

Cross Party Amendment

Finance & Resources Committee

26 September 2019

Item 7.5 Cameron House Community Centre budget allocation

Committee;

1. Agrees to recommendation 1.2 of the report and adds;
2. Notes the further background information from all four Southside-Newington ward councillors, provided to assist the Committee to make a more fully informed decision;
3. Notes that following a breakdown in the relationship between the Council and Cameron House Community Education Centre Management Committee as outlined in the report, a Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive's Action Plan was agreed, which included: the removal of Cameron House from the Community Learning and Development section in Children and Families, providing the Community Learning and Development Worker with robust protection and a suitable senior CEC contact with no prior involvement.
4. However, notes that having met with representatives of the Management Committee and with relevant officers, all four ward councillors are of the view that there is a difference in understanding over what was agreed about ringfencing the *tertiary budget* available to the Management Committee;
5. Notes that ward councillors have seen correspondence from the management committee to the council that indicates that they understood the agreement that the tertiary budget would be ringfenced;
6. Notes that in 2019 the programme of community education activities at Cameron House was curtailed owing to the reduction in the tertiary budget;
7. Notes the uncertainty in resolving this issue has not been helpful to all involved;
8. Believes that in the context of the difficulties referred to in the report, including the details outlined in the documents referred to in 3.1 – 3.8, the issue is less about the amount of lower payment than expected, but one of maintaining trust and a good working relationship;

9. Given the circumstances, and in light of the relatively limited amount involved, resolves to observe the ringfencing of the amount available to the Management Committee, and agrees to Option B of the report, to preserve the 2017/18 budget level for Cameron House for 2019/20 up to the next local government election and with the funding being taken from the Council Priorities Fund, or other fund approved by the Chief Executive.

Moved by: Councillor Alasdair Rankin

Seconded by: Councillor Graham Hutchison