

REQUEST FOR DIRECTOR DECISION – DD1212

Title: Well London Programme: Variation of 2013-15 grant funding agreements**Executive Summary:**

In 2012, Big Lottery awarded the Well London programme funding of £486k to sustain the benefits of the programme over 2012-13. This enabled a second phase to go ahead in nine areas. In May 2013 the Lottery announced a further award for Well London of £1.8m to March 2015.

With Big Lottery approval, and under cover of DD1046 and ADD61, the 2012-13 grant was extended to September 2013, and again to December 2013 (the second extension related to six areas which had forecasted underspends and/or project slippage). However, following ADD61, variations were not made to the 2012-13 funding agreements and these expired at the end of September 2013.

In the Lambeth target area, there was underspend at the end of September 2013 of £12,741 from the 2012-13 funding, due to project slippage which was not included in ADD61.

Approval is now sought for the variation and amendment of the 2013-15 funding agreements approved under cover of MD1206 to include sums totalling £41,796 from the 2012-13 funding award. Under DD1046 funding agreements were extended to 30 September 2013, and underspends at this point were £51,614. Therefore, approval is sought by way of a Directors' Decision.

Decision:

That the Executive Director of Communities & Intelligence approves the variation of:

1. The GLA's 2013-15 grant funding agreements with the LB Camden, LB Hackney, LB Lewisham and LB Southwark to include funding totalling £29,055 from the 2012-13 funding award unspent at the end of September 2013 and to be claimed in respect of spend in the 2013-14 financial year:
2. The GLA's 2013-15 grant funding agreement with LB Lambeth to increase overall funding by £12,741 that was unspent at the end of September 2013 and to be claimed in respect of spend in the 2013-14 financial year.

AUTHORISING DIRECTOR

I have reviewed the request and am satisfied it is correct and consistent with the Mayor's plans and priorities.

It has my approval.

Name: Jeff Jacobs

Position: Head of Paid Service & Executive Director

Signature:

Date: 9 May 2014

PART I - NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE

Decision required – supporting report

1. Introduction and background

In 2012, Big Lottery Fund awarded the Well London programme a further £486k to sustain the benefits of the programme over 2012-13.

Under cover of DD920, approval was given to award grant funding and enter into funding agreements with three partner organisations and eight commissioning organisations. These funding agreements were originally for the period up to March 2013, but Big Lottery Fund extended the period of the funding to September 2013.

Under cover of DD1046, approval was given to novate some agreements from the NHS to their corresponding London borough councils, and to extend most funding agreements to 30 September 2013.

Subsequently, and under cover of ADD61, approval was given to further extend funding agreements from September 2013 to December 2013 in six local areas (Camden, Greenwich, Hackney, Lewisham, Southwark and Tower Hamlets), due to slippage on Personal Support Packages and Themed Project activity. However the 2012-13 funding agreements were not extended, and expired in September 2013.

Additionally, London Borough of Lambeth had underspends of £12,741 at the end of September 2013. This had been paid in advance to LB Lambeth and was not included in ADD61.

In May 2013, Big Lottery Fund announced a further award of £1.8m to Well London. This funding is being distributed to partner organisations and local areas through separate funding agreements approved under cover of MD1206.

The table below sets out underspends on 2012-13 funding at the end of both September and December 2013, and proposed action.

Commissioning organisation	Underspend at end of Sep 2013	Underspend at end of Dec 2013	Proposed actions
LB Camden	£8,717*	£2,397	Vary the 2013-15 funding agreement with LB Camden, increasing the grant by £8,717 (from the 2012-13 funding award unspent at end September 2013) to be claimed in respect of spend in the 2013- 14 financial year.
RB Greenwich	£7,918*	£0	The 2013-15 funding agreement included the sum of £7,918 to be claimed in respect of spend in 2013-14 financial year. No further action is required.
LB Hackney	£2,500	£0	Vary the 2013-15 funding agreement with LB Hackney, increasing the grant by £2,500 (from the 2012-13 funding unspent at end September 2013) to be claimed in respect of spend in the 2013-14 financial year

