

Legacy funding for the former McVitie's factory in Tollcross (Ward 19) – Funding proposals approved.

2 With reference to the minutes of 16th January 2025 (Print 6, page 47) agreeing to accept a donation of £1m following the closure of the McVitie's factory on Tollcross Road (Ward 19) in 2022, from the owners of the factory Pladis, there was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance providing recommendations for the allocation of the £1m donation to the Council, advising

- (1) that the former factory had been situated within Ward 19 Shettleston but very close to the boundary of Ward 9 Calton therefore members of both Area Partnerships had been invited to consider and input into, and consult their communities on funding proposals;
- (2) that the Council had been clear that further supporting the existing work to address the employability and health challenges in the geographical area was part of a long-term commitment to reducing child and family poverty which was the best use of the donation and that learning from this work would also be central to achieving improvement to the systems needed to support those in poverty;
- (3) that a consistent approach to the extensive partnership working had already taken place in the area to deliver on the Council and Community Planning Partnership's early intervention and prevention priorities, as described in Grand Challenge One of the 2022-27 Strategic Plan and the 2024-2034 Local Outcome Improvement Plan;
- (4) that there had been extensive community engagement in recent years across the east end of Glasgow, specifically in Shettleston and Calton, including the Shaping Shettleston Local Plan and the Child Poverty Programme's Demonstration of Change in the Calton ward and the online survey conducted to gather views from local people and organisations regarding the allocation of funding;
- (5) that at the end of the Area Partnership meetings on 6th March 2026, 4 proposals had been endorsed for funding; and
- (6) of a summary of the proposals and proposed funding allocations, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted the process undertaken to develop proposals that addressed community views, the strategic objectives of the Council and the corporate social responsibilities of Pladis; and
- (b) approved the proposals as detailed in sections 5 and 6 of the report.