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Glasgow City Council

Wellbeing, Equalities, Communities, Culture and Engagement City Policy Committee

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GLASGOW HEALTH DETERMINANTS RESEARCH COLLABORATION

Purpose of Report:

To update the Wellbeing, Equalities, Communities, Culture and Engagement City Policy Committee on the successful award of National Institute for Health & Care Research (NIHR) funding to Glasgow City Council and partners to set up a Health Determinants Research Collaboration (HDRC) in Glasgow. And to outline next steps including governance arrangements.

Recommendations:

- Note the content of the report.
- Note the governance arrangements.

Ward No(s): Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes ☐ No ☐ consulted: Yes ☐ No ☐

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1 Introduction

1.1 Glasgow City Council, together with Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS and the University of Glasgow have been successfully awarded funding from the National Institute for Health & Care Research (NIHR) to set up a Health Determinants Research Collaboration (HDRC) in Glasgow.

1.2 The purpose of the HDRC is to develop capability and capacity within the Council to make better use of data and research in decision making on the wider determinants of health - such as employment, housing, education, and the physical environment.

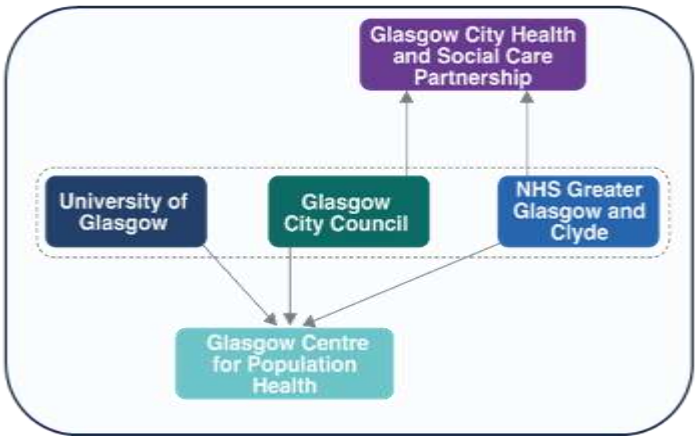
1.3 The overall award is £5.25m over 6 years starting from 1st January 2024.

1.4 The first years funding, approx. 250k, will focus on the project set up and onboarding of key partners and stakeholders to develop a shared vision and action plan for the remaining £5m over subsequent years.

2 Background

2.1 There are substantial health inequalities within Glasgow and it is widely accepted that the key to improving this situation lies in addressing the wider determinants of health and inequality. There is a longstanding commitment in Glasgow to act on these determinants and a recognition that integration of research, policy and implementation is key to effective action. The opportunity to catalyse greater integration enabled through a Glasgow Health Determinants Research Collaboration (GHDRC) is timely and welcome.

2.2 The GHDRC is a collaboration of three organisations, Glasgow City Council (GCC), University of Glasgow (UoG) and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board (NHS GGC), and two existing partnerships: the Glasgow City Health & Social Care Partnership, linking the Council and Health Board, and the Glasgow Centre for Population Health, a partnership of all three organisations.



2.3 The GHDRC will engage with other stakeholders across Glasgow, the wider city region and Scotland, placing emphasis on the inclusion of the public and communities.

2.4 The GHDRC will add value by significantly increasing the capacity of the Council, to impact on place-related determinants where the Council has lead responsibility and to use its convening power to drive change in favour of better and more equal health.

2.5 The Council's Grand Challenge Mission to 'end child poverty using early intervention to support families' is the Glasgow HDRC driver, focusing on

- Financial security for families
- Employability and good work within families
- Community spaces and groups that strengthen social connection as well as wellbeing for parents and children.

2.6 The GHDRC will build on a successful model of research-practice collaboration that has been used to create a Glasgow Child Poverty Pathfinder, funded by the Scottish Government.

2.7 It is intended the NIHR work will link with the next stage of the Pathfinder and other Council initiatives on place and community empowerment that involve person-centred approaches and multi-agency working consistent with implementation of Christie principles.

2.8 Closer partnership working will foster culture change, combining the experience and expertise of researchers and practitioners to develop policies and implementation approaches that are well-evidenced and robust.

3 Development Year Plan

3.1 The key deliverables of the GHDRC in the initial Development Year (1 Jan – 31 Dec 2024) are:

3.1.1 establish the GHDRC, its management and governance and its profile and relationships in the council and collaborating organisations;

3.1.2 develop and pilot key elements of the Research-Policy Integration Model and

3.1.3 undertake substantial work to develop a shared understanding and vision for the GHDRC including stakeholder relationships and public

3.2 To date three workstreams have been established to support the delivery of the GHDRC. These are:

WS1: Governance and Management
Responsible for governance; management of programme and resources; reporting to NIHR.

WS2: Research-Policy Integration Model
Responsible for development and implementation of the Research-Policy Integration Model; data discovery, linkage and curation.

WS3: Engagement and Culture Change
Responsible for stakeholder and system mapping, leadership dialogues; engagement and dissemination across Council and with partners, public and the community.



3.3 A milestone plan for the Development Year has been submitted to NIHR.

3.4 The funding will enable a small multi-agency HDRC team and a limited research capacity over the course of the funding term however one of the aims of the GHDRC is to enable further research applications to be successful in Glasgow for areas of key priority in the city. In the development year we will develop a process for receiving and prioritising requests for research support.

4 Governance and Management Structures

4.1 The GHDRC will report into the existing Public Health Oversight Group (PHOG) ensuring it is well embedded into the Council and key partners existing structures and processes, notably the Community Planning Partnership, since the PHOG itself reports to the Community Planning Strategic Partnership.

5 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial:

Legal:

Personnel:

Procurement:

Council Strategic Plan: The Council's Grand Challenge Mission to 'end child poverty using early intervention to support families' is the Glasgow HDRC driver.

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021-25? Please specify.	It is intended the work of the Glasgow HDRC will provide data, evidence and research which will support decision making that will result in improved health equality for citizens.
What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?	positive impact
Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio-	It is intended the work of the Glasgow HDCR will provide data, evidence and research which will support decision making that will result in improved health outcomes for citizens.

economic disadvantage.

Climate Impacts:

Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify:

What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?

Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target?

Privacy and Data Protection Impacts: N

Are there any potential data protection impacts as a result of this report Y/N

If Yes, please confirm that a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) has been carried out

6 Recommendations

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