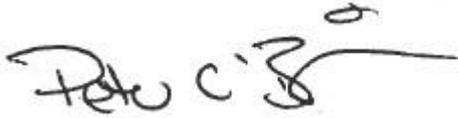


Haringey Council
Written Statement/Record of a decision made by an officer under delegated authority.

Decision Maker (Post Title)	Assistant Director – Regeneration & Economic Development
Subject of the decision	<p>Authorisation of the decision to award grant monies to Living Under One Sun (LUOS) to deliver engagement and community-led activities, funded by the GLA Green and Resilient Spaces fund, as part of the Down Lane Park Improvement Programme.</p> <p>This decision is in accordance with the GLA Green and Resilient Spaces Funding Agreement, signed on 04 September 2023.</p>
Date of decision	01/11/2023
Decision	<p>Pursuant to CSO 17.03 and 9.07.1c the Assistant Director of Regeneration and Economic Development is recommended to:</p> <p>Approve the award of £157,000 GLA Green and Resilient Spaces Grant funding to Living Under One Sun to support the delivery of the Down Lane Park Improvement Programme (DLPIP) and proceed to signing of the Funding Agreement (28.04.2023 – 31.03.2025), as per Appendix 1.</p>
Reasons for the decision	<p>Complying with the Terms of the GLA Funding Agreement to defray £157,000 to Living Under One Sun to deliver engagement and community-led activities.</p> <p>The Green and Resilient Spaces funding for this project is a major investment by the Mayor of London in Down Lane Park and the Tottenham Hale neighbourhood as a whole. The fund supports large-scale, ambitious projects that future-proof the capital from the climate emergency and the programme was awarded the highest possible grant of £750,000.</p> <p>This funding will unlock a range of deliverables alongside a package of community development activities to be delivered by the Council’s community partner, Living Under One Sun (LUOS) with a total funding allocation of £157,000.</p> <p>LUOS was a named partner on the Green and Resilient Spaces funding bid, building on a Memorandum of Understanding between the parties, dated 1st July 2021.</p>

	<p>Progressing in accordance with prior decisions</p> <p>The principle of defraying a portion of the GRS grant funding to Living Under One Sun was established in the July 2023 Cabinet papers and subsequent Delegated Authority Report to enter Funding Agreement with the GLA. This decision completes the approvals required to ensure a mechanism is in place to make payments of this external funding to LUOS.</p>
<p>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer when making the decision</p>	<p>‘Do Nothing’</p> <p>This is not recommended as it would fail to deliver the £157,000 of the £750,000 Mayor of London grant funding for Down Lane Park Improvement Programme (DLPIP) allocated to delivery of engagement and community-led activities to support the park improvement programme. The principle of this grant funding has been accepted through prior decisions. This would not be in keeping with the terms of the Funding Agreement between the Council and the Mayor of London and would prevent the project from realising the full potential to transform the park and the community’s relationship with the park.</p> <p>Accept the Funding</p> <p>This is the recommendation of this report. To agree to enter into an agreement with LUOS to defray grant funding and set out terms and conditions on which the grant is made by the Council, in its capacity as ‘Funder’, to LUOS, the ‘Recipient’.</p>
<p><u>Conflicts of interest – Executive decisions</u></p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><u>Conflicts of interest – Non executive decisions</u></p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Title of any document(s), including reports, considered by the officer and relevant to the above decision or where only part of the report is relevant to the above decision, that part)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 June 2023 Cabinet report: Tottenham Hale Placemaking: funding allocations • DLPIP_GreenandResilientSpacesGrant_Round II_DAR_V03_240723 - Signed

<p>Reasons for exemption with reference to categories of exemption specified overleaf, or</p> <p>Reason why decision is confidential (see overleaf)</p> <p>Note: decisions containing exempt or confidential information falling within the categories specified overleaf are not required to be published.</p>	<p>Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any person (including the authority holding that information).</p>
<p>Signature of Decision Maker</p>	
<p>Name of Decision Maker</p>	<p>Assistant Director – Regeneration and Economic Development.</p>
<p>Does the decision need to be published?</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	

