

Shared Prosperity Fund – Glasgow Communities and Place Fund – Award of funding approved – Declaration of interest.

2 With reference to the minutes of 13th October 2022 (Print 4, page 436) approving the setting up of a Glasgow Communities and Place Fund (GCPF) using £6m of Glasgow's allocation under the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF), Councillor Aitken, Leader of the Council and Convener for City and City Region Economy and Just Transition, presented a report regarding the processes used for the GCPF, advising that

- (1) the application portal for the GCPF had opened on 3rd November 2022, with 81 applications being received by the deadline of 12th December 2022 and following organisational checks carried out by the Grants and Initiatives team and eligibility checks undertaken by Economic Development, 9 applications were rejected and 1 application withdrawn;
- (2) in January 2023 awards from the Glasgow Communities Fund (GCF) were made which resulted in 34 organisations who had applied under GCPF being successful under GCF and that these organisations had been contacted to ascertain whether they wished to pursue their GCPF application;
- (3) following assessment there had been 71 eligible applications who were seeking a total of £26.1m of grant funding set against an available budget of £6m which meant that only a minority of applications could be supported with the projects recommended for approval, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;
- (4) in order to maximise the available budget and offer support to as many projects as possible, a slight overcommitment of £145,656 (2.4% greater than the overall £6m available) was proposed; and
- (5) all projects would be closely monitored and as underspends were identified these would be applied to reduce and eradicate the overcommitment and, in the unlikely event that sufficient underspend was not identified, Economic Development would underwrite to support the approved programme of projects from within the overall UKSPF programme.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) approved the Glasgow Communities and Place Fund award recommendations from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2025, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report; and
- (b) noted the applications not recommended for funding following the assessment process, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

In terms of Standing Order No 27, Councillor O'Lone declared an interest in this item and left the room and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.