

UK Government Levelling Up Fund (Round 2) – Projects approved - Instruction to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

6 With reference to the minutes of 17th June 2021 (Print 3, page 170) approving the approach for the 1st funding call from the UK Government Levelling Up Fund, including the submission of Pollok Country Park Stables and Courtyard project, Councillor Aitken, Leader of the Council and Convener for City and City Region Economy and Just Transition, presented a report regarding an update on the UK Government Levelling Up Fund, advising

- (1) that the Pollok Country Park Stables and Courtyard project had received in January 2022, £13.05m of funding from round 1 of the UK Government Levelling Up Fund and the project had now commenced and was subject to a Memorandum of Understanding with the UK Government;
- (2) that the UK Government on 23rd March 2022 had published its prospectus providing advice on round 2 of the UK Levelling Up Fund, with the themes remaining broadly similar to round 1, covering transport, regeneration and culture investment and in addition there were 2 constituency bids of up to £50m across the UK which would be funded under the culture and heritage investment theme;
- (3) that the deadline for bids was 12 noon on 6th July 2022 and local authorities were encouraged to bid in this round as the UK Government intended to evaluate the success of the 1st round by Spring 2023, before committing to the timing or format of a third round;
- (4) of the proposed bids for submission to the Scottish Government for funding from round 2 of the UK Levelling Up Fund and that the number of bids had been maximised to cover all constituencies and categories; and
- (5) that the Levelling Up Fund bids could attract up to a total of £220m of funding with each constituency bid expected to claim the full £20m available with the exception of Cultural and Transport bids and each bid would require at least 10% of match funding which could be funded by the Council and/or external sources.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted the updates on the process of round 2 of the Levelling Up Fund;
- (b) approved the approach and the projects, as detailed in the report; and
- (c) instructed the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to proceed with the submission of bids to the UK Government on 6th July 2022.