Exempt Information

Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12A

Part 1: Descriptions of Exempt Information

1. Information relating to any individual.
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any person (including the authority holding that information).
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations or contemplated consultations or negotiations in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes -
 - (a) To give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
 - (b) To make an order or direction under any enactment.
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

Note: It is insufficient to simply identify a category of exemption, you must also conduct a public interest test on the basis specified in the Act as follows:
Information falling within categories 1-7 is exempt if and so long as in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Confidential Decisions

1. The decision contains information provided by a Government department on a non-disclosure basis
2. There is a Court order against disclosure

DECISION MAKING REPORT

Report for: Peter O'Brien, Assistant Director – Regeneration and Economic Development

Item number: N/A

Report Title: Award of £157,000 grant funding from the Mayor's Green and Resilient Spaces Fund to Living Under One Sun, for engagement and community-led activities to support the Down Lane Park Improvement Programme

Report authorised by: Emily Read, Tottenham Hale Lead

Lead Officer: Owain Jones, (Interim) Programme Manager – Tottenham Hale

Ward(s) affected: Tottenham Hale

**Report for Key/
Non Key Decision:** Non Key

1. Describe the issue under consideration.

- 1.1. In April 2023 the Council was awarded £750,000 funding from the Mayor of London's Green and Resilient Spaces (GRS) Fund for Phase 1 of the Down Lane Park Improvement Programme (DLPIP). On 11th July 2023 Cabinet have approval for the Council to accept this funding and the Funding Agreement was completed on 4th September 2023 under Director's Delegated Authority.
- 1.2. In accordance with the terms of the GRS Funding Agreement between the Council and the Mayor of London, £157,000 of this funding is to be awarded to Living Under One Sun for the delivery of a programme of engagement and community-led activities to support the DLPIP. A subsequent Funding Agreement between the Council and Living Under One Sun is at appendix 1, and sets out the terms under which this grant funding is awarded. It is recommended that the Council enters this Funding Agreement with Living Under One Sun to enable this workstream to progress, in accordance with prior decisions made by the Council as set out in para 1.1.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

- 2.1. N/A

3. Recommendations

- 3.1. Pursuant to CSO 17.03 and 9.07.1c the Assistant Director of Regeneration and Economic Development is recommended to:

Approve the award of £157,000 GLA Green and Resilient Spaces Grant funding to Living Under One Sun to support the delivery of the Down Lane Park Improvement Programme

(DLPIP) and proceed to signing of the Funding Agreement (28.04.2023 – 31.03.2025) as per Appendix 1.

4. Reasons for decision

4.1 Complying with the Terms of the GLA Funding Agreement to defray £157,000 to Living Under One Sun to deliver engagement and community-led activities

The Green and Resilient Spaces funding for this project is a major investment by the Mayor of London in Down Lane Park and the Tottenham Hale neighbourhood as a whole. The fund supports large-scale, ambitious projects that future-proof the capital from the climate emergency and the programme was awarded the highest possible grant of £750,000. This funding will unlock a range of deliverables alongside a package of community development activities to be delivered by the Council's community partner, Living Under One Sun (LUOS) with a total funding allocation of £157,000. LUOS was a named partner on the Green and Resilient Spaces funding bid, building on a Memorandum of Understanding between the parties, dated 1st July 2021.

4.2 Progressing in accordance with prior decisions

The principle of defraying a portion of the GRS grant funding to Living Under One Sun was established in the July 2023 Cabinet papers and subsequent Delegated Authority Report to enter Funding Agreement with the GLA. This decision completes the approvals required to ensure a mechanism is in place to make payments of this external funding to LUOS.

