

CITY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

By video conference, 24th February 2022.

City Administration Committee.

Present: Susan Aitken (Chair), Richard Bell, Euan Blockley (substitute for Kyle Thornton), Bill Butler, Christina Cannon (substitute for David McDonald), Allan Casey, Robert Connelly (substitute for Thomas Kerr), Malcolm Cunning, Chris Cunningham, Greg Hepburn, Mhairi Hunter, John Kane (substitute for Archie Graham), Ruairi Kelly, Jennifer Layden, Kenny McLean, Hanzala Malik (substitute for Maureen Burke), Jon Molyneux, Robert Mooney (substitute for Cecilia O'Lone), Jane Morgan, Eva Murray, Anna Richardson, Soryia Siddique and Martha Wardrop.

Apologies: Maureen Burke, Archie Graham, Thomas Kerr, David McDonald, Cecilia O'Lone and Kyle Thornton.

Attending: M Hughes (Clerk); A O'Donnell, Chief Executive; D Hutchison, Executive Director of Education Services; M Booth, Executive Director of Finance; G Gillespie, Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; E Galletly, Director of Legal and Administration; I Robertson, Director of City Development; C Edgar, Head of Communication and Strategic Partnerships; M McGinty, Head of Corporate Policy and Governance; and A Eccles (for the Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership).

UK Community Renewal Fund – Delivery of successful bids – Interim payments approved.

1 With reference to the minutes of 17th June 2021 (Print 3, page 171) agreeing that 6 projects totalling £2,945,614 be submitted to the UK Government for funding from the UK Community Renewal Fund (UCRF), Councillor Aitken, Leader of the Council and City Convener for Inclusive Economic Growth, presented a report regarding the progress made in the delivery of the UCRF in Glasgow, advising that

- (1) it had been anticipated that the results of the application process for funding from the UCRF would be known from late July 2021 onwards, however it was not until 3rd November 2021 that the UK Government had announced the successful bids and 2 of Glasgow's projects had been successful, securing a total of £1,030,000 of funding;
- (2) since the announcement of the awards the Council had worked intensively with the 2 successful projects, namely Remade Network for the Building a Repair Economy in Glasgow project and Clydeside Initiative for Arts for GRID – Creating a Cultural Place and a Net Zero Innovation District project and had

focused on the production of a revised financial and delivery plan, taking into account the new timeframe of 30th June 2022 to deliver the projects;

- (3) the Council had prepared funding agreements with the 2 projects to reflect the conditions of grant as set out in the grant funding agreement between the Council and the UK Government and the Council had received an initial payment of £643,750 (62.5% of the total award);
- (4) the second and final payment from the UK Government would be triggered by a claim from the Council which was required to be submitted by 31st August 2022 and would be based on the actual eligible expenditure incurred by the projects, however no timescale had been given for the turnaround time within the UK Government to process and pay this claim; and
- (5) due to there being no timescale for the second and final payment, Remade Network, a social enterprise organisation and Clydeside Initiative for Arts, a registered charity had concerns regarding cash flow and to address this, it was proposed that the Council made interim payments to both organisations for the projects, subject to the conditions, as detailed in the report and monthly monitoring visits by the Council.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted the progress made with the implementation of the UCRF in Glasgow; and
- (b) approved the arrangements for the Council to make interim payments to the successful projects prior to the second and final tranche of grant being received by the Council from the UK Government.