

Glasgow Communities Fund – Daisy Project and Glasgow Women’s Aid – Interim funding approved.

2 Councillor McTaggart, City Convener for Communities and Equalities, presented a report regarding funding from the Glasgow Communities Fund (GCF) to meet a gap in the provision for services to women and children following the closure of Glasgow East Women’s Aid (GEWA), advising

- (1) that the North East Sector Partnership on 19th January 2023 had awarded £140,146 per annum of funding from the GCF 2023-26 to GEWA to deliver person centred therapeutic support for women who had experienced domestic abuse and exploitation, however in September 2023, officers were advised of management and governance issues within GEWA, which resulted in the Council suspending its GCF funding;
- (2) that during the suspension of GEWA’s service, officers of the Council worked in partnership with the Health and Social Care Partnership and other funders to support the GEWA Board, however at the end of February 2024, the Board had intimated that it had applied to liquidate the organisation and the charity was subsequently dissolved in March 2024;
- (3) of a scoping exercise undertaken to better understand the challenges and demands on existing front line service provision for women in the North East sector and across the city, as detailed in the report;
- (4) that the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership - Strategic Partnership on 13th February 2024 had agreed to withdraw the Sector Partnerships from its Governance Framework and as a result, it was proposed that this committee assumed the role of the approving body for sector awards from the GCF 2023-26; and
- (5) that to deliver the outcomes that GEWA had previously delivered, it was proposed that
 - (a) the Daisy Project be granted £14,116 of GCF funding in 2024/25 and £48,392 in 2025/26 to fund an Independent Domestic Abuse Advocacy (IDAA) worker for 21 hours per week and sessional workers for 30 hours per week, as well as a small contribution towards operational costs to deliver an IDAA outreach service in the North East sector, providing high quality, high impact support for women struggling to overcome immediate and long term impact of domestic abuse, as detailed in the report; and
 - (b) Glasgow Women’s Aid be granted £4,000 of GCF funding in 2024/25 towards recruitment costs and £91,754 in 2025/26 to fund a full-time Children and Young Persons Outreach worker and 1.5 Women’s Outreach/IDAA workers, as well as a small contribution towards operational costs which would increase the staff team allowing them to engage with more women and children/young people being referred from the North East sector, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee

- (i) agreed that this committee be the approving body for sector awards from the Glasgow Communities Fund 2023-26; and
- (ii) approved interim funding to the Daisy Project and Glasgow Women's Aid from the Glasgow Communities Fund in 2024/25 and 2025/26, as detailed in the report.