

CITY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 3rd September 2026.

City Administration Committee.

Present: Susan Aitken (Chair), Imran Alam (substitute for Soryia Siddique), Richard Bell, James Adams, Jill Brown, Christina Cannon, Anthony Carroll, Allan Casey, Annette Christie, John Daly, Stephen Docherty, Greg Hepburn, Rashid Hussain, Ruairi Kelly, Paul Leinster (substitute for Paul Leinster), Elaine McDougall, Anne McTaggart, Angus Millar, Cecilia O'Lone, Jill Pidgeon (substitute for Robert Mooney), Lana Reid-McConnell and Catherine Vallis.

Apologies: Chris Cunningham, Robert Mooney and Soryia Siddique.

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

People's Palace and Winter Garden Refurbishment - Funding approved.

1 With reference to the minutes of 17th August 2023 (Print 3, page 41) approving submission of a Stage 1 (Development Phase) application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) for the project to restore and enhance the People's Place and Winter Garden, there was presented a report by Bailie Christie, City Convenor for Culture, Sport and International Relations providing an update on the proposals from August 2023 to date, advising

- (1) that the NLHF application had been successful, awarding a development phase grant of £850,000;
- (2) of the key dates and activity during the Development Phase, as detailed in the report;
- (2) that the positive outcome of the mid-term review with NLHF had enabled the submission of a full Stage 2 (Delivery Phase) funding application in May 2026, with a decision to be made at the NLHF Board in September 2026;
- (3) in addition to funding contributions from this Council, Glasgow Life and the NLHF, a further £2.8m funding had been secured by Glasgow Life from a

capital fundraising campaign which had totalled £19.55m being secured to date, with further funding opportunities continuing to be explored;

- (4) that following an announcement by the First Minister in April 2026, a commitment to deliver support for the The People's Palace and Winter Garden within the first 100 days was made and that the Scottish Government had established a Partnership Group, announcing funding of up to £14m to support Glasgow reopen the People's Palace and Winter Garden;
- (5) of the project objectives, deliverables and drawings which had been informed by community and stakeholder engagement, by Council strategy and funder interests, as detailed in the report;
- (6) that subject to securing all the relevant approvals, including the NLHF funding in September 2026, it was intended that the works would follow the updated headline programme, moving the project beyond its estimated completion date of Autumn 2027; and
- (7) of the project funding model, business plan, future operations and costs that included a cost exercise undertaken at the end of RIBA stage 3 resulting in the project cost being increased from the initial estimate of £35.9m to £50.86m, of which £7.57m was for inflation;
- (8) that to date a total of £33.55m had been secured; and
- (9) of proposals for this Council to provide an additional £5m in capital funding towards the delivery of the proposed development .

After consideration, the committee

- (a) approved £5m of Glasgow City Council capital investment required to deliver the proposed development; and
- (b) noted
 - (i) the report;
 - (ii) the approach to Community engagement informing current building proposals, approach to museum displays and future programming;
 - (ii) the submission of a Stage 2 application to National Lottery Heritage Fund at the end of May 2026 and its decision-making Board in September 2026; and
 - (iv) the commitment from the Scottish Government of up to £14m to support the project.