

Leadership Advisory Panel

10.00am, Wednesday, 31 March 2020

Neighbourhood Alliance – Grant funding payment

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Leadership Advisory Panel agrees to award £67,200 to the Neighbourhood Alliance (NA) for a further one year period up to 31 March 2021.

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Report

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2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to seek authority to award funding to the Neighbourhood Alliance (NA).

3. Background

- 3.1 The NA supports resident involvement in locality-based place making and regeneration in Niddrie and Craigmillar. This includes advocacy work, support to the neighbourhood councils, and a key focus on supporting tenant and resident engagement on placemaking in relation to the new Craigmillar town centre.
- 3.2 On 2 April 2019, the Edinburgh Partnership agreed a new governance framework, which included establishing 13 new Neighbourhood Networks. The Neighbourhood Networks are in place and will play a key role in community planning processes and, through their new remit and membership, provide a way of increasing community influence and involvement across the city. Membership includes community councils and other community groups in the area, such as residents' organisations and parent councils, as well as councillors and voluntary groups. The work of the NA will be aligned with the locality-based model as this work moves forward.

4. Main report

- 4.1 Key actions to take this work forward have been agreed between the Council and the NA and accountability for delivery will be through regular liaison between the NA and the North East Locality Housing Operations Manager.
- 4.2 An improvement plan is in place, which includes a focus on current activity, membership and governance, to ensure specific priority outcomes and a requirement to evidence activity covered by the funding. This is set out in a service level agreement (SLA).
- 4.3 Agreement is sought to fund the NA for a further year, on a maximum standstill budget of £67,200 to support community engagement in the regeneration of

Craigmillar. This will be funded from the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and will be subject to performance against the service level agreement.

- 4.4 On the advice of the Democracy, Governance and Resilience Senior Manager this payment would be made as a grant and as the funding level is above the £25,000 threshold, Committee approval is required.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 The Housing Operations Manager will continue to work with NA over the duration of this agreement.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 This will be funded from the HRA and will be subject to performance against the service level agreement.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 The work of the NA also supports the implementation of the City of Edinburgh Council Tenant Participation Strategy, which was agreed by the [Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee](#) on Monday, 20 January 2020.

8. Background reading/external references

- 8.1 Report to [Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee](#) - Tenant Participation Strategy.

9. Appendices

- 9.1. None.