

**MINUTES OF THE CABINET VOLUNTARY SECTOR COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2008**

Councillors *Reith (Chair), *Adje and *Canver (2 vacancies)

*Present

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
VSGC09.	<p>MINUTES (Agenda Item 4)</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2008 be confirmed and signed.</p>	HLDMS
VSGC10.	<p>REVIEW OF CORE GRANT FUNDING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND CLIENT SPECIFIC VOLUNTARY AGENCIES (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive - Policy, Performance, Partnerships and Communications – Agenda Item 6)</p> <p>The Appendices to the interleaved report 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.</p> <p>We noted that for the purpose of the eligibility criteria for core funding, Infrastructure and Client Specific voluntary organisations were defined as voluntary and community organisations that played a supporting, co-ordinating, representation, policy-making and development role for other voluntary and community organisations and/or their clients who lived in the Borough. We also noted that following our meeting on 10 July an independent review of the twenty Infrastructure and Client Specific Voluntary Organisations whose three-year core funding agreements expired on 31 March 2009 had been carried out to establish whether the Organisations were still fit for purpose and financially viable for the continuation of core funding for another three-year period from 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2012.</p> <p>We were informed that CARA Housing Association was to merge with Central and Cecil Housing Trust on the 5 January 2009 and that following the merger, CARA would cease to exist as legal entity in its own right and would not be eligible for grant funding. Confirmation was given that CARA’s funding up to 31 March 2009 would continue to allow them to consolidate the merger while continuing their services in Haringey.</p> <p>Our views were sought on a proposal that the grant that would otherwise have been made to CARA from 1 April 2009 be carried over and ring fenced subject to a further report by officers following any necessary consultations. We indicated that while we supported this approach consideration should be given to the grant being made to organisations working with vulnerable groups in the community and those which would address the strategic gap that had been filled by CARA.</p>	

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	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the key findings of the Infrastructure and Client Specific Organisations review be noted. 2. The approval be granted to the continuation of core funding for the three year period 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2012, for the nineteen Infrastructure and Client Specific organisations, listed below subject to the conditions set out in the Appendix to the interleaved report – <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Organisation</th> <th style="text-align: right;">2009-2012* core funding allocated (£ per year)*</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>Age Concern</td><td style="text-align: right;">£82,300</td></tr> <tr><td>Haringey Play Association</td><td style="text-align: right;">£22,000</td></tr> <tr><td>Haringey Women Forum</td><td style="text-align: right;">£42,100</td></tr> <tr><td>HAVCO</td><td style="text-align: right;">£148,300(including CAP)</td></tr> <tr><td>HREC</td><td style="text-align: right;">£54,600</td></tr> <tr><td>Bangladeshi Women’s Association</td><td style="text-align: right;">£75,000</td></tr> <tr><td>CARIS</td><td style="text-align: right;">£30,000</td></tr> <tr><td>Collage Arts</td><td style="text-align: right;">£45,600</td></tr> <tr><td>Exposure</td><td style="text-align: right;">£18,000</td></tr> <tr><td>Greek Cypriot Women’s Organisation</td><td style="text-align: right;">£67,200</td></tr> <tr><td>HAGA</td><td style="text-align: right;">£17,000</td></tr> <tr><td>Home Start</td><td style="text-align: right;">£24,000</td></tr> <tr><td>Jan Trust</td><td style="text-align: right;">£18,000</td></tr> <tr><td>Markfield Project</td><td style="text-align: right;">£98,500</td></tr> <tr><td>MIND</td><td style="text-align: right;">£67,000</td></tr> <tr><td>Northumberland Park Women & Children Centre</td><td style="text-align: right;">£50,500</td></tr> <tr><td>Turkish Cypriot Women’s Project</td><td style="text-align: right;">£36,000</td></tr> <tr><td>Wise Thoughts</td><td style="text-align: right;">£18,000</td></tr> <tr><td>Hornsey YMCA</td><td style="text-align: right;">£16,000</td></tr> <tr><td>Total Budget</td><td style="text-align: right;">£930,100</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. That approval be granted to core funding for CARA Housing Association being discontinued with effect from 31 March 2009 and that a further report be submitted with proposals for the grant that would otherwise have been made to CARA from 1 April 2009. 	Organisation	2009-2012* core funding allocated (£ per year)*	Age Concern	£82,300	Haringey Play Association	£22,000	Haringey Women Forum	£42,100	HAVCO	£148,300(including CAP)	HREC	£54,600	Bangladeshi Women’s Association	£75,000	CARIS	£30,000	Collage Arts	£45,600	Exposure	£18,000	Greek Cypriot Women’s Organisation	£67,200	HAGA	£17,000	Home Start	£24,000	Jan Trust	£18,000	Markfield Project	£98,500	MIND	£67,000	Northumberland Park Women & Children Centre	£50,500	Turkish Cypriot Women’s Project	£36,000	Wise Thoughts	£18,000	Hornsey YMCA	£16,000	Total Budget	£930,100	<p>ACE- PPP&C</p> <p>ACE- PPP&C</p>
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<p>VSGC11.</p>	<p>DISABLED PEOPLE REPRESENTATION AND ADVICE: THREE YEAR CORE COST FUNDING FOR 2009-2012 (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive - Policy, Performance, Partnerships and Communications – Agenda Item 7)</p> <p>The Appendices to the interleaved report 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.</p>																																											