LB Lewisham	£2,130	£763	Vary the 2013-15 funding agreement with LB Lewisham, increasing the grant by £2,130 (from the 2012-13 funding award unspent at end September 2013) to be claimed in respect of spend in the 2013-14 financial year.
LB Southwark	£15,708	£8,558	Vary the 2013-15 funding agreement with LB Southwark, increasing the grant by £15,708 (from the 2012-13 funding award) to be claimed in respect of spend in the 2013-14 financial year.
LB Tower Hamlets	£1,900	£0	The 2013-15 funding agreement includes the sum of £1,900 to be claimed in respect of spend in 2013-14 financial year. No further action is required.
LB Lambeth	£12,741	£3,450	Amend the 2013-15 funding agreement with LB Lambeth, increasing the grant by £12,741 (from the 2012-13 funding award unspent at end September 2013) to be claimed in respect of spend in the 2013-14 financial year.

** Differs from figure in ADD61 as the ADD was prepared prior to September 2013, based on the organisations' estimated costs for the quarter.*

ADD61 sets out that "As this is the second extension to the funding agreements, funding not spent by end of December 2013 will be reallocated at GLA's discretion including to other projects and areas". GLA officers however believe that the issues in these boroughs are being addressed, and therefore recommend approval to vary the 2013-15 funding agreements.

Approval is required from the Director to:

- Vary the following 2013-15 grant funding agreements (approved under cover of MD1206) to include funding totalling £29,055 from the 2012-13 funding awards, unspent at the end of September 2013 and to be claimed in respect of spend in the 2013-14 financial year:

Commissioning organisation	Underspend at December 2013 to be used by March 2014	Increase to 2013-15 funding agreements in respect of 2012-13 grant.
LB Camden	£2,397	£8,717
LB Lewisham	£763	£2,130
LB Southwark	£8,558	£15,708
LB Hackney		£2,500*

*This was spent in quarter 3, 2013-14.

- Amend the 2013-15 funding agreement with London Borough of Lambeth (not yet executed) to increase funding by £12,741 to be claimed in respect of spend in the 2013-14 financial year.

The extensions and proposed use of this funding have been approved by Big Lottery.

2. Objectives and expected outcomes

The underspends set out above relate to work that aims to provide people and communities in the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods with the skills and confidence to take control of and improve their individual and collective health and well-being, and facilitate the delivery of:

- Improved mental well-being and more positive community perspectives on mental health and well-being;
- Increased opportunities for uptake of healthy eating choices including enhanced access to affordable healthy food
- Increased opportunities for and levels of healthy physical activity.

Levels of participation and outcomes from the projects will contribute to the targets that have been agreed with Big Lottery Fund. An evaluation is being undertaken by the University of East London that will measure the extent to which the outcomes and other objectives have been met.

3. Other considerations

a) key risks and issues

The key risk is that funding from the 2012-13 Big Lottery award remains unspent at the end of March 2014. To mitigate this risk realistic proposals for spending the funding were in place in each area.

Approval is required through this DD to formalise these arrangements, mainly through deeds of variation to the 2013/15 funding agreements, which will also enable payments to be made to delivery organisations.

The December underspend figures for Camden and Southwark take into account partial virements of remaining 2012-13 themed project budgets to co-ordinator costs (£6,060 and £6,750 respectively), and allocation of October – December 2013 co-ordinator costs against the 2012-13 grant, as approved by Big Lottery. This will create corresponding underspends on the 2013-15 project which will need to be reassigned later in the programme.

A comprehensive risk register for the overall programme is in place and updated regularly.

b) links to Mayoral strategies and priorities

The Well London Programme has engaged with the key areas identified by the Mayor's Health Inequalities Strategy, and addresses three important determinants of poor health: (i) poor diet; (ii) lack of physical activity; and (iii) poor mental well-being. In addition, Well London contributes to a range of other Mayoral strategies and priorities including *Equal Life Chances for All (2012)* and the *2020 Vision*.

