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To: Third Sector Organisations

11 December 2014

Dear Chair/Director,

Third Sector Commissioning 2015-19 Programme – Scrutiny of the Cabinet’s provisional funding decisions

I refer to the letter from Gulden Fedayi, the Council’s Principal Third Sector Adviser, dated 2 December 2014 informing you of the Council’s process and timetable for making funding decisions; I am writing to you now about the scrutiny arrangements.

As you know the Council’s Cabinet made its provisional funding decisions at its meeting on 10 December 2014 and final decisions will be made in light of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee’s views and recommendations. Arrangements have been made for the Committee to consider representations from organisations on 13 January 2015 (and 14 January 2015 if two meetings are necessary) at 7pm in Woolwich Town Hall.

It is important that you obtain feedback from the commissioning department regarding your application, as this will help you to decide whether to make a representation to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. To arrange a suitable time to receive feedback please contact the respective department via email:

Adults and Older People’s Services: jason.mcculloch@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Arts and Culture: tracey.sage@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Children’s Services: Louise.MackenderDeCari@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Corporate Community Support: 3rdsector.commissioning@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Housing and Homelessness: clare.ryan@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

If your organisation decides to go ahead the procedure is as follows:

1. Complete a submission form (enclosed) and return it by email or letter to:

Sue Sewell – Head of Democratic Services
4th Floor, The Woolwich Centre
35 Wellington Street
London SE18 6HQ
scrutiny@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Your submission must reach us in this format by 12 Noon 19 December 2014 otherwise it will not be considered.

2. Options for presenting your submission to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

a) You may wish to present your submission in writing only.

Your submission form will be printed on the agenda for the meeting and members of the Committee will consider the information you have provided.

b) You may wish to address the Committee.

Your submission form will be printed on the agenda for the meeting and you will have 5 minutes to address the Committee on the information you have provided.

The Committee will then invite council officers to comment on what you have said (up to 5 minutes) and ask you questions (up to 5 minutes).

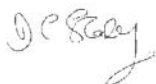
When we have considered all of the submissions presented to us, we will inform the Council's Cabinet of our views and any recommendations we wish to make. The Cabinet will then make a final decision at its meeting on 21 January 2015.

As you can appreciate we are working to a very tight timescale; if you have any queries please contact the Scrutiny Team on 020 8921 5670 or email scrutiny@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

If you wish to address the Committee in person we will write to you again after the deadline for receipt of submissions (12 Noon 19 December 2014), to advise you of the date when your submission will be considered.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,



Councillor David Stanley - Chair of Overview and Scrutiny