

## **Transforming the City's Financial Inclusion Offer approved – Declaration of interest.**

**3** With reference to the minutes of 23rd October 2025 (Print 5, page 94) approving the proposed redesign of the financial inclusion sector and grant funding model and instructing officers to implement the new arrangements, Councillor Bell, Depute Leader of the Council, City Treasurer and City Convener for Financial Inclusion, presented a report regarding the matter, advising

- (1) that the review of the delivery of Financial Inclusion in the city had highlighted a shared ambition across the Council and the Financial Inclusion Sector to strengthen how support was funded and delivered and the new Financial Inclusion model reflected Public Sector Reform principles and reinforced the Council's commitment to tackling child poverty in innovative ways, as detailed in the report;
- (2) that as part of the implementation of the new arrangements for the delivery of Financial Inclusion, Glasgow Advice Partnership had been appointed as the single Lead Partner and had submitted a formal application for funding from the Council and if approved this funding would aim to support the redesign of the Financial Inclusion Sector in a way that aligns with the Council's strategic aims and reflected the specialised nature of activities being carried out by the sector for the benefit of specific client groups;
- (3) that £8.9m of funding over 3 years commencing on 1st April 2026 had been secured from the Glasgow Communities Fund and the Whole Family Intervention Fund, as detailed in the report and this level of funding would enable the sector to sustain its core crisis service, the development and implementation of a dedicated flex resource to target early intervention and prevention for families with children aged 0-5 years and the cost of the Strategic Body; and
- (4) of the governance, performance management arrangements and the Fair Work Framework.

After consideration, the committee approved

- (a) the Glasgow Advice Partnership as the Strategic Lead Partner for the development of Financial Inclusion strategies, pending OSCR status, in partnership with officers;
- (b) the administration process of the financial inclusion budget; and
- (c) the grant funding recommendation, as detailed in section 3 of the report.

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