

Grants Committee

Presentations from providers at future meetings

Item 11

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Summary

To enable the Grants Committee to examine issues that impact on the London Councils Grants priorities (combatting homelessness; tackling sexual and domestic violence; tackling poverty through employment) thematic reviews form part of the reporting timetable. To bring these reviews to life, providers attend Committee meetings to discuss the theme and the impact it has on the programme and on beneficiaries.

This paper notes the thematic reviews undertaken during 2017-18 and sets out a brief proposal for Grants Committee members to consider for thematic reviews in 2018-19.

Recommendations

The Grants Committee is asked to:

- **note** the thematic reviews undertaken in 2017-18 (section 2);
- **agree** the Priority 3 thematic review for the November 2018 Grants Committee meeting (paragraph 3.1);
- **discuss** a forward schedule of thematic reviews/provider presentations for 2018-19.

1 Background

- 1.1 Thematic reviews - short, deep-dives into issues that impact one of the Grants programme priorities (combatting homelessness; tackling sexual and domestic violence; tackling poverty through employment) - form part of the commissioning performance management framework agreed by members of the Grants Committee in February 2017.

2 Thematic reviews in 2017-18

- 2.1 Two thematic reviews were received by the Grants Committee in November 2017 and March 2018.
- 2.2 Representatives from Ashiana (delivering against Priority 2, tackling sexual and domestic violence) spoke about the specialist refuge provision that they are funded to provide to women affected by domestic violence with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF). A beneficiary also gave a presentation on how she had been supported by the project.
- 2.3 The second thematic review focused on tackling perpetrators of domestic violence. Representatives from Tender Education and Arts gave a presentation on their work in schools and youth settings to challenge myths around sexual and domestic violence, address gender stereotypes and the acceptability/condoning of sexual and domestic violence. A representative from Respect gave a presentation about The Respect Standard, the bench mark for the provision of safe and effective interventions with domestic violence perpetrators.

3 Proposals for 2018-19

- 3.1 The issues that Priority 3 partners have worked to address due to the requirements of European Social Funding have been discussed at previous Grants Committee meetings and are featured in Item 12 of this meeting's agenda. It is proposed that a Priority 3 partner is invited to attend the November 2018 meeting to offer a provider perspective on this matter.
- 3.2 Grants Committee members are asked to consider and discuss other topics for thematic reviews across the priority areas where they would welcome a provider perspective.

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Financial Implications for London Councils

Funding for commissions was agreed at the meeting of the Grants Committee in February 2017, within the budget envelope agreed at London Councils Leaders' Committee in November 2016.

Legal Implications for London Councils

None

Equalities Implications for London Councils

London Councils' funded services provide support to people within all the protected characteristics (Equality Act 2010), and in particular targets groups highlighted as particularly hard to reach or more affected by the issues being tackled. Funded organisations are also required to submit equalities monitoring data, which can be collated across the grants scheme to provide data on the take up of services and gaps in provision to be addressed. The grants team reviews this annually. Beneficiaries with no recourse to public funds, in particular those trapped in a situation of violence typically are representative of a number of characteristics under the Equality Act 2010, making the focus on this very vulnerable group very important.

Background Documents

London Councils Grants Programme 2017-21, Item 4, London Councils Grants Committee, 8 February 2017

Commissioning Performance Management Framework 2017-21, Item 5 London Councils Grants Committee, 8 February 2017