

CITY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 16th January 2025.

City Administration Committee.

Present: Susan Aitken (Chair), Saqib Ahmed, Richard Bell, Jill Brown, Allan Casey, Annette Christie, Chris Cunningham, Laura Doherty (substitute for Christina Cannon), Greg Hepburn, Ruairi Kelly, Thomas Kerr, Frank McAveety, Elaine McDougall, Anne McTaggart, Angus Millar, Jon Molyneux, Robert Mooney, Jill Pidgeon, George Redmond, Lana Reid-McConnell, Soryia Siddique, Kieran Turner (substitute for Cecilia O'Lone) and Martha Wardrop.

Apologies: Christina Cannon and Cecilia O'Lone.

Attending: E Rodger (Clerk); S Millar, Chief Executive; D Hutchison, Executive Director of Education Services; G Gilliespie, Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; M Johnston, Director of Financial and Business Services; C Edgar, Director of Communication and Corporate Governance; M Millar, Director of Legal and Administration; K Rush, Director of Regional Economic Growth; and P Togher, Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

Citizens Theatre Redevelopment Project (Ward 8) – Release of funding approved.

1 With reference to the minutes of 20th June 2024 (Print 3, page 84) approving, in principle an additional £2m of grant funding to the Citizens Theatre (Ward 8) towards its redevelopment project, in addition to the £6m already accounted for in the Council's capital planning, subject to other funders also contributing additional capital, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the proposed release of the monies, advising that

- (1) the Citizens Theatre was a category B listed building owned by the Council and leased to the Citizens Theatre Ltd and the redevelopment and restoration of the building would secure it as an essential theatrical, creative and cultural hub for the city and local communities;
- (2) to protect the Council from the risk of providing the Citizens Theatre with an additional £2m of grant funding and the project still being unable to be completed, 2 conditions, as detailed in the report required to be met before the funding would be disbursed or released;
- (3) one of the conditions of the additional £2m of grant funding was that there would be a full funding package in place and the Scottish Government had

now made a commitment to fund an additional £8m for the redevelopment project which had closed the funding gap substantially;

- (4) the other condition in relation to the additional £2m of grant funding was that a commercial cost to completion was agreed between the contractor Kier and the Citizens Theatre Ltd, this had now been done and Kier continued to competently progress the work on site and all the works that formed part of the agreement had been completed, which would enable the Citizens Theatre Ltd to move into the building on the 20th January 2025;
- (5) that although the cost to completion had now been agreed, there was still a funding gap, however as the risk which the 2 additional conditions of the grant funding had been designed to mitigate against had now been extinguished, it was proposed that the £2m of additional funding to the Citizens Theatre Ltd now be disbursed; and
- (6) the responsibility for filling the remaining funding gap rests with the Citizens Theatre Ltd, however officers would continue to assist them in their efforts to fill the remaining funding gap and make good on the commercial agreement that had been established with Keir.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted the progress on the redevelopment of the project; and
- (b) approved the disbursement of the additional £2m grant funding, as detailed in the report.