

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANTS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, 20 JUNE 2006**

Councillors *Reith (Chair), *Amin, *Canver, *Diakides, and *Mallett

* Members present

Also Present: Councillor Dogus – non voting, observer (deputy to Councillor Reith)

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
EVSC1	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:</p> <p>None received.</p>	
EVSC2	<p>URGENT BUSINESS – Membership, Amended Name and Terms of Reference of the Committee:</p> <p>Members received an item of urgent business advising of the amended name, new membership and Terms of Reference of the Voluntary Sector Grants Committee. It was noted that; because the Executive had not met until 13 June, the membership of the Committee was not known at the time of this agenda despatch. In agreeing the membership of the Committee, the Executive also changed the Committee’s name and amended its Terms of Reference in order to broaden its remit beyond the scope of solely allocating grant aid; to more general issues relating to the Voluntary Sector. The new membership also provided for three permanent members of the Committee, the lead members for Community Involvement (chair), Finance and Community Safety with the flexibility to select other members of the Executive according to which portfolio responsibilities were relevant to the areas of activity under review.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the change of name of the Voluntary Sector Grants Committee to the Executive Voluntary Sector Committee be noted, along with the membership and amended Terms of Reference as set out in paragraph 7 of the report.</p>	HMS
EVSC3	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN RESPECT OF ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:</p> <p>The following members declared personal, non-prejudicial interests in respect of item 6 on the agendas.</p> <p>Cllr Diakides – as a member of the Greek Cypriot Centre Cllr Mallet – as a member of The Selby Centre and Irish Community Centre Cllr Dogus – works for an organisation funded under the ‘Supporting People’ programme. Cllr Amin – as a member of the Selby Trust and Irish Centre</p> <p>The Councillors remained in the room when the item was discussed as it was for noting and information purposes only; not decision. Cllr Dogus</p>	HMS

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	<p>as an observer.</p> <p>Cllr Reith declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in respect of item 7 but as she is no longer a member of the former Tottenham Law Centre (now known as the Haringey Law Centre), remained in the room when the item was discussed.</p>	
EVSC 4	<p>MINUTES (Agenda Item 4):</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2005 be approved and signed.</p>	HMS
EVSC 5	<p>DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS/QUESTIONS</p> <p>None received.</p>	
EVSC 6	<p>ANNUAL REPORT ON VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANTS 2005-6 - Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy). To update the Committee on the administration of voluntary sector grants through the Chief Executive's Corporate Voluntary Sector Team (CVST)</p> <p>Members noted the recent launch of the Voluntary Sector Compact and agreed to receive an update at a future meeting. Members also asked for a list of the 15 organisations referred to in paragraph 6.8 and noted the benefits offered to these smaller organisations.</p> <p>Members agreed to receive 2 tabled spreadsheet appendices in respect of this report, setting out the funding summary for 2005-2006 and the contributions from the Supporting People Project and New Initiative Development Fund. Officers defined the 3 main funding programmes for the Voluntary Sector and members noted that this report considered Advice and Legal Services. It was noted that 3 year funding was considered good practice and all grants were subject to monitoring and review before further rounds of funding.</p> <p>Members were advised that all organisations funded by the Council were asked to supply details of the sections of the community using their services. The chair reported that she had received a breakdown on funding provided to BME specific groups and had asked for further information on the proportion of BME residents benefiting from funding provided to other funded organisations. In response to members' queries it was noted that the Voluntary Sector Team administered £800k on behalf of Supporting People and that a Capacity Building officer was funded by this programme.</p> <p>Members suggested that future reports to the Committee should be entitled 'Annual Report from the Corporate Voluntary Sector Team' and not specifically grants.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>	<p>ACE-S</p> <p>ACE-S</p>

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	That the report be noted.	
EVSC 7	<p>LEGAL AND ADVICE FUNDING 2006-2010 – Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy). To agree core grant funding to the legal and advice agencies based on the recommendations of the independent evaluation of their services over the last 3 years of funding</p> <p>Members noted the findings from the MBA evaluations of the Citizens Advice Bureau, Haringey Law Centre and Angolan and Cabinda Community Associations. In summary, the Citizens' Advice Bureau was performing very well and had adopted methods to manage waiting periods. The Angolan and Cabinda Community Associations were providing a good service on immigration law for which they receive funding and future funding will be conditional on them ensuring the Council's funding continues to be used for this purpose only.</p> <p>The Haringey Law Centre were being assisted by MBA and the CVST with an improvement plan based on the findings of the MBA evaluation. While this work is being undertaken and to bring the Law Centre to a point where they could be sustainable grant will be awarded to 31st March 2008. This would be subject to a further report to the Executive Voluntary Sector Committee before grant to 2010 would be allocated.</p> <p>In response to member's queries about the change of name of the Centre from Tottenham Law Centre to Haringey Law Centre; officers explained that the service was not exclusively for Tottenham. The change in name reflected the use and work of the centre for all Haringey residents and in this respect would attract more funding. Members noted that a new Centre Manager would be appointed.</p> <p>Officers advised that the immediate objectives of a borough wide Advice Strategy could be addressed through the existing Anti Poverty Strategy.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the funding recommendations set out in 5.5.1 and 5.5.4 of the report, up to March 2010 be agreed. 2. That a borough wide Advice Strategy as set out in 5.5.2 be developed 3. That inflation be added to the core grant for advice agency from April 2007 to the end of the newly agreed funding agreement as set out in 5.5.5 of the report. <p>The meeting ended at 8.40 pm</p>	<p>ACE-S</p> <p>ACE-S</p> <p>ACE-S</p>

LORNA REITH
Chair