



Glasgow City Council
City Administration Committee

Item 2

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**Report by Councillor Ruairi Kelly, City Convener for Housing,
Development, Built Heritage and Land Use**

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**GLASGOW'S REGENERATION CAPITAL GRANT FUND AWARDS –
ACCEPTANCE OF INCREASED FUNDING FOR MEAT MARKET SHEDS
PROJECT**

Purpose of Report:

To accept the Scottish Government's increased 'Regeneration Capital Grant Fund' award for the Meat Market Sheds regeneration project.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Committee:

1. note the contents of the report;
2. approve the acceptance of an increased 'Regeneration Capital Grant Fund' award of £600,000 for the Meat Market Sheds regeneration project;
3. note the £400,000 Council contribution to this project.

Ward No(s): 9

Citywide:

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

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Regeneration Capital Grant Fund (RCGF) is a Scottish Government budget, developed in partnership with COSLA and local authorities. The fund aims to provide financial support to projects that will help to deliver large-scale improvements to deprived areas. It focuses on projects that engage and involve local communities and those that can demonstrate the ability to deliver sustainable regeneration. Projects can be developed by community organisations but are submitted to Scottish Government by local authorities or Clyde Gateway.
- 1.2 The Fund operates as a bidding process, with Glasgow in competition with local authorities across Scotland. There is no set financial allocation for Glasgow or prescribed number of projects to be approved. The bidding process operates in two stages, with an open call for submissions, and then projects being shortlisted for Stage 2 consideration and asked to make a more detailed submission.
- 1.3 Further details are published on the Scottish Government website at: <https://www.gov.scot/policies/regeneration/capital-investment/>

2. 2025/26 INCREASED RCGF FUNDING AWARD

- 2.1 Given the complexities of project delivery, particularly those involving built heritage and multiple funders with differing timescales, delivery timescales are often extended. This can result in inflationary increases, changes to the scope of a project, or both. Council officers continually monitor and report to SG on project progress, and highlight any projects that are facing such challenges.
- 2.2 In December 2025 SG indicated that they may be in a position to offer increased RCGF awards to projects. On 13th February 2026 a revised grant offer was received for the Meat Market Sheds regeneration project. The RCGF uplift of £600,000, together with the proposed GCC funding increase detailed at Paragraph 3, will allow the Meat Market Regeneration Community Interest Company to deliver world-class padel tennis courts at the Sheds, and progress the delivery of other elements of the project, including community and business space. Works to the structures are expected to commence in August 2026. The project will contribute to the activation and economic outputs outlined in the Calton Barras Action Plan and complement the ongoing housing-led regeneration of the area. The additional RCGF award brings the project's total award from this Fund to £3,932,600.

The additional grant award will require to be contractually committed and claimed by the recipient organisation (The Meat Market Regeneration CIC) by the end of March 2026, and arrangements are in place to secure this.

3. PROPOSED GCC FUNDING INCREASE TO THE MEAT MARKET SHEDS

- 3.1 Conditional to SG awarding additional funding to the Meat Market Sheds was an understanding that GCC would also make an increased contribution to this

element of the project. An additional £400,000 has been identified, £200,000 of which will come from the “Bringing Property Into Purposeful Use Fund” and £200,000 from the “Community Asset Fund”, and Committee is asked to note this allocation.

4. DELIVERY AND FINANCIAL MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS

- 4.1 Project delivery arrangements and responsibilities are defined by legal agreements between the Council and external project partners. Existing legal agreements will be revised to reflect new grant amounts, and any revised SG conditions such as delivery timescales.
- 4.2 Grant claims will be submitted by external partners and scrutinised by officers within NRS. No grant can be claimed ahead of works or related services being carried out. Approved claims, and monitoring updates, are then submitted to Scottish Government to allow funding to be drawn down by NRS, who then disburse funding to partners.
- 4.3 RCGF-funded initiatives are implemented through a structured framework that ensures strategic impact, financial accountability, and long-term sustainability. Investments through RCGF contribute to meaningful regeneration, facilitating the development of sustainable and inclusive communities.
- 4.4 Council submitted its three shortlisted applications for 2026/27 funding to SG in November 2025. Decisions are expected to be intimated in March 2026.
- 4.5 As previously reported to CAC (most recently on [5th June 2025](#)) SG’s capital regeneration funding programme is in a state of flux. Application procedures for the 2027/28 round of RCGF – or successor Fund – are expected to be announced after the May election.

5 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

<i>Financial:</i>	Funding of £600,000 will be received by the Council from Scottish Government, for disbursement to third parties. Council will also contribute £400,000 to this project.
<i>Legal:</i>	GCC Legal Services will conduct due diligence on the process to provide support where required.
<i>Personnel:</i>	Personnel resources required to assist in the delivery of the overall programme will be supported through existing project resources.
<i>Procurement:</i>	No specific procurement matters.

Council Strategic Plan: The following Strategic Plan outcomes are supported:

Grand Challenge 1 – Reduce Poverty and inequality in our communities.

Mission 3: Improve the health and wellbeing of our local communities and Mission 4: Support Glasgow to be a city that is active and culturally vibrant.

Grand Challenge 2 – Increase opportunity and prosperity for all our citizens.

Mission 1: Support Glasgow residents into sustainable and fair work.

Mission 2: Support the growth of an innovative, resilient and net zero carbon economy.

Mission 3: Raise attainment amongst Glasgow's children and young people.

Grand Challenge 3 – Fight the climate emergency in a just transition to a net zero Glasgow.

Mission 2: Become a net zero carbon city by 2030.

Grand Challenge 4 – Enable staff to deliver essential services in a sustainable, innovative and efficient way for our communities.

Mission1: Create safe, clean and thriving neighbourhoods.

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes

Yes, through engagement across social and economic sectors

2025-29? Please specify.

What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?

The proposal is expected to generate a positive equality impact, strengthening access to employment, social, cultural and sporting opportunities.

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

Funding is targeted at areas of socio-economic disadvantage. Calton is in the bottom 10% of SIMD indicators. The project will improve the physical environment, address social issues, and increase economic activity

Climate Impacts:

Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify:

Yes. By refurbishing and improving Glasgow's built heritage.

Outcome 29- Ensure that historic buildings are resilient to the impacts of climate change, protecting Glasgow's rich heritage.

Projects will support the following Climate Plan Themes:

Theme 2: Just and Inclusive Place.

Theme 3: Well Connected and Thriving City

Theme 4: Health and Wellbeing.

What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?

Capital investment proposals are likely to have a beneficial impact on climate as a result of improving or augmenting existing buildings to the most modern standards. Both projects will use energy efficient heating systems. The Meat Market Sheds are expected to include an upcycling/circular economy hub.

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

Yes, through promoting the circular economy.

Privacy and Data Protection Impacts:

Are there any potential data protection impacts as a result of this report
Y/N

No

If Yes, please confirm that a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) has been carried out

6 Recommendations

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