5. Alternative options considered.

5.1 'Do Nothing'

This is not recommended as it would fail to deliver the £157,000 of the £750,000 Mayor of London grant funding for Down Lane Park Improvement Programme (DLPIP) allocated to delivery of engagement and community-led activities to support the park improvement programme. The principle of this grant funding has been accepted through prior decisions. This would not be in keeping with the terms of the Funding Agreement between the Council and the Mayor of London and would prevent the project from realising the full potential to transform the park and the community's relationship with the park.

5.2 Accept the Funding

This is the recommendation of this report. To agree to enter into an agreement with LUOS to defray grant funding and set out terms and conditions on which the grant is made by the Council, in its capacity as 'Funder', to LUOS, the 'Recipient'.

6. Background information

- 6.1 Down Lane Park will be central to an emerging green resilience network across Tottenham Hale. The park is in the River Lee floodplain, with its catchment spanning the highest-two risk categories for vulnerability to climate change (London's Datastore Climate Risk Metrics). With 43% of children in Tottenham living in poverty, the park serves some of the Capital's most deprived communities, who have been disproportionately affected by the impacts of Covid-19 (particularly BAME communities, people with disabilities, older people, young people, women and girls).
- 6.2 Despite its Green Flag status, the park is not currently meeting local needs: usage is affected by aged infrastructure, poor drainage, poor spatial integration and connectivity, limited ecology as well as issues related to safety, crime and ASB. Addressing these challenges will require more than physical improvements: this is about levelling up by removing barriers to disadvantaged communities accessing opportunities and local amenity.
- 6.3 The Down Lane Park Improvement Programme has brought together the community and local partners to co-design a shared vision for the park, situated in the heart of Tottenham Hale. The first phase of the project, funded by the GRSF, project will transform the north-east of the park with new biodiverse rain gardens and a network of new footpaths, connecting to a mile-long chain of green routes linking Tottenham's residents to the Lee Valley.
- 6.4 A programme of community-led activities will complement the physical improvements, tackling the barriers some residents experience to using the park and supporting the development of a fairer, greener neighbourhood. This programme of engagement and community-led activation will provide opportunities for local people to build confidence through volunteering; learn about the natural environment, food growing and horticulture; develop green skills and pathways to green employment – which will safeguard the council's investment in Down Lane Park. This will be delivered by the Council's partner on this project, Living Under One Sun.
- 6.5 The funding allocated to the LUOS-led workstream must deliver on these core objectives (refer to Schedule 1 of Appendix 1 – funding agreement), including:
- (a) Ensure a high level of diverse and inclusive community engagement, activity, leadership and development, and positive engagement with this Green and Resilient Spaces Project.
 - (b) Tackle the barriers affecting [park] usage, including structural inequalities which impact the health and wellbeing of Tottenham Hale residents.
 - (c) Attract new park users through targeted outreach, engaging residents living in close proximity to Down Lane Park, and targeting under-represented groups not currently using the park either at all or in a limited way.
 - (d) Attract new users by hosting regular meetings and events that bring residents and the local community into the park. Continue hosting and

supporting the Down Lane Park User and Community Forum (DLPUCF) monthly open meetings and the newly formed Down Lane Park Young People's Forum (DLPYPF). Collaborate with the DLPUCF and DLPYPF to deliver engagement and community-led, sports, recreation, and green-skills development activities.

- (e) Provide new and exciting opportunities for local people to build confidence through sports and volunteering, and stewardship. Provide opportunities in the park, for residents to learn about the natural environment, food growing and horticulture, and develop green skills and pathways to green employment.
- (f) Support the Down Lane Park Improvement Project through Green Skills development and resident outreach programmes focused on planting, habitat creation, and management that can be carried out by volunteers, linked to and supporting the emerging park management and maintenance plan.
- (g) Collaborate with partners to establish an evidence-baseline for park usage (inc. sports, recreation and community activities) to support the delivery and evaluation of the impact of the Down Lane Park Improvements Programme.
- (h) Lead evaluation and monitoring of the impacts of the project and report findings quarterly to the Funder. Produce and submit an interim project evaluation report at the end of year one (phase 1) and a final project evaluation report at the end of year two (phase 2).
- (i) Deliver an innovative, community-based approach to evaluating the Down Lane Park Improvement Project, upskilling residents in community-led research, peer-to-peer engagement, and project evaluation.

