



**Glasgow City Council**  
**City Administration Committee**

**Item 7**

20th June 2024

**Report by Councillor Ruairi Kelly, City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets**

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**PROPOSED CHANGE TO PREVIOUSLY APPROVED GRANT FUNDED PROJECT – POSSILPARK PEOPLE’S TRUST COMMUNITY HUB**

**Purpose of Report:**

- To inform committee of progress being made by Possilpark People’s Trust to develop a new community hub facility at 130 Denmark Street, Glasgow.
- To advise of a change in approach to this project.
- To seek approval to re-commit the Council’s capital contribution of up to £1.4m for this project.

**Recommendations:**

The City Administration Committee is asked to:

- note the recent activity and context within which the project has continued to be developed;
- approve the original grant funding of up to £1.4m remains available for the new project scope

Ward No(s): Canal

Citywide:

Local member(s) advised: Yes ✓ No  consulted: Yes  No

## 1 Background

- 1.1. On 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021, the City Administration Committee considered a request for grant funding of up to £1.4m (from the Council's Community Hubs Capital Fund) to be allocated to Possilpark People's Trust for the construction of a new Community Hub facility that was in development. The request was approved at this committee.
- 1.2. Subsequent to the aforementioned approval, final design development was completed, and the project was put out to tender.
- 1.3. Regrettably, the final landed tender costs indicated a project that was not affordable within the envelope of funding that had been secured at that point, and the contract was unable to be awarded.
- 1.4. Efforts were then undertaken to both reduce the overall cost of the project (by a value engineering exercise), whilst trying to identify additional funding that may have been able to fill the funding gap.
- 1.5. Despite these efforts, the project remained undeliverable within the secured funding available.
- 1.6. At that point, it was suggested that rather than continue to engineer the original project and look for additional funding, a project should be developed that could be delivered within the available funding. This would mean abandoning plans to demolish the existing building and construct a new hub, and focus on refurbishing and re-purposing the existing building.

## 2. Current Position

- 2.1. Possilpark People's Trust, along with their delivery partner HubWest have worked to develop a new proposal in line with the above and now have a refurbishment/repurposing option that they believe is deliverable within an affordability cap of £3,569,991
- 2.2. The table below illustrates the current funding schedule:

<b>Funder</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Status</b>
Glasgow City Council	£1,400,000	TBC
Scottish Government (RCGF)	£1,500,000	secured
Robertson Trust	£75,000	secured
Garfield trust	£200,000	secured
Cloth Workers Fund	£125,000	secured
Additional RCGF	£182,445	secured
<b>Capital project funding</b>	<b>£3,482,445</b>	
Scottish Government - Asset Transfer of Possilpoint	£110,000	secured
<b>Total Funding Grant</b>	<b>£3,592,445</b>	

- 2.3. As demonstrated in the above table, a total funding package of £3,592,445 would be able to deliver the new refurbishment/repurposing project, however, would be contingent on GCC re-committing to the provision of their funding despite the change of scope for the project.
- 2.4. Other funders have already agreed to committing their funding to the new project, including RCGF funding from Scottish Government.
- 2.5. Despite the disappointment of being unable to deliver their aspirational new-build community hub, the Trust remains committed to delivering the outcomes contained in the original proposal and believe this remains possible in a refurbished/repurposed existing building.
- 2.6. Committee is being asked to approve that the funding that was originally committed to Possilpark People's Trust for the construction of a new Community Hub facility will remain available to the Trust to deliver their alternative project, on the basis that the outcomes achieved remain the same.
- 2.7. The Trust will also be required to submit an updated Community Asset Transfer request to reflect the change in project since the original request (which was for the construction of a new Community Hub) was approved. This will be considered in line with the Council's policy on CAT requests.

### 3 Policy and Resource Implications

#### Resource Implications:

*Financial:* No impact – this funding has already been approved for an alternative version of this project.

*Legal:* A grant agreement will require to be entered into to reflect the new project. In addition the RCGF grant agreement between the Council and the Trust will require to be updated, as will the grant award documentation between Scottish Government and the Council.

*Personnel:* No impact.

*Procurement:* N/A

**Council Strategic Plan:** The request in this report supports the following Grand Challenges and Missions:

Grand Challenge 1 Mission 4 – Support Glasgow to be a city that is active and culturally vibrant

Grand Challenge 3 Mission 2 – Become a net zero city by 2030

**Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:**

*Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021-25? Please specify.*

The request in this paper has no direct impact in this category, however, the project itself supports the Council's Equality Outcomes by making this asset more accessible.

*What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?*

*Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio-economic disadvantage.*

**Climate Impacts:**

*Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify:*

The request in this paper has no direct impact in this category, however, the project itself supports the Council's Climate Plan by reducing energy consumption in the asset, and improving its environmental performance.

*What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?*

*Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target?*

**Privacy and Data Protection Impacts:**

No impact

Are there any potential data protection impacts as a result of this report  
Y/N

If Yes, please confirm that a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) has been carried out

#### **4 Recommendations**

The City Administration Committee is asked to:

- note the recent activity and context within which the project has continued to be developed;
- approve the grant funding of up to £1.4m originally committed to Possilpark People's Trust for the construction of a new Community Hub facility will remain available to the Trust to deliver their alternative project.