

Glasgow Low Emission Zone – Community Support Fund – Update noted etc.

2 With reference to the minutes of the 23rd September 2025 (Print 4, page 91) noting the Glasgow Low Emission Zone (LEZ) annual report for 2024/25, which detailed the financial reporting in terms of the income from penalty charge notices and expenditure incurred in the operation of the LEZ enforcement system, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, advising

- (1) that legislation required that any income received through the enforcement of LEZ be firstly allocated to the costs of operating the scheme, with any residual revenue being allocated to facilitating the achievement of the scheme's objectives, as detailed in the report;
- (2) that the Council budget for 2024/25 directed that £250k of 2023/24 LEZ revenues be allocated to a fund for community organisations to advance projects that supported the objectives of the LEZ, this funding forming the basis for the LEZ Community Support Fund;
- (3) that the Council budget for 2025/26 directed that a further £250k of the 2023/24 LEZ revenue, held for operational contingency, be allocated to the Fund together with £232k of 2024/25 revenues giving a total of £732k for the Fund being available for distribution of successful projects;
- (4) that the Fund had been designed to maximise the environmental, health, social and community benefits of the LEZ, and to allow for funding to be provided to groups and organisations that could deliver complementary projects across the city and to maximize the potential benefits, project support between the value of £20,000 and £50,000 per project had been allocated;
- (5) that the Fund was extensively promoted through the Council's social media, a press release and direct contact with relevant groups and organisations with the initial round of the Fund having opened for applications in December 2024 and closing in January 2025;
- (6) that 18 projects, totalling £620,409 were approved for funding by the Council in the initial round with funds distributed in May 2025, as detailed in the Appendix A of the report;
- (7) that the remaining £111,591 was the subject of a further funding round which opened for applications in September 2025 and closed in October 2025;
- (8) that 4 projects, totalling £111,591, were approved for funding under delegated authority by the Climate and Sustainability Board which were distributed in February 2026, as detailed in Appendix B; and
- (9) of the progress of the projects together with the next steps, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee noted

- (a) the report;
- (b) the progress of projects funded from the first and second round of the LEZ Community Support Fund; and
- (c) the requirement for final reporting of the use of the LEZ income within the statutory annual Low Emission Zone progress report.