

# Report from the Grants Committee AGM Item no: – 15 July 2015

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**Summary:** Summary of the minutes of the London Councils' Grants Committee AGM held on 15 July 2015.

**Recommendations:** For information.

**1. Attendance:** Cllr Darren Rodwell (LB Barking and Dagenham), Cllr Don Massey (Bexley), Cllr Stephen Carr (LB Bromley), Cllr Abdul Hai (LB Camden), Cllr Ranjit Dheer (Cllr Ealing), Cllr Yasmin Brett (LB Enfield), Cllr Jackie Smith (Dep – LB Greenwich), Cllr Jonathan McShane (LB Hackney), LB Sue Fennimore (LB Hammersmith and Fulham), Cllr Sue Anderson (LB Harrow), Cllr Melvin Wallace (LB Havering), Cllr Gerard Hargreaves (RB Kensington and Chelsea), Cllr Paul McGlone (Chair – LB Lambeth), Cllr Edith Macauley (LB Merton), Cllr Forhad Hussain (LB Newham), Cllr Dev Sharma (LB Redbridge), Cllr Michael Situ (LB Southwark), Cllr Liaquat Ali (LB Waltham Forest). London Councils officers were in attendance.

Nick Lester, Director, Services at London Councils chaired items 1-4.

**2. Apologies:** Jeremy Mayhew (City of London), Denise Scott-McDonald (LB Greenwich – Cllr Jackie Smith deputising), Cllr Peter Morton (LB Haringey), Cllr Asima Shaikh (LB Islington), Cllr Julie Pickering (RB Kingston), Cllr Joan Millbank (LB Lewisham) Cllr Meena Bond (LB Richmond), Cllr Simon Wales (LB Sutton) and Cllr James Maddan (LB Wandsworth).

### **3. Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **4. Acknowledgement of new members of the Grants Committee**

New members were welcomed to the Grants Committee.

### **5. Election of Chair of the Grants Committee for the 2015/6 Municipal Year**

Cllr Paul McGlone was re-elected as Chair of the Grants Committee.

### **6. Election of Vice-Chairs for the Grants Committee for the 2015/16 Municipal Year**

- Cllr Forhad Hussain was elected as the Labour Vice-Chair.
- Cllr Stephen Carr was elected as the Conservative Vice-Chair.
- Cllr Simon Wales was elected as the Liberal Democrat Vice-Chair.

### **7. Election of the Grants Executive for the 2015/16 Municipal Year**

The following members were appointed to the Grants Executive:

- Cllr Paul McGlone
- Cllr Joan Millbank

- Cllr Forhad Hussain
- Cllr Stephen Carr
- Cllr Simon Wales
- Cllr James Maddan
- Cllr Gerard Hargreaves
- Cllr. Asima Shaikh

#### **8. Minutes of the Grants Committee AGM held on 16th July 2014 (for noting – previously agreed)**

These were noted.

#### **9. Minutes of the Grants Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

These were agreed.

#### **10. Draft Minutes of the Grants Executive on 22 June 2015 (for noting)**

These were noted.

#### **11. Operation of the Grants Committee**

Members agreed the Terms of Reference and the programme of Grants Committee meetings, below:

<b>Grants Main Meeting</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Main Business</b>
18 November 2015	11.00 am	
23 March 2016	11.00 am	
6 July 2016 (AGM)	11.00am	AGM
<b>Grants Executive</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Main Business</b>
16 September 2015	2:00 pm	Grants Executive
2 March 2016	2:00 pm	Grants Executive

#### **12. Constitutional Matters**

Members noted the changes to London Councils' constitutional documents.

#### **13. Grants Programme Performance Report – Year 2**

The Head of Grants introduced this report and said that:

- London Councils' grants programme is in year three of a four-year cycle, 2013/14 to 2016/17.
- In terms of performance against profile:
  - priority 1: Homelessness, was 39% above target
  - priority 2: Sexual and domestic violence, was 21% above target
  - priority 3: ESF tackling poverty through employment, was 4% below target priority. However, this quarter's performance has been adversely affected by the on-going delays in the new UK-ESF programme. London Councils believes that this uncertainty is

causing high staff turnover and capacity issues. Members were also asked to note that ESF payment is directly performance related, so under-performance means less money is paid to the providers (on a quarterly basis), and that the London Councils ESF programme continues to perform well compared to other ESF programmes in London.

- priority 4: Capacity building, was 17% above target

#### **14. Proposal for Review of Grants Programme – post 2017**

Members said that the consultation should include an executive summary of the programme and its achievements.

Stephen Car wanted it recorded that he believes that recommendation 1 - *that the purpose of the review should be to establish what the future of the programme should be beyond the end of the current four years of the programme in March 2017* - should be split into two parts: 1i - *should the Grants programme continue*; and 1ii - *what the future of the programme should be beyond the end of the current four years of the programme*.

**The meeting finished at 12:00**