

## Chief Officer Decision

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>CORPORATE GRANTS PROGRAMME, 2019/20 – GRANT APPLICATIONS</b>
<b>DATE OF DECISION</b>	26 July 2019
<b>DECISION TAKER</b>	Director of Finance & Section 151 Officer
<b>SUMMARY OF DECISIONS</b>	The determination of grant applications by three not-for-profit organisations
<b>ENCLOSURES</b>	Grant assessments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appendix A – Action on Hearing Loss</li> <li>• Appendix B – Bread N Butter CIC</li> <li>• Appendix C – Young Barnet Foundation</li> </ul>
<b>DECISION</b>	<p><b>That, subject to the council’s Standard Conditions of Grant and the special conditions shown in each assessment:</b></p> <p><b>(i) a start-up grant of £9,500 be awarded to Action on Hearing Loss</b></p> <p><b>(ii) a start-up grant of £7,590 be awarded to Bread N Butter CIC</b></p> <p><b>(iii) a start-up grant of £9,746 be awarded to Young Barnet Foundation</b></p>
<b>AUDIT TRAIL OF DECISION</b>	See paragraph 4 below.

### 1. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

1.1 The Corporate Plan, 2019-24, identifies three main outcomes which frame the council’s approach to embracing change and innovation that will build on the borough’s strengths and make sure that it remains a great place to live and work:

- that the borough is pleasant and well-maintained and a place we protect and invest in
- that residents live happy, healthy, independent lives with the most vulnerable protected
- that communities are safe and strong and people get along well

- 1.2 The key priorities that sit underneath each outcome, relevant to the applications under consideration, include:
- To support residents who are older, vulnerable or who have disabilities to remain independent, stay active and have a good quality of life
  - To integrate health and social care
  - To improve the social, emotional and mental health and wellbeing of children and young people
  - To encourage residents to lead active and healthy lifestyles
  - To provide services that encourage and build resilience
  - To support the voluntary, community and faith sector to build capacity for meeting the needs of residents
- 1.3 The voluntary and community sector has a significant role to play in the delivery of public services arising from the reduction in government funding, not only by increasing choice, accessibility and value for money but also by developing innovative solutions to problems and improving customers' perception of public services.
- 1.4 The corporate grants programme offers help to voluntary and community organisations (a) to develop sustainable new services and activities and (b) to run a community event or meet certain non-recurring items of expenditure.
- 1.5 All applications are assessed on their individual merits against the council's policy objectives; the benefits to the local community; the effectiveness of the organisation in its service delivery; its overall value for money; its financial needs; and the budget for making awards.
- 1.6 The applications in question fulfil these criteria and are each recommended for an award.

## **2. RESOURCES**

- 2.1 The provision for making start-up and one-off grants in 2019/20 is comprised of funds deriving to the authority from the Edward Harvist Charity and a remaining balance of £28,763 of a sum of £102,000 collectively allocated to the corporate grants programme by the area committees with the approval of the Community Leadership Committee.
- 2.2 The current position on the funding available in 2019/20, which reflects the sum that has been allocated to the corporate grants programme from the council's share of income to the Edward Harvist Charity, to be supplemented as further income from the charity is received, is as follows:

<b>Budget item</b>	<b>Funding available, 2019/20</b>	<b>Approvals to date</b>	<b>Balance remaining</b>	<b>Recommended herewith</b>
Edward Harvist Charity	£63,257	£3,892	£59,365	£26,836
Allocation by area committees	£28,763	£2,000	£26,763	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£92,020</b>	<b>£5,892</b>	<b>£86,128</b>	<b>£26,836</b>

### **3. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 3.1 All grants are made subject to the council's Standard Conditions of Grant Aid, with which applicants are required to signify their compliance by signing a written undertaking. Amongst other things, the conditions cover how awards are spent, allowing council officers a right of access to proof thereof, and requiring notification of any change in an organisation's circumstances which significantly affect its finances, operations or grant entitlement. The council reserves the right to withhold payment of any approved grant, or to demand full or partial repayment, if it appears that an organisation has failed to comply with any of the conditions attached to the award.

### **4. CONSULTATION**

- 4.1 The applications in question have been assessed in consultation with the Lead Commissioner for Learning Disabilities and Physical & Sensory Impairment, Adults (Communities and Health and Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group), the Children's Service and the Director of Barnet Public Health Service, as appropriate.
- 4.2 The chairman of, and the opposition lead member on, the Community Leadership & Libraries Committee have been consulted on this report and both endorse the awards recommended.

### **5. DECISION TAKER'S STATEMENT**

- 5.1 I have the required powers to make the decisions documented in this report. I am responsible for the report's content and am satisfied that all relevant advice has been sought in the preparation of this report and that it is compliant with the decision-making framework of the organisation which includes constitution, scheme of delegation, budget and policy framework and legal issues, including equalities obligations.

**6. OFFICER'S DECISION**

**6.1 I authorise the decisions set out above.**

**Signed**     *Anisa Darr*  
Director of Finance & Section 151 Officer  
26 July 2019

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