

Addendum by the Green Group

Finance and Resources Committee

7 October 2021

Item 7.4 – Participatory Budgeting: Progress Update

Add to recommendations

1.1.6 Notes that, according to PB Scotland “Participatory Budgeting (PB) is about local people having a **direct say** in how public money is spent.”

1.1.7 Notes that the Scottish Government policy statement on PB says “Participatory budgeting (PB) is a democratic process in which citizens **decide directly** how to spend part of a public budget.”

1.1.8 Notes that the revised 2021 PB Framework from COSLA and the Scottish Government says “The fundamental principle of Mainstream PB, and what sets it apart from other forms of community engagement and budget consultation, is that **decision making must lie with the people** and communities who will be directly affected by the service area or budget”.

1.1.9 Agrees therefore that in preparing further proposals outlined in 1.1.4 above and in tracking the implementation of PB projects, a clear distinction must be maintained between projects where the decision on spend was directly made by community stakeholders; and those where the decision was more generally *influenced* by community stakeholders.

1.1.10 Further agrees that proposals should be able to demonstrate how they meet the criteria set out in the PB Charter.

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Seconded by: