

CITY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 4th December 2025.

City Administration Committee.

Present: Susan Aitken (Chair), James Adams, Saquib Ahmed (substitute for Elaine McDougall for item 1 only), Blair Anderson (substitute for Lana Reid-McConnell for item 1 only), Alexander Belic (substitute for Ruairi Kelly for item 1 only), Richard Bell, Christina Cannon, Anthony Carroll (substitute for Martha Wardrop for item 1 only), John Carson, Annette Christie, John Daly, Laura Doherty (substitute for Chris Cunningham), Sharon Greer (substitute for Rashid Hussain for item 1 only), Greg Hepburn, Rashid Hussain, Ruairi Kelly, Norman MacLeod (substitute for Allan Casey), Elaine McDougall, Anne McTaggart, Jon Molyneux, Robert Mooney, Angus Millar, Eva Murray (substitute for Jill Brown), Jill Pidgeon (substitute for Cecilia O'Lone), Lana Reid-McConnell, Soryia Siddique, Catherine Vallis and Martha Wardrop.

Apologies: Jill Brown, Allan Casey, Chris Cunningham and Cecilia O'Lone.

Attending: E Rodger (Clerk); S Millar, Chief Executive; R Emmott, Executive Director of Financial Services; G Gillespie, Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; J McGhee, Interim Executive Director of Education Services; C Edgar, Director of Communication and Corporate Governance; M Millar, Director of Legal and Administration; K Rush, Director of Regional Economic Growth; and C Gowan (for the Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership).

Glasgow Communities Fund phase 3 – Allocation of funding approved, after division – Declarations of interest.

1 With reference to the minutes of 4th December 2024 (Print 6, page 39) approving the approach for the application process for the Glasgow Communities Fund phase 3 (GCF3), Councillor McTaggart, City Convener for Communities and Equalities, presented a report regarding the proposed grant awards and budget allocations for the Glasgow Communities Fund phase 3, advising

- (1) that the Glasgow Communities Fund, phase 2 was in the final year of the 3 year programme and the fund provided almost £16m annually in grant funding to 217 third sector organisations, supporting the delivery of a diverse programme of service provision across the city;
- (2) of the application and assessment process, including the scoring framework for funding from the GCF3;

- (3) that it was proposed that 5 organisations, as detailed in report which had received funding from the GCF2 be offered funding for 2026/27 only, based on their 2025/26 funding levels, at a total cost of £453,713 to support the continuity of service provision with the organisations being invited to seek engagement with the city-wide Glasgow Futures programme;
- (4) that the cost of supporting the 188 organisations identified as a GCF3 funding priority on the basis of the eligible costs applied, totalled £70,517,537, which far exceeded the available budget and the Oversight Group had considered the option of only funding applications identified as a high funding priority, with an applied ranking of 1-3, which reduced the number of applicants to be supported to 117, however, this was considered to be detrimental to the city, as it would result in the potential loss of service provision within many communities;
- (5) of the proposed funding formula to be used which would enable funding for 193 organisations in 2026/27 and 188 organisations in 2027/28 to 2028/29, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (6) of the applications which, following assessment, were not recommended for funding, as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report;
- (7) of the Equalities Impact Assessment of the GCF 3 process, as detailed in the report;
- (8) that grant offers and standard conditions of funding would be issued to successful applicants in December 2025 and unsuccessful applicants would be given formal confirmation of the outcome of their application, with feedback being provided on their application assessment early in 2026; and
- (9) that the GCF3 performance management framework would be reviewed in collaboration with a focus group of GCF3 funded organisations and in collaboration with the GCF3 Oversight Group, with this process starting in January 2026 and a Grant Management System would also be implemented in January 2026.

Bailie McTaggart, seconded by Councillor Cannon, moved that the committee

- (a) note
 - (i) the application process and the assessment framework supporting the GCF3 recommendations; and
 - (ii) the applications not recommended for funding as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report; and
- (b) approve the GCF3 programme of recommendations, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;

- (c) recognises that the funding Glasgow has available to support the Third Sector is a consequence of UK and Scottish Government budget decisions and that with Third Sector organisations experiencing the same cost pressures as people and organisations across the wider economy, there are material risks to organisations' ability to deliver in response to growing need. Therefore, agrees to initiate a strategic review within the lifetime of GCF3 involving all relevant partners, including Governments, to make sure that all available resources are maximised and are targeted most effectively in line with Glasgow's priorities, and that this should specifically include consideration of extending the ringfenced funding approach, as used for financial inclusion, to other areas, such as city-wide equalities organisations; and
- (d) agree in terms of Standing Order No 30 (7), that this decision would not be subject to the call-in process for the reasons set out in the report.

Councillor Carson, seconded by Bailie Murray, moved as an amendment that the committee

- (a) note
 - (i) the application process and the assessment framework supporting the GCF3 recommendations; and
 - (ii) the applications not recommended for funding as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report; and
- (b) approve the GCF3 programme of recommendations, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report; and
- (c) agree
 - (i) that the Chief Executive office coordinate talks with the Scottish Government to discuss the funding situation for the third sector in the largest city in Scotland and what they can do to support charities who were unsuccessful and some of whom will be facing an existential threat due to the their unsuccessful bids for funding, including representatives from third sector organisations who are facing an existential funding threat; and
 - (ii) in terms of Standing Order No 30 (7), that this decision would not be subject to the call-in process for the reasons set out in the report.

On a vote being taken by calling the roll, 9 members voted for the amendment and 14 for the motion, which was accordingly declared to be carried.

In terms of Standing Order No 27

- (i) Councillor Hussain declared an interest;
- (ii) Councillor Kelly declared an interest in relation to St Paul's Youth Forum;

- (iii) Councillor McDougall declared an interest;
- (iv) Councillor Reid-McConnell declared an interest; and
- (v) Bailie Wardrop declared an interest.

Councillor Bell noted an interest in relation to the Pearce Institute; and

Councillor Laura Doherty noted an interest in relation to the Glasgow East Arts Company.