

Place Fund – Scottish Government Place Based Investment Programme – 2021/22 programme and indicative 2022/23 programmes approved.

4 With reference to the minutes of 2nd December 2021 (Print 6, page 416) agreeing to accept the Scottish Government's Place Fund grant offer of £3,699,000, Councillor McLean, City Convener for Neighbourhoods, Housing and Public Realm, presented a report regarding the proposed allocation of funding for the 2021/22 Place Based Investment Programme (PBIP) and indicative funding allocations for 2022/23, advising that

- (1) in September 2020, the Scottish Government had published its Programme for Government, which contained a commitment to establish a PBIP that was intended to link and align place based initiatives and establish a coherent local framework designed to implement the Place Principle;
- (2) a key element of the PBIP was the Place Fund that would be for local authorities to allocate, working collaboratively with local communities, together with business and the third and public sectors, to support shared local plans and aspirations;
- (3) following an open grant call in December 2021, 56 applications which requested a total of £13.75m of funding had been received by the closing date of 21st January 2022, resulting in the fund being more than £10m or 3.72 times oversubscribed for 2021/22;
- (4) following assessment of the 56 applications by officers, 37 of the applications requesting £8.2m of funding were shortlisted and following further assessment by a panel of senior officers, it was proposed that the projects as detailed in Appendix A to the report be allocated funding from the Place Fund for 2021/22 and that some of the projects required the funding allocations to be spread over 2 years and that one of the projects was for the allocation of funding for 2022/23;
- (5) the Council would enter into legal agreements with the external grant recipients, to ensure timeous and efficient delivery of projects and it was proposed that £15,000 of funding be set aside for specialist legal and technical support for projects and regular project monitoring reports would be undertaken and reported both internally and to the Scottish Government; and
- (6) the Scottish Government had indicated an award of £3.2m of funding from the PBIP for 2022/23 and once the funding was confirmed, a second call-out/application process would be opened for the balance of the available grant, minus the commitments detailed in Appendix A.

After consideration, the committee approved

- (a) the funding awards for the PBIP 2021/22; and
- (b) the funding awards for the indicative PBIP 2022/23.

