

Motion by the Coalition

Education, Children and Families Committee

3 March 2020

2020-2023 Communities and Families Grants to Third Parties

Committee agrees to continue the report and;

- 1) To instruct the Executive Director of Communities and Families to provide the following information that has already been requested.
 - a. breakdown in the percentage of the funding going into areas of high deprivation.
 - b. mapping of the funding provision across the city.
 - c. breakdown in percentage of the vulnerable groups being funded.
 - d. list unsuccessful applicants and a list of those previously in receipt of a grant
- 2) To arrange for an independent organisation to review and validate the grants recommended in the appendix to the report. The review should address the following;
 - a. if the criteria for allocating the grants outlined in the original report and restated in paragraph 4.3 were applied
 - b. the process of deciding which organisations were to be funded was carried out in an impartial manner
- 3) To agree to convene a short life working group to discuss the information requested above in paragraph 1 and the findings of the review and report back to the Committee in one cycle.
- 4) To agree to extend the existing funding arrangements pending the decision of the Education, Children and Families Committee in May 2020.

Moved by Councillor Perry

Seconded Councillor Dickie
by

Amendment by the Conservative Group

Education, Children & Families Committee

3 March 2020

Item 7.3 – Third Parties Grants Programme

Deletes recommendation 1.1.2, renumbers and adds in addendum:

- 1.1.4 Notes with regret that the impact analysis has yet to be presented to the Committee.
- 1.1.5 Recognises that numerous concerns have been raised about the significant absence of a number of community-based organisations being recommended for awards, and associated concerns about geographical spread and failure to award grants to organisations based in certain areas recognised as SIMD 1 and 2.
- 1.1.6 Notes that some organisations have been successful in securing funding across multiple funding priorities.
- 1.1.7 Acknowledges that many of these smaller organisations that fail to secure this funding will not be able to secure match funding and unlike national charities may be faced with significant reduction in service provision, redundancies and possible closure.
- 1.1.8. Appreciates that with such proximity to the new financial year, the halting of all grants proposed may be of serious concern and therefore has no option but to proceed with the awards as recommended.
- 1.1.9. Suggests a short life working group reconvene to examine if the criteria needs to be adapted to ensure we are focused on community-based organisations, deliver across geographies and prioritise delivery in our most deprived communities.
- 1.1.10 Awards first year grants as recommended but puts year two and three funding on hold subject to formal review.
- 1.1.11 Remits the Third Party Grants process to the Governance, Revenue and Best Value committee for a report in two cycles requesting consideration be given to the process issues to ensure they are avoided in future situations where the Council are dealing with third party applicants.
- 1.1.12 Following this process allows all applicants to reapply for 2021/22 and 2022/23 funding.

Moved by: **Councillor Callum Laidlaw**
Seconded by: **Councillor**

Amendment by the Green Group

Education, Children and Families Committee

3 March 2020

Item 7.3 - 2020/23 Communities and Families Grants to Third Parties Programme

Delete recommendations and replace with:

1. Notes the actions taken to develop and implement the new Communities and Families 3rd Party Grants Programme as agreed by the Committee in June 2019 and August 2019.
2. Notes the recommended awards against each of the five identified priorities as attached at appendix 1.
3. Note that the recommended awards are intended to run for a period of three years from 1st July 2020 to 30th June 2023.
4. Notes the intention to run a Small Grant Programme again for financial years 2021/22 and 2022/23.
5. Requests the Integrated Impact Assessment is reported before considering the recommended awards.
6. Requests that an independent assessor reviews the grants award process and recommendations and reports to this committee before any decision is made.

Moved by: Councillor Steve Burgess

Seconded by: Councillor Mary Campbell

Addendum by the Conservative Group

Education, Children and Families Committee

3 March 2020

Item 7.6 – Early Years Admission Policy

- 1) Committee notes that in addition to local authority provision, partner providers:
 - (a) currently provide around 40% of the 1140 hours places in Edinburgh making an invaluable contribution.
 - (b) have serious concerns, as expressed by the National Day Nurseries Association, regarding the sustainability of future provision given that the hourly rate being paid to partner providers from August 2020 was set in 2016 and has not been increased since then.
 - (c) seek continued thorough meaningful engagement with the Council through the Partners' Monitoring Group and other available means.
- 2) Committee therefore welcomes the “independent review” of rates of Partner providers anticipated to start in August 2020 and requests a report to the next Education, Children and Families Committee regarding the scope of this review and timescales. Timescale should be advanced to ASAP in light of sustainability concerns raised by Partner providers.
- 3) In advance of the review, Committee agrees that the Council ought to approach Scottish Government regarding the ability of partner providers to charge in excess of the current hourly rate pending the outcome of the review.
- 4) Committee requests to know the amount allocated to each child (on an hourly basis) in Local Authority nurseries.

Moved by: Councillor Jason Rust

Seconded by: Councillor

Addendum by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.7 – School Roll Projections and Rising School Rolls

Committee:

Agrees recommendations and adds:

- 1.1.3 Outcomes of initial Working Group meetings at Gracemount, Firrhill and Craigroyston High Schools will be provided to members at the next sitting of the Education, Children and Families Committee.
- 1.1.4 Notes the re-provision of the community centre to accommodate the future rising roles at Ratho Primary School has been unable to gain support locally as a solution. Alternatives should be fully scoped out, presented to the community and brought to ECF to consider.

Moved by: Councillor Jason Rust

Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.8 – Promoting Equality

Committee:

Deletes 1.1.2 and replaces with:

Agrees the next steps proposed in item 5 and reports back to the next sitting of the Education, Children and Families Committee on the status and outcomes of the items agreed.

Moved by Councillor Callum Laidlaw

Seconded by Councillor