

**Child poverty programme – Investing in Calton (Ward 9) - Clyde Gateway Urban Regeneration Company - Whole Family Early Intervention Funding approved - Declaration of interest.**

**3** Councillor Bell, Depute Leader of the Council, City Treasurer and City Convener for Financial Inclusion, presented a report regarding the proposed commitment and investment of £1.2m from the Whole Family Early Intervention Fund (WFEIF) to Clyde Gateway Urban Regeneration Company (CGURC), advising

- (1) that 3 wards, namely Southside Central (Ward 8), Calton (Ward 9) and Govan (Ward 5) had been identified to pilot the Demonstration of Change (DOC) initiative which aimed to tackle poverty, improve long-term outcomes for families and provide a comprehensive, person-centred approach to early intervention, employment support and overall community wellbeing;
- (2) that the intention was to build any potential solution or system change on the infrastructure of what already existed, and that this change approach had ensured that the voice of local people was absorbed into the reflections and analysis of what needed to be done differently;
- (3) of the key learning to emerge from the child poverty programme and of the approach adopted in the city to implement a series of 3 DOCs to ensure that the voices of local residents shaped the programme's delivery, as detailed in the report;
- (4) of the significant development work that had been carried out over the last year to prepare for the implementation of phase 1 of the Calton DOC;
- (5) that the WFEIF had a total of £22.1m and based on identified need and to support the delivery of the Calton DOC, as detailed in the report, it was proposed that the £1.2m of funding from the WFEIF be allocated to the CGURC and, as a Special Purpose Vehicle established to deliver on behalf of the Council and other partners, the CGURC would be able to drive the delivery of the DOC for the Calton Ward, ensuring the programme's successful implementation and long-term impact;
- (6) that activity was well underway in preparation for full programme delivery from April 2025, with a number of small tests of change having commenced to inform future delivery, as detailed in the report; and
- (7) of the monitoring and evaluation process for the Calton DOC.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) endorsed and supported the work undertaken to date, particularly the development of the community-driven action plan;
- (b) approved an allocation of £1.2m to Clyde Gateway Urban Regeneration Company to deliver the Calton Ward Demonstration of Change, as detailed in the report; and

- (c) noted that the work was now ready to move into the implementation phase, with a clear costed programme and community-backed approach in place.

In terms of Standing Order No 27, Councillors Greg Hepburn and Cecilia O'Lone declared an interest in this item of business and left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.