

Common Good Fund budget 2026/27 – Position noted – Recommendation to City Administration Committee.

3 With reference to the minutes of the Executive Committee of 5th February 2015 (Print 6, page 464) approving a revised policy on Common Good, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Financial Services, advising

- (1) that this committee considered the Common Good budget annually and made recommendations to the City Administration Committee for its consideration;
- (2) that the Executive Committee had agreed, as part of the 2014/15 budget, that the budget objective would be to balance the revenue budget without any requirement for a draw from the capital of the Common Good Fund for ongoing operational expenditure, without impinging on the ability of the Council to offer civic hospitality, and for this to be achieved during the term of this Council; and
- (3) that as part of the Common Good Fund budget approval for 2025/26, the City Administration Committee had agreed to
 - (a) the reviewing of the policy on anniversaries so they were generally marked by a commemorative gift, and events held only by exception;
 - (b) the reviewing of spend and approval limits;
 - (c) explore how equalities monitoring data on those accessing civic hospitality could be gathered and recorded; and
 - (d) reserve the sum of around £100,000 for the delivery of major civic events, including an annual fireworks display to be explored in conjunction with Glasgow Life; and
- (4) of a proposed draft budget for 2026/27, as outlined in an appendix to the report.

After consideration, the committee

- (i) noted the proposed budget for 2026/27 assuming no change to the existing use of the Common Good Fund; and
- (ii) agreed the proposed
 - (A) use of the capital of the Common Good Fund in 2026/27 if a viable scheme for a civic fireworks display for £100,000 was identified; and
 - (B) agreed to recommend to the City Administration Committee approval of the Common Good Fund budget for 2026/27.