

**MINUTES OF THE CABINET VOLUNTARY SECTOR COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2008**

Councillors *Reith (Chair), *Canver and *Adje

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
VSGC01.	<p>DECLARATION OF INTEREST (Agenda Item 3)</p> <p>Councillor Canver in respect of item 3 - Haringey Disability Action - Appeal Against Withdrawal of Future Grant Aid</p>	HLDMS
VSGC02.	<p>HARINGEY DISABILITY ACTION - APPEAL AGAINST WITHDRAWAL OF FUTURE GRANT AID (Report of the Chief Executive – Agenda Item 3)</p> <p>Councillor Canver declared an interest in this item by virtue of being a member of the Grants Committee of London Councils.</p> <p>Details of the appeal which were set out in the written submissions made by Haringey Disability Action (HDA) and by the Assistant Chief Executive (Policy, Performance Partnerships and Communication) in connection with the decision to withdraw grant aid were the subject of a motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting as they contained exempt information relating to the business or financial affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information).</p> <p>The Assistant Chief Executive (Policy, Performance Partnerships and Communication) and officers from the Council's Voluntary Sector Team addressed our meeting and pointed to evidence in their written submission which they felt demonstrated their concerns about HDA's service delivery and compliance with grant conditions. Questions were then put by Members of our Committee and answers given.</p> <p>Representatives of HDA then addressed our meeting and spoke in support of their appeal, the principal grounds of which were that steps had been taken to ensure that problems such as those which had led to the service of a Default Notice were brought to the attention of Monitoring Officers as soon as they arose and before they became serious. Questions were then put by Members of our Committee and answers given. Both parties were then given the opportunity to ask questions of each other.</p> <p>At this juncture we thanked the representatives from HDA and the Assistant Chief Executive (Policy, Performance Partnerships and Communication) and officers from the Council's Voluntary Sector Team for their submissions and their attendance and both parties withdrew. On consideration of the written submissions made and the oral evidence given at the meeting we</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p>	

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	<p>1. That the appeal submitted by Haringey Disability Action be not upheld and the action taken by the Assistant Chief Executive (Policy, Performance Partnerships and Communication) in withdrawing their grant aid with effect from 7 March 2008 be endorsed.</p> <p>(Councillor Adje asked that his dissent be recorded)</p> <p>2. That approval be granted in principle to the ring fencing of the grant that would otherwise have been made to Haringey Disability Action to groups working with disabled individuals and their organisations subject to a further report by the Assistant Chief Executive (Policy, Performance Partnerships and Communication) following any necessary consultations.</p>	<p>HLDMS ACE- PPPC</p> <p>ACE- PPPC</p>
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Chair