

Education, Children and Families Committee

9.00am, Monday 17 June 2019

Present:

Councillors Perry (Convener), Dickie (Vice-Convener), Bird, Cameron (substituting for Councillor Griffiths), Mary Campbell, Corbett, Howie (substituting for Councillor Key), Mowat (substituting for Councillor Rust), Laidlaw and Young.

Religious Representatives

Fiona Beveridge, Monsignor Anthony Duffy and Rabbi Rose.

1. 2020/23 Communities and Families Grants to Third Parties Programme

The Committee had previously agreed to implement a three-year main grant programme (2016-2019) and an annual small grants programme.

In May 2018, the Committee agreed to extend the grants within the 2016-19 main grants programme and the 2017-19 Youth Work Grants Programme to March 2020.

Motion

- 1) To note the work undertaken to engage with voluntary sector partners as described in paragraphs 4.5 to 4.7 of the report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families.
- 2) To approve the five funding priorities as listed in paragraph 4.4 of the report, for the 2020-23 Communities and Families Grant Programme.
- 3) To approve the funding priority budget ranges, minimum and maximum award levels as proposed in paragraph 4.8 of the report.
- 4) To agree to run the 2020-23 Communities and Families Main Grant Programme as outlined in paragraphs 4.10 to 4.12 of the report.
- 5) To agree to award current Main Grant and Youth Work Grant holders a three-month extension of award as described in paragraph 4.13 of the report.
- 6) To agree to run an annual Small Grant Programme as outlined in paragraphs 4.15 and 4.16 of the report.
- 7) To acknowledge in paragraph 4.1 of the report that the “annual budget available for 2020/21 would need to be considered as part of the Council's wider budget process which would be confirmed in early 2020”. However, in order to proceed

with the grant awards, to agree in principle to maintain the present level of funding for the three years of the grants programme and to request that this was reflected in the Council budgets for 2020 and 2021.

- moved by Councillor Perry, seconded by Councillor Dickie

Amendment 1

- 1) To add to the end of recommendation 1.1.2 of the report – “and recognises that further work will be done on the Current Position, Assessment Criteria and Measures of Success, and the changes will be reported back to Committee in one cycle taking account of the issues identified in the letter from Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations Council on equalities, overall budget, small grants fund, funding priority information sheets and the incorporation of localities and city wide perspectives into decision making processes.”
- 2) To add new recommendation 1.1.7 – “Agrees that the next large grants process will take on board recommendations for improvements from the voluntary sector and will be run using co-production principles.”

- moved by Councillor Mary Campbell, seconded by Councillor Corbett.

Amendment 2

To agree the recommendations in the report and include in the report back to Committee in March 2020 on award recommendations, details of what support and infrastructure would be in place for those organisations and users who had been unsuccessful in obtaining grant funding and also for those service users impacted by this.

- moved by Councillor Young, seconded by Councillor Laidlaw.

In accordance with Standing Order 21(11), amendments 1 and 2 were accepted as addendums to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Perry:

- 1) To note the work undertaken to engage with voluntary sector partners as described in paragraphs 4.5 to 4.7 of the report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families.
- 2) To approve the five funding priorities as listed in paragraph 4.4 of the report, for the 2020-23 Communities and Families Grant Programme and recognise that further work would be done on the Current Position, Assessment Criteria and Measures of Success, and the changes would be reported back to Committee in one cycle taking account of the issues identified in the letter from Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations Council on equalities, overall budget, small grants fund, funding priority information sheets and the incorporation of localities and city wide perspectives into decision making processes.
- 3) To approve the funding priority budget ranges, minimum and maximum award levels as proposed in paragraph 4.8 of the report.

- 4) To agree to run the 2020-23 Communities and Families Main Grant Programme as outlined in paragraphs 4.10 to 4.12 of the report.
- 5) To agree to award current Main Grant and Youth Work Grant holders a three-month extension of award as described in paragraph 4.13 of the report.
- 6) To agree to run an annual Small Grant Programme as outlined in paragraphs 4.15 and 4.16 of the report.
- 7) To acknowledge in paragraph 4.1 of the report that the “annual budget available for 2020/21 will need to be considered as part of the Council's wider budget process which will be confirmed in early 2020”. However, in order to proceed with the grant awards the Committee agreed in principle to maintain the present level of funding for the three years of the grants programme and to request that this was reflected in the Council budgets for 2020 and 2021.
- 8) To agree that the next large grants process would take on board recommendations for improvements from the voluntary sector and would be run using co-production principles.”
- 9) To agree to include in the report back to Committee in March 2020 on award recommendations, details of what support and infrastructure would be in place for those organisations and users who had been unsuccessful in obtaining grant funding and also for those service users impacted by this.

(References – Education, Children and Families Committee of 22 May 2018 (item 22), 13 December 2016 (item 9), 11 October 2016 (item 7), 11 February 2016 (item 1) and 19 May 2015 (item 20); report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families submitted).