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Ethnic Arts Sub-Committee
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NOTE TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

cc : Peter Pitt Lord Birkett
Alex MacKay Norman Sutherland
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Your office has been referring letters from Ethnic Arts Groups whose grant applications are not being processed because of your 'Forward Funding' instructions, to A&R and REU officers for reply.

This is a 'cop out' on your part and simply will not do.

I have today told my officers who have been asked to reply not to do so as they, and the Ethnic Arts Sub-Committee, have no responsibility for the chaos you are causing.

If you wish to countermand this instruction please do so in writing. I would also be obliged if you would cease to hide behind the Programme Office.

I have also received a memo from Peter Wright which I interpret as meaning Ethnic Arts has only a further £23,000 to spend. This flies in the face of the PCC decision.

I refuse absolutely to preside at an Ethnic Arts Sub-Committee to process only one or two outstanding grants. (No doubt one chosen by you to save your face in particular quarters in your own imitation of Marcosian Cronie Capitalism.)

I intend to copy our one-sided dialogue to colleagues on the Labour Group and to raise the matter as a question of Confidence.

You have undermined the faith placed in us by the Ethnic Minority Communities in London.

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