## **APPENDIX 6: Grove Park Community Group – Appeal Outcome Letter**

## Main Grants 2017-18 recommendation report – Annex A

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Dear Chris,

## Re: MAIN GRANTS – outcome of formal appeal

I am writing to inform you of the outcome of your formal appeal for the Main Grants 2017/18 allocation which was heard by the Mayor and Cabinet on 30 November 2016.

The Mayor and Cabinet express thanks to your staff and supporters for their time in coming to present your case. The Mayor and Cabinet considered this and your written submission carefully but have decided not to uphold your appeal. As such the original recommendation, as outlined in the letter to you on 1 November 2016, to cease your main grant funding from 2017/18 will still stand.

It was felt that whilst some progress has been made against the wider community development requirements of the grant in the last few months (particularly with the appointment of community development officer) that there was still a lack of understanding and commitment to engagement and work across the wider ward with too much focus on the community centre.

I acknowledge that this isn't the outcome you had hoped for. However the Mayor and Cabinet were confident that as an organisation you will be able to continue the excellent work you do at the Ringway Centre without this funding.

This recommendation will be presented to Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts) on 7 December 2016 for decision and I will write to you following the meeting to confirm the outcome.

Yours sincerely,

James Lee

Head of Cultural and Community Development