

	<p style="text-align: center;">Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">16 February 2017</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Title</p>	<p>Members' Items – Requests for Funding from Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee Budget</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Report of</p>	<p>Head of Governance</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Wards</p>	<p>Various within Finchley and Golders Green Constituency</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Status</p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Urgent</p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Key</p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Enclosures</p>	<p>Appendix A – Jewish Deaf Association (JDA) Appendix B – ADDISS</p>
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Summary

This report informs the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee of requests for funding submitted by Members of the Committee in accordance with the revised Area Committee Budgets processes, agreed in July 2015. Both applications were deferred from the last meeting of the Committee in order to establish whether they should instead be considered under the Corporate Grants process. Following advice from officers, it was concluded that they should be considered by the committee.

Recommendations

1. That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee consider the requests as appended.
2. That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee decide whether it wishes to:
 - (a) support the applications for funding, subject to due diligence tests being met;
 - (b) defer the decision for funding for further information;
 - (c) reject the application with reasons.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 In January 2015, the three Area Committees considered reports which detailed applications from community groups to the council's Area Committee Budgets funding stream (£100,000 per annum per Area Committee). In this process the various applications received were assessed by Officers against Area Committee Budgets Guidance and Conditions of Grant and then presented to the respective Area Committee for consideration. A number of funding awards were made and community groups have been utilising the funding for their various projects.
- 1.2 In July 2015, the three Area Committees considered reports which set out proposals for revised arrangements for Area Committee Budgets which included moving away from the open grants process which had been followed for the 2014/15 round of funding. Following consideration of the report, a revised system was adopted which gave the Area Committees an opportunity to plan and direct how they spend their funds in response to local issues which came forward from residents through a variety of routes. It was identified that potential projects might come forward via Members' Items brought to the relevant Area Committee.
- 1.3 Details of the applications submitted are summarised in the enclosures list above and the full applications are attached to this report.
- 1.4 Both applications were deferred from the last meeting of the committee in order to establish whether they should instead be considered under the Corporate Grants process. Following advice from officers, it was concluded that they should be considered by the committee.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Committee are requested to consider the requests for funding detailed at Appendices A & B to the report.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Not applicable; the Committee agreed in July 2015 that applications to the Area Committee Budgets could be received via Members' Items.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 Post decision implementation will depend on the decision taken by the Committee.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

- 5.1.1 If the Committee agree the applications, the detailed applications will need to go through due diligence checks and demonstrate how the projects link to the Council's Corporate Plan and other relevant policies.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- 5.2.1 The Committee has an allocated budget from which it can award funds to Area Committee grant applications. Any allocation of funds must comply with the guidance provided to members, which was agreed at the meeting of the committee in January 2015.

5.3 Social Value

- 5.3.1 Requests for Area Committee budget funding provide an avenue for Members to give consideration to funding requests which may have added social value.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.4.1 Council Constitution, Responsibility for Functions, Annex A details that the Policy & Resources Committee is responsible 'To allocate a budget, as appropriate, for Area Committees and agree a framework for governing how that budget may be spent'.
- 5.4.2 Council Constitution, Responsibility for Functions, Annex A details that the Area Committees 'Administer any local budget delegated from Policy and Resources Committee for these committees in accordance with the framework set by the Policy and Resources Committee'.

5.5 Risk Management

- 5.5.1 None in the context of this report.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

- 5.6.1 Requests for Funding allow Members of a Committee to bring a wide range of issues to the attention of a Committee in accordance with the Council's Constitution. All of these issues must be considered for their equalities and diversity implications.

5.7 Consultation and Engagement

- 5.7.1 None in the context of this report.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1. Meeting of the Finchley and Golders Green Committee, 15th January 2015 – Item 9, Area Committee Budget Allocations:

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=712&MId=7985&Ver=4>