

# Birmingham City Council

## Trust and Charities Committee

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**Subject: Applications for Grant Funding to Birmingham Municipal Charity**

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Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If relevant, state which appendix is exempt, and provide exempt information paragraph number or reason if confidential:

The fund applications may contain personal information and are therefore noted on the private agenda and further anonymised where reference to individuals is made.

### **1 Executive Summary**

To provide the Committee with details of applications for grant funding from the Birmingham Municipal Charity.

### **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 To consider the applications for grant funding at exempt appendix 1 and note for the minutes, whether the application is approved, the sum approved, any conditions or request for additional information,
- 2.2 To authorise the City Solicitor to negotiate, execute and complete all necessary documentation to give effect to the above recommendations.

### **3 Background**

- 3.1 The Birmingham Municipal Charity was set up to provide grants of a general charitable nature to benefit the citizens of Birmingham. Applications are made ad hoc to the Grants Secretary and must meet the following criteria:

1. Grants to be awarded to recipients or beneficiaries who reside within the boundary of the City of Birmingham up to the value of £10,000.
2. Evidence of tangible “public benefit” to be demonstrated in the Application form
3. Grant Applications will be presented to Trusts and Charities Committee for Approval.
4. Funding letter to be forwarded to successful applicants.
5. Applicants to sign offer of funding agreement.
6. A narrative report to be submitted once the grant provided has been defrayed, confirming the use of funds and public benefit.
7. Grants awarded to be defrayed in the financial year or within 6 months of approval of funding, unless agreed otherwise.
8. Spend is for the benefit of the citizens of Birmingham.
9. Documentary evidence of spend must be provided.

3.2 Applications are assessed within the finance function and applicants contacted to provide additional details or evidence to show that the request meets the fund criteria. Should the grant be approved then together with legal colleagues agreements are drawn up as appropriate and/or necessary according to the nature of the award, funds are dispersed and invoices, records and reports collated again as appropriate.

3.3 Funds held in the Charity for award totalled £750,000 (part in hand, part invested) at 31 March 2022

#### **4 Options considered and Recommended Proposal**

The Trusts and Charities Committee is asked to consider the applications at appendix 1 and to either approve unconditionally, approve conditionally, reject or request further information to be brought to a future meeting or to be considered between meetings.

#### **5 Appendices**

5.1 Appendix 1 Exempt information – applications for BMC Funding and their supporting documents