

Tackling Poverty Fund 2024/25 – Proposals approved.

2 With reference to the minutes of 21st March 2024 (Print 1, page 37) approving the proposed use of the Tackling Poverty Fund 2024/25, Councillor Bell, Depute Leader of the Council, City Treasurer and City Convener for Financial Inclusion, presented a report on the matter, advising

- (1) of the initiatives for the use of the fund which had been updated to include the current operational status, as detailed in Appendix A to the report;
- (2) that to support families where there was a child with a disability, it was proposed that £37,500 of funding be allocated to DIFFERabled which provided advice and support to families whose child might have an undiagnosed neuro divergent condition and that £37,500 of funding also be allocated to One Parent Families Scotland which offered support to address the immediate situation of crisis faced by lone parents whilst waiting for the outcome of benefit claims for a child with complex needs; and
- (3) that within the Cost-of-Living Crisis process, the Chief Executive together with the Executive Director of Finance had delegated authority to deal with urgent applications and to ensure that families could be effectively supported as they prepared for their return to school and that they had granted £50,000 of funding to ApparelXchange (in partnership with Merry-Go-Round Glasgow) which provided free pre-loved clothing up to the value of £100 per child for families in need of assistance.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) approved £37,500 of funding each to DIFFERabled and One Parent Families Scotland; and
- (b) noted
 - (i) the updated programme of the projects funded from the Tackling Poverty Fund 2024/25, as detailed in Appendix A to the report; and
 - (ii) the allocation of £50,000 of funding to ApparelXchange from the Tackling Poverty Fund 2024/25.