

Govan Ward Demonstration of Change - Child Poverty Programme – Allocation of funding approved.

2 With reference to the minutes of 20th June 2024 (Print 3, page 80) approving the creation of a Whole Family Early Intervention Fund (WFEIF) to align the use of specific financial allocations, and the governance arrangements for the Fund, Councillor Bell, Depute Leader of the Council, City Treasurer and City Convener for Financial Inclusion presented a report seeking approval for the commitment of £796,000 from the WFEIF to Govan HELP to act as lead partner to deliver the Govan Ward Demonstration of Change (DoC) as part of the Child Poverty Programme over a 2-year period from 1st June 2026 to May 2028, advising

- (1) that as part of a citywide effort to reduce child poverty, 4 wards namely Calton, Drumchapel, Southside Central and Govan had been identified to pilot the DoC's initiative and that Govan HELP was being proposed to act as lead partner for a place-based, multi-agency initiative designed to tackle child poverty and improve long-term outcomes for families;
- (2) of the evidence that had been gathered based on data, strategic barriers, financial inclusion support, community cohesion and system failure, which would assist in informing the DoC, as detailed in the report;
- (3) that community engagement had been central to the development of the DoC and that the insight gathered had underpinned the programme's whole family approach;
- (4) of the role expected from the lead partner of the Govan DoC as detailed in the report, and of the application and scoring process which had resulted in the unanimous agreement for Govan HELP to act as lead partner and to be allocated a grant award from the WFEIF to deliver the DoC over a 2-year period;
- (5) of how the funding would be administered to Govan HELP to drive the delivery of the DoC for Govan Ward who would subsequently administer funding to community organisations under the governance arrangements that had been reviewed by the Financial Inclusion and Transformation Team who had been satisfied with the measures that had been put in place;
- (6) of the plans for delivery of Phase 1 of the programme following Govan HELP's grant application which had set out the development of a comprehensive plan that directly addressed the needs and barriers that families faced in accessing support services, as detailed in the report; and
- (7) of the aims of the Monitoring and Evaluation Group which would be established with representation from Govan HELP, the Child Poverty Team and performance monitoring colleagues, and that a combination of monitoring reports providing updates on progress and key Public Service Reform insights would be reported through the Council's public service reform governance structures and Glasgow Community Planning Partnership as required.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) endorsed and supported the work undertaken to date;
- (b) approved the allocation of £796,000 to Govan HELP to deliver the Govan Ward DoC; and
- (c) noted that work was now ready to move into the implementation phase, with a clear costed programme and community-backed approach in place.