

## **Children's Services Planning Partnership – Whole Family Wellbeing Fund plan noted – Acceptance of funding approved etc.**

**3** Councillor Bell, Depute Leader of the Council, City Treasurer and Convener for Financial Inclusion, presented a report regarding the Whole Family Wellbeing Fund (WFWF), advising

- (1) that the Scottish Government's £500m WFWF had been established in 2021/22 to transform the way that family support was delivered, as detailed in the report;
- (2) of the specific criteria that local authorities had for the provision of WFWF and its guiding principles for the use of this resource, known as the National Principles for Holistic Whole Family Support, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;
- (3) that an initial tranche of funding to support this work had been made available to local authorities to hold and manage on behalf of the local Children's Services Planning Partnership (Glasgow's Children's Services Executive Group) and that an allocation of approximately £19m over 4 years had been offered to Glasgow and it was proposed that the Council accepted the offer;
- (4) that the provision of WFWF to local authorities came with specific criteria that governed how the resources would be used and the process by which decisions on funding would be made;
- (5) that the Council and partnership working had already evidenced strong successes as a result of prevention and early intervention activities and a specific focus on system change in relation to looked after and accommodated children had seen dramatic improvements in service delivery across Children's Services, as detailed in the report;
- (6) that agreement on the use of WFWF rested with the Children's Services Executive Group in Glasgow and the partnership had undertaken extensive consultation with the public and third sector stakeholders to agree how best to build on progress made to date; and
- (7) of the governance arrangements for the fund.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted
  - (i) the overview of the Whole Family Wellbeing Fund, including the purpose of the Fund;
  - (ii) the successes to date in relation to prevention and early intervention activity, the emerging plan for the use of the Fund and the criteria and guiding principles that would inform allocation; and

- (iii) that an annual performance report and updates on the use of funding would be submitted to the appropriate committee; and
- (b) approved
  - (i) acceptance of the funding from the Scottish Government; and
  - (ii) the governance arrangements for the fund, including delegated authority to the Chief Executive and the Executive Director of Finance.