

# **WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL**

## **STATEMENT OF DECISION**

### **SUBJECT: INVESTMENT IN COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAMMES**

Notice is hereby given that the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Voluntary Sector and the Cabinet Member for Communities and Public Protection have made the following executive decision on the above mentioned subject for the reasons set out below.

#### **Summary of Decision**

The Cabinet Member for Communities and Public Protection and the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and the Voluntary Sector have:

1. Approved the extension of the Communities Priorities Programme to all areas of deprivation in Westminster by a further £300,000 so that the total fund is £600,000;
2. Approved an Emergency Fund of £100,000 for community organisations in temporary financial crisis;
3. Approved a Community Events Fund of £50,000.

#### **Reasons for Decision**

The Cost of Living crisis has added additional challenges for residents facing hardship, and for community organisations, in particular small local organisations. This has created an additional urgency to be able to disperse funds rapidly if needed.

The Community Priorities programme begins with undertaking a needs assessment through interviews with residents. This work needs to start immediately for the grant fund to be opened in January 2023.

The entire community grants programme will contribute to enhanced outcomes for communities and will be evaluated.

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