

OFFICER DELEGATED DECISION 13 JANUARY 2022

Report title: London Councils Grant Scheme

Wards: All

Portfolio: Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance: Councillor Andrew Wilson

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REPORT SUMMARY

London Councils Grant Scheme enables boroughs to fund voluntary action across the capital through a joint scheme. Contribution by constituent councils is proportionate to populations. Constituent Councils are required to contribute to any London Boroughs Grant Scheme expenditure, which has been incurred with the approval with the approval of at least two-thirds of constituent councils. This report is to agree the participation of Lambeth Council and approve the 2022/23 contributions.

FINANCE SUMMARY

The total expenditure budget proposed by London Councils for 2022/23 is £6.668m and Lambeth's contribution is £238,367 for 2022/23. This contribution will be funded from approved Corporate Items budget.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To agree the proposed overall level of expenditure of £6.668m by the London Councils Grants Committee and approve Lambeth's contribution of £238,367 for 2022/23

1. CONTEXT

- 1.1 The London Councils Grant Scheme is the pan-London body tasked with the administration of grants to voluntary organisations operating across multiple boroughs.
- 1.2 The Leaders' Committee sets the overall funding strategies, policies, and priorities for the allocation of grants and the Grants Committee decide on the individual applications and operation of the scheme.
- 1.3 Constituent councils are required to contribute to any London Council Grants Scheme expenditure which has been incurred with the approval of at least two-thirds of the constituent councils. Funding is provided by member boroughs through contributions based on population, typically from ONS mid-year estimates from the year prior.

2. PROPOSAL AND REASONS

- 2.1 For 2022/23, the Leaders' Committee agreed a budget of £6.668m at its meeting on 7 December 2021, which is the same as the current year. This budget must be agreed by two-thirds of constituent councils before 1 February 2022.
- 2.2 Lambeth's contribution of £238,367 is based on ONS mid-year estimates for June 2020.

3. FINANCE

- 3.1 Lambeth's contribution for 2022/23 is £238,367, a small decrease from the £242,585 contributed for 2021/22. This amount remains within existing approved budgets.

4. LEGAL AND DEMOCRACY

- 4.1 Section 48 of the Local Government Act 1985 sets out the obligations and arrangements of the Grant Scheme. All members are required to contribute to any expenditure which has been incurred with the approval of at least two-thirds of the constituent councils.
- 4.2 The Council's Constitution requires that all key decisions, decisions which involve resources between the sums of £100,000 and £500,000, and important or sensitive issues, must be published on the website for five clear days before the decision is approved by the Director or Cabinet Member concerned. Any representations received during this period must be considered by the decision-maker before the decision is taken.

5. CONSULTATION AND CO-PRODUCTION

- 5.1 Not relevant to decision.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 No direct impact identified.

7. EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 No direct impact identified.

8. COMMUNITY SAFETY

8.1 No direct impact identified.

9. ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

Environmental

9.1 No direct impact identified

Health

9.2 No direct impact identified

Corporate Parenting

9.3 No direct impact identified

Staffing and accommodation

9.4 No direct impact identified

Responsible Procurement

9.5 No direct impact identified

10. TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

10.1 The table below details the stages and deadlines for implementing the recommendations:

Activity	Proposed Date
Publication on Decisions online	05.01.2022
Officer or Cabinet Member Decision	13.01.2022
Execution of Contract	14.01.2022
Commencement of Contract	01.04.2022

AUDIT TRAIL

Name and Position/Title	Lambeth Directorate	Date Sent	Date Received	Comments in paragraph:
Councillor Andy Wilson	Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance	21.12.21	21.12.21	
Christina Thompson, Director	Finance and Property	21.12.21	21.12.21	
Andrew Pavlou, Legal Services	Legal and Governance	21.12.21	21.12.21	
Maria Burton, Democratic Services	Legal and Governance	21.12.21	24.12.21	

REPORT HISTORY

Original discussion with Cabinet Member	21.12.21
Report deadline	n/a
Date final report sent	n/a
Part II Exempt from Disclosure/confidential accompanying report?	No
Key decision report	No
Date first appeared on forward plan	n/a
Key decision reasons	Not applicable
Background information	Local Government Act 1984, section 48 Levying Bodies (General) Regulations 1992, Regulation 6(8) Grants to Voluntary Organisations (Specified Date) Order 1992
Appendices	None

APPROVAL BY CABINET MEMBER OR OFFICER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCHEME OF DELEGATION

I confirm I have consulted Finance, Legal, Democratic Services and the Procurement Board, and taken account of their advice and comments in completing the report for approval:

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Post: Amaris Wong
 Group Manager, Strategic Finance

I approve the above recommendations:

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Post: Christina Thompson
 Director for Finance and Property

Any declarations of interest (or exemptions granted): None

Any conflicts of interest: None

Any dispensations: None