

**MINUTES OF THE CABINET VOLUNTARY SECTOR COMMITTEE  
20 SEPTEMBER 2010**

Councillors Dogus, (Chair), \*Goldberg and Vanier.

\* Members present

Also present: Councillors Canver and Mallet

<b>MINUTE NO.</b>	<b>SUBJECT/DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>
<b>VSGC.1</b>	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)</b></p> <p>Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Dogus and Vanier. In the absence of Councillor Dogus, Councillor Canver took the Chair.</p>	
<b>VSGC.2</b>	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, IS ANY IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA (Agenda Item 2)</b></p> <p>Councillor Canver declared that she was a member of the London Council's Grant Committee.</p>	
<b>VSGC.3</b>	<p><b>APPEAL BY INNOVATIONS IN COMMUNITY EDUCATION (ICE) AGAINST WITHDRAWAL OF GRANT AID (Agenda Item 3) –</b> (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive- People and Organisational Development - Agenda Item 3):</p> <p>We resolved to exclude the public and press at this juncture because the schedules and appendices to the report were not for publication as they contained exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (other than the authority).</p> <p>ICE's representative had presented a bundle of written submissions and documents in support of their appeal and the Voluntary Sector Team had also presented written submissions and documents in opposition to the appeal against the decision to withdraw Grant Aid. Our Chair outlined the proposed procedures for the hearing, including a limitation on the time for oral submissions which was agreed by both parties.</p> <p>The Chair made a preliminary determination that a late supplementary written submission from ICE should be withdrawn in light of the Voluntary Sector Team's objection that they would be prejudiced and ICE's acceptance of the Voluntary Sector Team's recognition in an email circulated earlier in the day that the withdrawal of grant aid was not related to ICE's performance.</p> <p>The Chair invited the representatives of each party and the officers assisting the Committee to introduce themselves.</p> <p>ICE's representative, A Carrington, addressed our meeting and spoke in support of their appeal. Members then asked a few questions and obtained clarification of several points from the ICE representatives.</p> <p>Officers from the Council's Voluntary Sector Team then responded and pointed to evidence in their written submission.</p>	

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	<p>Questions were then put to the Voluntary Sector Team representatives by Members of our Committee and answers given.</p> <p>Each party was then allowed to make a brief closing statement.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>1. That the appeal submitted by Innovations in Community Education (ICE) be upheld and the action taken by Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy) in withdrawing their grant aid with effect from 31 August 2010 be rescinded and the grant aid be continued with the following conditions:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• That ICE must immediately and in any event no later than 14 days of receipt of this letter, present to the CVST officers for forwarding to this Committee:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) clear and detailed evidence of exactly how all grant funds ICE has received under the current Grant Terms have been used between 1 April and 1 July 2010;</li><li>(b) clear evidence confirming that ICE has brought the management and administration posts that had been outsourced to AAG back in-house;</li></ul></li><li>• That ICE be monitored by the CVST on a monthly basis and must co-operate fully with such monitoring with clear agreement on outputs and outcomes and strict compliance by ICE with all deadlines for submission of monitoring information required of it, including audited accounts;</li><li>• That any further default by ICE be dealt with promptly and strictly by the CVST in accordance with the Grant Terms;</li></ul> <p>2. That a full report on the outcome of their monitoring be presented by the CVST officers to the next Committee meeting when the Committee will decide whether ICE's compliance has been satisfactory.</p> <p>Cllr Goldberg wished his dissent to be recorded on the question whether the default consisting of the clear breach of SLA clause 1 found was capable of remedy and consequentially also as to whether the appeal should be allowed.</p>	
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CLLR NILGUN CANVER  
In the Chair