate priority Building Stronger Communities.

### Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Myfanwy Barrett  Chief Financial Officer

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> December 2009

Name: George Curran  on behalf of the  
Monitoring Officer

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> December 2009

### Section 4 - Performance Officer Clearance

Name: Anu Singh  on behalf of the  
Divisional Director

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> December 2009

Partnership,  
Development and  
Performance

### Section 5 - Environmental Impact Officer Clearance

Name: John Edwards  Divisional Director

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> December 2009

(Environmental  
Services)

### Section 6 - Contact Details and Background Papers

**Contact:** Kashmir Takhar, Interim Head of Service Community  
Development

**Background Papers:**

London Councils Chief Executives' Circular

Appendix 1: Grants Committee Expenditure and Income budget 2010-11

Appendix 2: Borough Subscriptions 2010-11

Appendix 3: London Council Grants – Harrow

Call-In Waived by the  
Chairman of Overview  
and Scrutiny  
Committee

**NOT APPLICABLE**

*(for completion by Democratic  
Services staff only)*