

## Appendix X

### **Area Committee Well-being Fund – Project Proposal**

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<b>Project Name:</b> Design for community centre and Mosque on land at Catherine Grove
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#### **Project Summary (including a brief description of the main activities and why this project is needed and its links to key priorities):**

This project is to pay for part of the costs of design work for a proposed new community centre and Mosque on land at Catherine Grove (the site of former back-to-back terraced houses on the former Francis Grove -just off Tempest Road). The work to be carried out includes a firm of consultants to prepare initial conceptual layout, a report on the design, outline specification and budget costs, detailed design plans for submission to LCC to secure planning permission.

The principal reason for the project is that KMWA's current base of operations - the Hardy Street Mosque – is now too small for their current activities and their current building is outdated. A new building is needed to provide an appropriate base for these activities.

As the new building would encompass both a Mosque and community centre funding is sought to cover *half* of the total costs of the design and feasibility work i.e. to cover the costs associated with the community centre.

#### **Project Delivery - How the project will be delivered (inc how any partners are involved in the project, timescale etc):**

A firm of consultants which have designed many Mosques will be instructed by KMWA to produce the design and reports and will submit the design to LCC to secure planning permission.

#### **Please demonstrate how your project links with key priorities/action with Area Delivery Plans:**

This project would support the Stronger Communities theme, in particular the strategic outcome of 'More inclusive, varied and vibrant neighbourhoods through empowering people to contribute to decision making and delivering local services' and the Culture theme, in particular the strategic outcome of 'Increased participation in cultural opportunities through engaging with all our communities.'

**Outcomes (a summary the main outcome, outputs and benefits the project will achieve):**

The main output would be the design work, outline specification , budget costs and planning permission. These steps are necessary before KMWA could proceed to raise the necessary funding and acquire the site to build the proposed new community centre and Mosque.

**Project Cost (an indication of how much the project will cost, how much Well-being funding is sought and the breakdown between capital and revenue):**

The total costs of the designs and the study of budget costs etc is £25,000 + VAT which amounts to £29,375. Revenue funding of half of this amount i.e. £14,687.50 is sought from the Area Committee's well-being funding.

In addition KMWA would have to meet certain costs e.g. topographical/land survey, site/ground investigation, traffic and transport assessment, party wall surveyor and agreement and local authority and statutory fees.

**Which geographic areas will benefit (ie particular neighbourhoods, wards etc) and which Area Committee this project is relevant to:**

This project would particularly benefit the Beeston Hill neighbourhood (City and Hunslet Ward)

**Other key information not covered by the above:**

KMWA is a registered charity established in 1982; their two main functions are to provide mosque facilities and a community centre. The former Francis Grove site is owned by LCC. The Chief Housing Officer has already agreed to suspend the sale of this site while KMWA is developing a plan for building a new Mosque and community centre.

KMWA has looked at other sites in the area and the Francis Grove site is the most appropriate site.

The Francis Grove is currently being used as the building compound for the Group Repair work being carried out in the Tempest Road area. Given the timescales likely to be involved in designing the new building, securing planning permission and fundraising, it is likely to be two to three years before KMWA would be in a position to purchase the site. KMWA would also need to prepare a business plan

The community centre activities currently carried out include welfare rights sessions, children's day centre – premises are used for a pre-school nursery, health activities, meeting rooms for community use including e.g. race equality forum, social services meetings, interfaith meetings, police meetings. In the past supplementary classes in English and Maths have been held although these are not currently running). These activities would be run at the proposed new community centre. In addition facilities for funerals and weddings would be provided at the new centre.

The new facilities at the community centre would be available to all members of the community. The mosque on the top floor would be open for all, although it is envisaged that people of the Muslim faith would be the main users.

KMWA would pay for the capital costs involved in purchasing the site and for the construction costs by fund raising and also by using their existing capital assets e.g. the Hardy Street Mosque and 1 or 2 houses it owns nearby.

The running costs of the new community centre would be covered by charges for using facilities, regular donations. All community centre activities are currently run by volunteers and this would continue in the proposed new building.