

CORPORATE AND EFFICIENT GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

At a special Meeting of the Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee held on Thursday, 20 October 2011 in Meeting Room 3, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton at 9.15 a.m.

Present: Councillors Jim Bollan, Jim Brown, David McBride, Ronnie McColl, Jim McElhill, Patrick McGlinchey, Craig McLaughlin, Marie McNair, Lawrence O'Neill, Iain Robertson.

Attending: Joyce White, Executive Director of Corporate Services; Andrew Fraser, Head of Legal, Democratic & Regulatory Services; Stephen West, Head of Finance & Resources; Gillian McNeilly, Manager of Accounting; Alistair Johnston, Business Support Partner and Christine McCaffary, Senior Democratic Services Officer.

Councillor Ronnie McColl in the Chair

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor David McBride declared a non-financial interest in the item of business on the agenda.

OLD PEOPLE'S GRANT FUNDING

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Corporate Services providing Members with an update on the process undertaken regarding the older people's grant funding reform.

The Executive Director of Corporate Services and Head of Finance & Resources were heard in further explanation of the report and circulated an updated recommendation and schedule of applications received to those present.

The Head of Legal, Democratic & Regulatory Services, Head of Finance & Resources, Executive Director of Corporate Services and Manager of Accounting were thereafter heard in response to Members' questions.

ADJOURNMENT

At the request of Councillor McBride, the Committee agreed to adjourn for a period of 10 minutes to allow consideration of the updated information that had been circulated at the meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 9.52 a.m. with all those Members shown on the sederunt in attendance.

Following full discussion and having heard officers in answer to Members' questions, Councillor McColl moved that:-

Committee agrees that this year's pay-out will be set at £15 per person.

Committee instructs officers to pay out funds to groups at the above rate for those individuals who have indicated that their payment is to go to a specific group of their choice.

Committee further instructs officers to work with groups to ensure that no group is unable to operate due to members not assigning their £15 to them. To this end, Committee delegates authority to officers, in consultation with the Spokesperson, to approve grants as required in order to meet the needs of groups.

In the case of the Dumbarton Senior Citizens' group, which is an umbrella group for a number of Dumbarton groups who will be receiving their own funding directly from the Council this year, Committee instructs that officers should facilitate applications to the Dumbarton Common Good Fund to allow the group's 2011/12 program of events to take place.

If interim funding is required for their Christmas event, officers are given delegated authority, in consultation with the Spokesperson, to grant funding for this event from the Dumbarton Common Good Fund.

Committee also instructs officers to pay out £15 to individual applicants after appropriate checks have taken place.

Councillor McBride asked Councillor McColl if he would be willing to accept the undernoted addendums to the motion:-

Paragraph 3 – add - *and report such approvals to Council.*

Paragraph 4 – add - *but in the interim remove the current contribution allocated to the fund from the Dumbarton Common Good Fund and allocate it to the Dumbarton Senior Citizens' group.*

Councillor McColl indicated his willingness to accept the addendums and, thereafter, the Committee agreed to approve the amended motion as follows:-

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The meeting closed at 10.05 a.m.