

WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF DECISION

SUBJECT: AVENUES YOUTH PROJECT

Notice is hereby given that the Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development, has made the following executive decision on the above mentioned subject for the reasons set out below.

Summary of Decision

The Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development has approved the grant award to the Avenues Youth Project (04045031) of £353,222 in financial year 2022/23.

Reasons for Decision

A new approach is being taken by the Council to support the resilience of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) to ensure they survive and thrive in Westminster. The VCS is a key partner which works towards achieving the shared social, health, economic and environmental outcomes stipulated in the Fairer Westminster Strategy. However, long term under investment in the sector combined with the challenges of the Covid Pandemic has led to organisational and financial challenges impacting on the sector's ability to deliver additional or enhanced outcomes or expedite the delivery of outcomes.

Discretionary capital funding, alongside other revenue grants (VCS Sector Core grants) is being proposed to improve the financial and organisational resilience of the sector.

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