CITY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 25th January 2024.

City Administration Committee.

Present: Richard Bell (Chair), Saqib Ahmed, Christina Cannon, Annette Christie, Chris Cunningham, Laura Doherty (substitute for Allan Casey), Greg Hepburn, Ruairi Kelly, Thomas Kerr, Frank McAveety, Kenny McLean, Anne McTaggart (substitute for Susan Aitken), Angus Millar, Jon Molyneux, Cecilia O'Lone, Keiran O'Neill (substitute for Jill Brown), Jill Pidgeon, George Redmond, Lana Reid-McConnell, Soryia Siddique and Martha Wardrop.

Also present: Ann Jenkins.

Apologies: Susan Aitken, Jill Brown and Allan Casey.

Attending: M Hughes (Clerk); M Booth, Executive Director of Finance; D Hutchison, Executive Director of Education Services: G Gillespie, Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; I Robertson, Director of City Development; C Edgar, Director of Communication and Corporate Governance; M Millar, Director of Legal and Administration; A Eccles (for the Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership); and D Dornan (for the Chief Executive, Glasgow Life).

Financial Inclusion – Ring-fenced monies – Funding approved – Declarations of interest.

1 With reference to the minutes of 17th November 2022 (Print 4, page 447) approving a contribution of grant awards of £2,182,723 for 2023/24 to Glasgow Advice and Information Network (GAIN) organisations, Councillor Bell, City Treasurer and City Convener for Financial Inclusion, presented a report regarding a proposed continuation of grant awards for 2024/25 to GAIN organisations, advising

(1) that as part of the review of Financial Inclusion Services, the share of funding previously allocated to GAIN organisations from the Glasgow Community Fund (GCF) for financial inclusion and legal support had been ring-fenced and had been removed entirely from the GCF budget and administered separately;

(2) that by ring-fencing funds for financial inclusion support to GAIN organisations, £6,548,169 of funding would be available to deliver a financial inclusion programme over 3 years from 1st April 2023 until 31st March 2026;

(3) that Officers from the Council's Financial Inclusion and Transformational Team had been working with GAIN organisations on a new approach to funding and as part of this, a representative from GAIN had been seconded into the Council's Child Poverty Pathfinder Multi-Disciplinary Team;

(4) that it was proposed that the current GCF awards to GAIN organisations be continued for another year from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025, with the option to extend if required, as detailed in the report; and

(5) that the continued funding awards to GAIN organisations from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025 would be subject to the Council being satisfied that all applicable Standard Conditions of Funding in 2023/24 had been adhered to and the initial grant payment would be subject to the submission of a satisfactory Funding Proposal Form including financial plans, programme outcomes and a Funding Acceptance Form.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted the report; and

(b) approved the continuation of grant awards to Glasgow Advice and Information Network organisations totalling £2,182,723 from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

In terms of Standing Order No 27, Councillors Kelly and McTaggart declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.