



Glasgow City Council

City Administration Committee

Item 3

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**Report by Councillor Richard Bell, Depute Leader of the Council,
City Treasurer and City Convener for Financial Inclusion**

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**FINANCIAL INCLUSION AND TRANSFORMATION TEAM
BUDGET ALLOCATION 2025/26**

Purpose of Report:

To provide details to Elected Members on how the Revenue Investment allocation 2025/26 to Financial Inclusion & Transformation Team (FITT) is being administered and how its impact will be assessed.

Recommendations:

- It is recommended that Committee note the content of this report.
- Approves the proposed use of the revenue allocation outlined at section 3.4 (Table 1)
- Notes the report detailing the impact of the revenue allocation will be brought back to this Committee annually

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

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

1 Purpose of the report

To provide details to Elected Members on how the Revenue Investment allocation 2025/26 to Financial Inclusion & Transformation Team (FITT) is being administered and how its impact will be assessed.

2 Background to the allocation of budget

- 2.1 This report is set in the context of public service reform that requires effective partnership working across agencies and sectors and the scale of change within the children's system and within the city post covid is immense. Fundamentally, the desire is to move the whole system incrementally towards prevention and intervention in line with the aspirations of the Christie Commission. This will be both challenging and complex but will be crucial in removing future financial pressures away from the public sector and the public 'purse.'
- 2.2 In the [Council budget for 25/26](#), the Council agreed that child poverty was the most acute challenge currently facing Glasgow and that a collective effort was required to meet this challenge head on.
- 2.3 The Council also agreed that supporting the families, households and communities most vulnerable to the effects of child poverty was an urgent organisational priority.
- 2.4 An amount of £510,000 was allocated to the FITT for administration as detailed below. It is proposed that this fund is administered between several third-sector organisations with a contribution to GCC Customer and Business Services (CBS).
- 2.5 Full Council agreed to; continue Financial Inclusion in Schools Project. This investment will continue to fund the service in its current model, supporting 50 schools across the city. This provides a fully comprehensive service including translation costs, full marketing services, dedicated resource within CBS education grants team to support fast-tracking of applications for education grants, and the nine welfare rights officers.
- 2.6 Additionally, a pilot project that refers people in need to local social enterprise partners so they can access clothing packages, including school uniforms, was made permanent.

3 Allocation of the fund

- 3.1 The FIT Team engaged with organisations that represent and provide support to some of our most disadvantaged families and those most affected by child poverty.
- 3.2 Organisations were invited to submit their grant proposals for their projects that covered matters such as,
 - access to welfare advice and benefits,
 - support with energy costs and other debts,
 - provision of preloved clothing.
- 3.3 Organisation's proposals were reviewed, assessed and scored against the

criteria of the programmes and details of those successful organisations are shown in the Table 1 below.

- 3.4 If approved, and to ensure that the funding is allocated as soon as practicable to meet the urgent need of our families, the paperwork will be prepared, and funding authorised immediately following consideration by this committee.
- 3.5 This funding will be granted to organisations for 12 months with an option to extend, to allow for any innovations in data sharing in the FISO project and allow engagement with Education Services in relation to a developing a wider framework linked to recycled school clothing, to ensure the greatest impact in terms of the sustainability agenda.

Table 1

Organisation(s)	Project description	Funding allocated 2025/26
GEMAP Scotland Money Matters CAB Consortium. GCC Customer Business Centre.	Financial Inclusion in Schools Officers (FISO) FISOs provide face to face advice on benefits and money to parents of school age children. The parents can also be referred onto a number of additional services via the new Glasgow Helps service.	£460,000
Apparel Exchange	Pre-Loved Clothing Provide funding for pre-loved clothing to pilot a subsidised scheme for children's clothing	£50,000
Total		£510,000

4 Assessing the impact

- 4.1 The impact of these projects, will be assessed through a robust monitoring framework, agreed with the service providers. Regular meetings will be held with the service providers to discuss progress and any developing issues.
- 4.2 In line with the principles of the Child Poverty Programme services and outcomes will be aligned, where possible, to the 10 booster wards across the city; Calton, Southside Central, Govan, Linn, Drumchapel, Greater Pollok, Garscadden / Scotstounhill, Canal, Springburn / Robroyston and East Centre.
- 4.3 The monitoring framework will record the outcomes from the projects, with case studies that will help demonstrate the impact that the revenue investment has had on our families.
- 4.4 Quarterly financial budget monitoring will also be undertaken by the Financial Inclusion and Transformation Team.
- 4.5 A report on the impact that the funding has made, will be presented back to Council Committee annually.

5 Fair Work Practices

- 5.1 The Organisation shall commit to the criteria set out in the Fair Work Framework

on a proportionate basis. The Organisation must note the importance that the Council places in particular on the requirement to pay all staff the Real Living Wage and to ensure that gender equal pay is in place across the Organisation.

6 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial: The financial resources are covered by agreed budgets.

Legal: None

Personnel: None

Procurement: None

Socio-Economic impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021-25? Please specify. Yes, Outcome 3.

What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report? This project will have a positive impact on addressing socio-economic disadvantages across a range of population groups.

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

Climate Impacts

Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify: Yes. Climate Theme 1 Communication and Community Engagement and Climate Theme 2 Just and Inclusive Place

What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal? No significant impact

Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target, Yes

Privacy and Data

Protection Impacts:

Are there any potential data protection impacts as a result of this report No

7 Recommendations:

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