

Possilpark People's Trust (Ward 16) – Construction of community hub – Award of grant approved.

7 With reference to the minutes of 3rd June 2021 (Print 2, page 92) approving a grant award of up to £1.4m from the Community Hubs Capital fund to Possilpark People's Trust for the construction of a new community hub, Councillor Kelly, City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets, presented a report regarding the progress of the development of the community hub, advising

- (1) that the Trust proposed to construct a new-build community hub on the sites of Possilpark Community Centre, 130 Demark Street (Ward 16) and the red blaes pitch at Ashfield Street and following the completion of the final design, the project was put out to tender;
- (2) that the final tender costs had indicated that the project was not affordable within the envelope of funding secured and as a result the contract was unable to be awarded;
- (3) that efforts were undertaken to reduce the overall cost of the project whilst trying to identify additional funding, however despite those efforts, the project remained undeliverable and it was then suggested that the project be developed and delivered within the available funding;
- (4) that Possilpark People's Trust, along with its delivery partner Hubwest had developed a new proposal which was a refurbishment/repurposing option which they believed was deliverable within an affordability cap of £3,569,991; and
- (5) of the total funding package for the project which totalled £3,592,445 and that as the other funders had already agreed to committing their funding to the new project, it would be contingent on the Council re-committing its £1.4m of funding despite the change of scope for the project.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted the recent activity and context within which the project has continued to be developed; and
- (b) agreed that the original grant funding of up to £1.4m to Possilpark People's Trust remained available for the new project scope.