

Glasgow City Heritage Trust and Glasgow Building Preservation Trust – Funding approved.

3 Councillor Kelly, City Convener for Housing, Development, Built Heritage and Land Use, presented a report regarding proposed funding for the Glasgow City Heritage Trust (GCHT) and the Glasgow Building Preservation Trust (GBPT) for the financial year 2026/27, advising

- (1) that Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) provided direct funding to GCHT and GBPT, with these 2 heritage organisations aiming to preserve, enhance and celebrate the city's historic environment and that both organisations had been identified as key contributors to the proposed Built Heritage Commission;
- (2) of the work of the GCHT which was an independent charity established in 2007 that delivered a city-wide grant programme to facilitate owners to restore the city's built heritage at risk and also provided a variety of outreach and heritage skills training programmes;
- (3) of the work of the GBPT which was an independent award-winning charity established in 1982 with a remit to address market failure by redeveloping historic buildings no one else could and reaching out to communities often left behind by traditional heritage approaches;
- (4) that NRS had provided £50,000 of core funding and £190,000 of grant funding to GCHT annually, which was in line with the Council's commitment to provide contributory funding to GCHT to augment Historic Environment Scotland's (HES) contribution of £848,000 of funding for 2025/26 and HES had confirmed support for 5 years from 2026-31 with a similar or enhanced contribution; and
- (5) GBPT had received funding of £50,000 annually from NRS to support core running costs and project development.

After consideration, the committee approved £240,000 of funding for the Glasgow City Heritage Trust and £50,000 of funding for the Glasgow Building Preservation Trust for the financial year 2026/27.

Councillor Cunningham and Councillor Molyneux noted their interest in this item.