

CITY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 27th March 2025.

City Administration Committee.

Present: Susan Aitken (Chair), Saqib Ahmed, Richard Bell, Jill Brown, Bill Butler (substitute for Frank McAveety), Christina Cannon, Allan Casey, Annette Christie, Chris Cunningham, John Daly, Greg Hepburn, Ruairi Kelly, Paul Leinster (substitute for Angus Millar from item 2 onwards); Elaine McDougall, Anne McTaggart, Angus Millar, Jon Molyneux, Robert Mooney, Cecilia O'Lone, Jill Pidgeon, George Redmond, Lana Reid-McConnell, Soryia Siddique and Martha Wardrop.

Apology: Frank McAveety.

Attending: E Rodger (Clerk); S Millar, Chief Executive; D Hutchison, Executive Director of Education Services; G Gillespie, Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; C Edgar, Director of Communication and Corporate Governance; M Johnston, Director of Financial and Business Services; M Millar, Director of Legal and Administration; and P Togher, Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

Glasgow Low Emission Zone Community Support Fund – Funding approved - Authority to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability - Declaration of interest.

1 Councillor Millar, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Recovery, presented a report regarding the proposed allocation of funding from the Low Emission Zone (LEZ) fund, advising

- (1) that the Council in 2018, had introduced Scotland's first LEZ which targeted emissions from the bus fleet and required progressive improvements in the number of cleaner buses entering the city centre with the full Glasgow LEZ, which applied to all vehicle types, coming into effect on 31st May 2022, followed by a 1 year grace period before general enforcement of the emissions-based entry conditions began on 1st June 2023;
- (2) that non-compliant vehicles entering the LEZ were subject to penalty charges and legislation required that any income received through enforcement of the LEZ was firstly allocated to the ongoing costs of operating the scheme with any residual revenue being allocated to facilitating (directly or indirectly) the achievement of the scheme's objectives, as detailed in the report;
- (3) that the Council on 16th February 2023 (Print 6, page 577) had approved the allocation of £250,000 of the 2023/24 LEZ revenues for funding for community organisations to advance projects which supported the objectives of the LEZ

and this funding formed the basis for the LEZ Community Support Fund which would enable funding of between £20,000 to £50,000 per project being allocated to groups and organisations to deliver complementary projects across the city, as detailed in the report;

- (4) that applications for funding from the LEZ Community Support Fund had opened on 2nd December 2024, with a closing date of 31st January 2025 and the fund was significantly over-subscribed, with 61 applications being received and as a result, 2 rounds of initial screening of applications were conducted by officers within Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability which resulted in 22 applications being progressed for assessment, as detailed in the report;
- (5) that the Council on 20th February 2025 (Print 7, page 7) approved the 2025/26 budget and agreed that a further £235,000 of LEZ revenues from the 2024/25 financial year be directed to the LEZ Community Support Fund and that £247,000 from the 2023/24 financial year be allocated for this purpose in addition to the £250,000 of LEZ revenues from the 2023/24 financial year, making a total of £732,000 of funding available for the fund and it was proposed that these monies be allocated to the projects, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;
- (6) that it was proposed that a further round of LEZ Community Support Fund applications be opened for the remaining funds from this year's allocation, with the same evaluation process being used and that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability be authorised to determine and approve any further applications for LEZ Community Support, as detailed in the report; and
- (7) of the next steps.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) approved
 - (i) the recommendations for funding from the LEZ Community Support Fund assessment panel and the Climate and Sustainability Board; and
 - (ii) the allocation of £247,000 from the 2023/24 financial year to the fund;
- (b) agreed to the disbursement of any remaining and future LEZ Community Support Fund budget and authorised the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to determine and approve further LEZ Community Support Fund applications. having regard to recommendations made by the Climate and Sustainability Board; and
- (c) noted the proposed timeline and process for awarding funds and completing projects.

In terms of Standing Order No 27, Councillor Lana Reid-McConnell declared an interest in this item of business and left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.