

Minutes

Education, Children and Families Committee

10am, Monday 18 December 2023

Present:

Councillors Griffiths (Convener), Burgess, Campbell (substituting for Councillor Glasgow), Cowdy, Dijkstra-Downie (substituting for Councillor Davidson) Graham, Hyslop, Jones, Kumar, O'Neill, Young

Religious Representatives

Fiona Beveridge, Dr Ruhy Parris (non-voting)

Secondary Sector Parent/Carer Representative

Alexander Ramage (non-voting)

Primary Sector Parent/Carer Representative

Louise Collingwood (non-voting)

1. Connected Communities Edinburgh Grant Programme

This report provided an overview of the actions which informed recommendations for awards for the Connected Communities Edinburgh Grants Programme. It covered the process: programme opening, application assessment, the moderation process, and the interim Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA). It contained financial information about which organisations were recommended for funding.

Motion

- 1) To approve the recommendations for the award of the Connected Communities Grant Programme budget of £3,519,461 to 70 community-based organisations.
- 2) To note the process that informed the recommendations for awards.
- 3) To approve plans to;
 - i) To engage with current grant holders to review exit plans, and use this information to inform the Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA)
 - ii) To mitigate the impact of stopping or reducing funding to organisations, by supporting individuals to access other appropriate services.

- iii) To mitigate the impact of stopping or reducing funding to organisations, by supporting individuals to access other appropriate services.
 - iii) To continue to monitor and report on outcomes achieved via the current grants programme, and use this information to support transitions.
 - iii) To continue to enhance the strategic relationship with the statutory and voluntary sector, ensuring at least one annual meeting takes place.
- Moved by Councillor Griffiths, seconded by Councillor Graham

Amendment

- 1) To approve the recommendations for the award of the Connected Communities Grant Programme budget of £3,519,461 to 70 community-based organisations subject to point 2.
 - 2) To note that information around Managed Fund has been incomplete and agrees that all recipients of this fund must comply with the same eligibility criteria applied to all organisations
 - 3) Agrees that any residual funding as a result of point 2 is reallocated prioritising organisations that have been allocated 50% of funding or have been unsuccessful.
 - 3) To enable officers to support reporting of outcomes to better understand where the services are delivered in the city (instead of where organisations are based) and encourage organisations to help prioritise 'red' areas in the heat map.
 - 4) To undertake a review of current funding process and produces a 'lessons learnt' report including any impact of new eligibility criteria on services and matched funding; and what steps can be taken to encourage more representation from South East, South West, and North West localities.
 - 5) To request a yearly progress report to ECF committee and to include any KPIs reported.
- Moved by Councillor Kumar, seconded by Councillor Campbell

In accordance with Standing Order 22 (13), the amendment was accepted in part as an addendum to the motion.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	6 votes
For the Amendment	-	5 votes

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Councillors Griffiths, Graham, Young, Dijkstra-Downie, Jones and Cowdy

For the Amendment: Councillors Kumar, Campbell, Hyslop, Burgess and O'Neill.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Griffiths:

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 - i) To engage with current grant holders to review exit plans, and use this information to inform the Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA)
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(Reference - report by the Executive Director of Children, Education and Justice Services, submitted.)

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Hyslop made a transparency statement as he was previously employed by one of the organisations recommended for grant funding.