6.6 Through this partnership we intend to grow a network of resilient citizens actively participating in shaping their neighbourhood, upskilling local people, under-represented groups and young people and supporting a local green economy.

6.7 The Funding Agreement at **Appendix 1** sets out the terms and conditions of this award of funding, to ensure that these accord with those obligations placed on the Council through the GRS Funding Agreement between the Council and the Mayor of London.

7. Contribution to the Corporate Delivery Plan 2022-24 High Level Strategic outcomes'

7.1 This proposal will help to support the following strategic priority areas of the Corporate Delivery Plan:

7.1.1 Resident experience, participation and collaboration:

- High level outcome 2: inclusive public participation
 - High level outcome 3: enabling community collaboration
 - High level outcome 4: developing young voice
- 7.1.2 Responding to the climate emergency
- High level outcome 1: a greener and climate resilient Haringey
- 7.1.3 Adults, health and welfare
- High level outcome 1: healthy and fulfilling lives
- 7.1.4 Place and economy
- High level outcome 4: leveraging social value
 - High level outcome 5: placemaking

8 Statutory Officers comments

8.1 Finance

8.1.1 This report is for Assistant Director – Regeneration and Economic Development to approve the recommendations as set out in para 3 of this report. The funding for this proposal is part of the GLA Green and Resilient Spaces Capital Grant (Mayor of London Grant Funding for the Down Lane Park Improvement Programme).

8.2 Procurement

8.2.1 Procurement comments The SSC notes the contents of the report and has no objections to the recommendations laid out at section 3 of the report under 17.3 (approving or varying the agreement for the grant shall be the same as that set out in CSO 9.07). Will West Compliance Officer, on behalf of Lesley Francis, Q & A Manager/ Compliance Manager 25.10.2023

8.3 Legal

8.3.1 The Head of Legal and Governance (Monitoring Officer) has been consulted in the preparation of this report.

8.3.2 Under CSO 9.07.1 (c) the Director or Assistant Director has the power to approve the award of contract that are valued at less than £500,000.

8.3.3 Under CSO 17.3, the process for which the Council can approve or vary an agreement for a grant is the same as that set out in CSO 9.07.

8.3.4 The Head of Legal and Governance (Monitoring Officer) notes that the report seeks approval to allocate part of the funding received from The Greater London Authority to Living Under One Sun as set out in paragraph 3 of this report. It is noted that the approval sought is in accordance with the terms of the funding agreement between The Greater London Authority and The Mayor and Burgesses of the London Borough of Haringey dated 4 September 2023.

8.3.5 The Head of Legal and Governance (Monitoring Officer) also notes that the award of the grant funding agreement to Living Under One Sun complies with the Council's CSO's.

8.3.6 Accordingly, the Head of Legal and Governance (Monitoring Officer) confirms that there are no legal reasons preventing the Assistant Director – Regeneration & Economic Development from approving the recommendations made in this report.

8.4 Equality

8.4.1 N/A

9 Use of Appendices

9.1 Appendix 1:LUOS GRS Grant Agreement Sept 23_DRAFT_V.02_15.09.23

10 Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

10.1 Background documents:

- 13 June 2023 Cabinet report: [Tottenham Hale Placemaking: funding allocations](#)
- DLPIP_GreenandResilientSpacesGrant_Round II_DAR_V03_240723 - Signed

10.2 Exempt information:

Appendix 1: LUOS GRS Grant Agreement Sept 23_DRAFT_V.02_15.09.23 (draft) exempt from publication - paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.