The Well London Programme supports the GLA's related duties to promote equalities and sustainable development.

4. Financial comments

Approval is being sought for an extension of the 2012-13 grant (previous funding agreements were approved under cover of DD1046 and ADD61) to March 2014, and variations to the 2013-15 funding agreements (approved under cover of MD1206) in respect of underspends at the end of September 2013. This is to allow the remaining grant to be spent by March 2014, and for the GLA to be able to make payment for claims relating to October – December 2013.

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| • London Borough of Camden | £8,717 | To be spent by March 2014 |
| • London Borough of Hackney | £2,500 | To be spent by December 2013 |
| • London Borough of Lambeth | £12,741 | To be spent by March 2014 |
| • London Borough of Lewisham | £2,130 | To be spent by March 2014 |
| • London Borough of Southwark | £15,708 | To be spent by March 2014 |

As described within the main body of this report, with Big Lottery approval and under DD1046, the 2012-13 grant awards were extended to September 2013. In August 2013 funding was further extended to December 2013 for six areas which were forecasting underspends and/or slippage related to further delays in project delivery and approved by ADD61. However the funding agreements were not extended and have now expired.

There are no additional costs associated with the proposed extensions as the project slippage amounts were already allocated to each grant award and funded wholly by Big Lottery Fund approved by MD984 and MD1206. The Big Lottery Fund and the associated expenditure will be accounted for within the Health & Communities Unit. All appropriate budget adjustments will be made.

Officers within Health & Communities (Communities & Intelligence Directorate) will be responsible for managing this programme and ensuring that all expenditure adheres to the Authority's Financial Regulations, Contracts & Funding Code and Funding Agreement Toolkit.

5. Legal comments

5.1 Sections 1 – 4 of this report indicate that the decisions requested of the director fall within the GLA's statutory powers to do such things considered to further or which are facilitative of, conducive or incidental to the promotion of economic development and wealth creation, social development or the promotion of the improvement of the environment in Greater London in manner which promotes the improvement of health of persons, health inequalities between persons and to contribute towards the achievement of sustainable development in the United Kingdom.

5.2 Officers must ensure that the funding agreements in question are varied in accordance with the provisions set out in those agreements and appropriate documentation is in place between and executed by the GLA and the recipients to formalise such variations before any commitment to vary is made.

6. Planned delivery approach and next steps

The under spends and slippage set out in this document form part of the funding of £486k awarded by Big Lottery for 2012/13.

Approach to Delivery:

Well London comprises 5 "heart of the community" projects which build skills, confidence and knowledge, and a suite of themed projects, that are developed around healthy eating, physical activity, mental well-being, creativity and the arts, and open spaces.

Phase 2 funding (£486k) 2012 – 13

Activity	Timeline
Announcement of Big Lottery Funding	Feb 12
Execution of funding agreements	2012
Delivery Start Date	April 2012
Evaluation (external) start and finish	N/A
Extended delivery End Date	March 2014

Public access to information

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If immediate publication risks compromising the implementation of the decision (for example, to complete a procurement process), it can be deferred until a specific date. Deferral periods should be kept to the shortest length strictly necessary.

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Part 1 Deferral:**Is the publication of Part 1 of this approval to be deferred? NO**

If YES, for what reason:

Until what date: (a date is required if deferring)

Part 2 Confidentiality: Only the facts or advice considered to be exempt from disclosure under the FOI Act should be in the separate Part 2 form, together with the legal rationale for non-publication.

Is there a part 2 form – NO

ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION:

Drafting officer to confirm the following (✓)

Drafting officer:

Alison Pearce has drafted this report in accordance with GLA procedures and confirms that:

✓

Assistant Director/Head of Service:

Amanda Coyle has reviewed the documentation and is satisfied for it to be referred to the Sponsoring Director for approval.

✓

Financial and Legal advice:

The Finance and Legal teams have commented on this proposal, and this decision reflects their comments.

✓

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, RESOURCES:

I confirm that financial and legal implications have been appropriately considered in the preparation of this report.

Signature

Date