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	<p>We noted that in September 2008 the availability of three year core cost funding for disabled people representation and advice to commence from 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2012 had been advertised. All applications received had been assessed by an officer assessment panel against set criteria relevant to the needs of disabled people, the strategic aims of the Council and the quality of the applications. Based on the assessment criteria the assessment panel were proposing that the full requested funding of £77,000 per annum over 3 years 2009-2012 be awarded to the Haringey Disability First Consortium for both Disability Advice and Representation. The Disability First Consortium's appointed lead and accountable body would be the Haringey Racial Equality Council.</p> <p>We also noted that the total funding available was £80,000 per annum and that it was also proposed that the remaining £3,000 per annum be set aside to support Shop Mobility based at the Wood Green Shopping City. With regard to the disability budget under spend for 2007-08 and 2008/09 it was intended that this be awarded to the Haringey Disability First Consortium for recruitment start-up costs and any Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) 1995 premises adaptation costs and that any remaining under spend be awarded to Council funded voluntary and community organisations that had to make adaptations to premises to ensure compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.</p> <p>Whilst the proposals contained in the report were supported, concern was expressed that there was not sufficient detail of how the Consortium would operate and we asked that officers provide Members of our Committee with a briefing paper on how the Consortium would develop effective representation and advice services for disabled people including details of defined outcomes and outputs.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That approval be granted to three year core cost funding of £77,000 per annum to Haringey Disability First Consortium for Disabled People Representation and Advice for the financial period 2009 – 2012. 2. That approval be granted to three year core cost funding of £3,000 per annum to Shop Mobility for Disabled People Representation and Advice for the financial period 2009 – 2012. 3. The approval be granted to recruitment start-up costs from the Disabled People Representation and Advice ring fenced money from the 2007/8 under spend and the current year (2008/9) budget together with any premises adaptation costs in line with the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) 1995. 4. The any remaining DPRA ring fenced under spend from the 2007/8 budget and current year (2008/9) budget be awarded to Council funded voluntary and community organisations who 	<p>ACE- PPP&C</p> <p>ACE- PPP&C</p> <p>ACE- PPP&C</p> <p>ACE- PPP&C</p>
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	<p>needed to make adaptations to premises in line with the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) 1995.</p>	
<p>VSGC12.</p>	<p>AFRICAN CARIBBEAN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive - Policy, Performance, Partnerships and Communications – Agenda Item 11)</p> <p>The interleaved report was the subject of a motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting as it contained exempt information relating to the business or financial affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information).</p> <p>We noted that an officer seconded from the Council had been working with the African Caribbean Leadership Council (ACLC) as Centre Manager. At the request of ACLC this arrangement had been terminated and funding for the direct employment of a Centre Manager by ACLC had been released to the organisation. Initially this arrangement would cover a 3 month period from 3 November while further information was sought from ACLC. Provided that the information provided was satisfactory it was proposed that the funding arrangement would continue until the 31 March 2010 under the Terms and Conditions of Grants Aid.</p> <p>Having been advised that a letter had recently been sent to all Council Members on the Boards of voluntary organisations about the potential for individual financial liability, we asked that a further letter be sent to all Councillors serving on ACLC Board whether appointed by the Council or not notifying them of the proposals now under consideration and reminding them of their responsibilities as Board members.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the decision to withdraw the seconded officer from the African Caribbean Leadership Council be endorsed. 2. That the seconded officer be returned to his substantive post within Partnerships. 3. That, subject to a positive financial assessment of the African Caribbean Leadership Council financial stability by the Chief Financial Officer, approval be granted to the reinstatement of the funding to ACLC for the direct employment of a Centre Manager, with associated costs to the end of the funding period, 31 March 2010 and that the organisation be monitored on a quarterly basis in terms of their financial performance as well as the quality of the services provided. 	<p>ACE- PPP&C</p> <p>ACE- PPP&C</p> <p>ACE- PPP&C</p>

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