Main Grants 2017-18 report

Name of organisation	Parent Support Group
Date of meeting	Will take place on 14 November 2016
Names and positions of attendees	Anne Williams, Family Support Group Ali Williams, Development Officer, LB Lewisham Andy Thomas, Cultural Development Manager, LB Lewisham

Group Name:	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Total funding received 2015-16	3,780	N/A	1,260	1,260	1,260
Total funding received 2016-17	5,040	1,260	1,260	1,260	

Outcomes	1. Parents seen on referral from health and social care professionals for vulnerable adults who benefit from being connected via our Buddy system to PSG activities in their area. 2. Buddy service delivered to parents who are Mental Health service users – reducing social isolation. 3. Volunteer befriending service through our Buddy scheme for vulnerable parent and carers, reducing social isolation. 4. Isolation/social exclusion of parent carers of disabled children and young carers reduced by connections made with PSG and 'hand held' access to other services

Outputs:	2015-16 Target	2015-16 Q2	2015-16 Q3	2015-16 Q4	2015-16 Total	% Achieved	2016-17 Target	2016-17 Q1	2016-17 Q2	% Achieved TD
Parents offered telephone support	60	18	23	21	62	103				
Home visits undertaken	15	7	4	3	14	93				
Referrals to counselling	30	12	8	9	39	130				
Focussed discussion sessions and residential workshops	9	8	9	10	27	300				

1. Remove funding from under-performing groups/those performing least well

Have you achieved at least 90% of the agreed reporting outputs and outcomes in all quarters since the start of the programme?
Parent Support Group has achieved or over achieved 100% of most targets over the 2015/16 9 month monitoring period. One of the outputs is below 100% but is above 90% and has therefore been ranked as green.

Have you achieved all of the wider outcomes outlined in the initial grant application?
Wider outcomes have also been achieved by the organisation

If no to either of the above:

What local support/evidence of need can you identify for the work you are undertaking?
Barnardo's report that: • 61 per cent of British parents describe parenting as 'fairly' or 'very difficult'. • 94 per cent of parents say it is helpful to talk to another person about parenting problems. PSG is in regular contact with a broad range of parents and carers and other agencies including schools, children's centres, attendance and welfare, youth offending team, G.P's, Targeted Family Support, social services departments, police, courts etc in order to understand and be responsive to local need. 35% of service users come to the organisation as self-referrals having identified a need and independently sought support. The remaining service users come as referrals. The organisation is invited to attend an increasing numbers of Case Conferences, which is seen as indicative of growing local need and pressure on statutory services.

2. Negotiate reductions and seek alternative funding streams

Are there any proposals that you can put forward that will deliver significant saving against current expenditure? This can include capital investment to change your delivery/business model.
It has not been possible to identify any ways of delivering savings. The organisation already work on a very small budget and through volunteers.
What alternative funding streams are you already pursuing?
The organisation is actively fundraising but has found that funding to support the kind of activities that it delivers is particularly squeezed. An application for funding is currently being considered by the Downham Assembly but this will not replace funding lost from the Main Grant.

Are there any other funding streams that you can identify that the council can support you to access?

Officers will be meeting to discuss whether there are any opportunities to provide support around fundraising.

3. **Work with groups to consider mergers or asset sharing**

Are there any organisations doing similar work to you in the borough who you may consider sharing resources or merging with? Who have you considered/approached?
FSG does not consider that a merger with another organisation would be beneficial to its service users and because services are delivered with such a small budget, it is also difficult to see how this would bring any financial benefits

Are there other groups in the local area that you could share resources with even if they are delivering a different type of service? Again, who have you considered/approached?
The organisation already has a strong partnership approach but it is not possible to identify ways in which share resources would bring financial savings.

What support might you need to move these suggestions forward?

4. **Pro-rata reductions across all groups**

What would a 25% cut in your grants look like in service delivery terms? What are the wider impacts?
As has already been noted PSG already operates on a very small budget and any cuts will therefore have a significant effect. It is difficult to quantify how this will impact on service users but the organisation continues to be committed to delivering its services to as many people as possible

Have you modelled this cut and developed an action plan for its implementation?
The cut has not been modelled so far

Conclusion

Any other comments / areas discussed

Conclusion and recommendation
Family Support Group has performed well in delivering its outcomes and outputs at very little cost and continues to provide very good value for money. With such a small budget it is not possible to identify any ways in which further savings can be made. It is recommended that the organisation receives a pro rata cut.

Equalities groups disproportionately impacted by recommendations			
Ethnicity:		Pregnancy / Maternity:	
Gender:		Marriage & Civil Partnerships:	
Age:		Sexual orientation:	
Disability:		Gender reassignment:	
Religion / Belief:			
Commentary and potential mitigations:			
The organisation provides services that are open to all groups and it is not possible therefore to identify any groups that will be disproportionately affected.			