

CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE

At a Special Meeting of the Corporate Services Committee held in the Council Chamber, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank on Wednesday, 19 June 2019 at 2.04 p.m.

Present: Councillors Jim Brown, Ian Dickson, Diane Docherty, Daniel Lennie, Caroline McAllister, Jonathan McColl, Iain McLaren, John Mooney and Martin Rooney.

Attending: Joyce White, Chief Executive; Angela Wilson, Strategic Director – Transformation and Public Service Reform; Alan Douglas, Manager – Legal Services; Laura Mason, Chief Education Officer; Gillian McNeilly, Finance Manager; Gabriella Gonda, Committee Officer and Christine McCaffary, Senior Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Jim Finn, David McBride and Lawrence O'Neill.

Councillor Ian Dickson in the Chair

STATEMENT BY CHAIR – AUDIO STREAMING

Councillor Dickson, Chair, advised that the meeting was being audio streamed and broadcast live to the internet and would be available for playback.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in any of the items of business on the agenda.

OPEN FORUM

The Committee noted that no open forum questions had been submitted by members of the public.

ENDING LONELINESS FUND

A report was submitted by Strategic Lead – Resources providing information as to how the Ending Loneliness Fund will be utilised and administered from 2019/20 to 2021/22.

After discussion and having heard the Chief Education Officer in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) the proposed approach to the distribution of the funding as detailed in the report;
- (2) to note the administrative arrangements to be used to manage the fund as detailed in paragraph 4.1 of the report, with the adjustment that decisions on applications will be made by the Council's Finance team; and
- (3) to note that (i) a report will be submitted to the Corporate Services Committee annually providing an update on the scheme and (ii) that a report advising of any application(s) that had been refused will be submitted to the next available Corporate Services Committee.

YEAR OF THE YOUNG PERSON LEGACY FUND

A report was submitted by Chief Education Officer informing on plans to implement the Year of the Young Person Legacy Fund across West Dunbartonshire Council; and the governance regarding allocation, spend and impact of projects and funding.

After discussion and having heard the Chief Education Officer in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) the proposed approach to the distribution of the funding;
- (2) to note the plans to promote the fund; and
- (3) to note the administrative arrangements to be used to manage the fund; and
- (4) that a report will be submitted to the Corporate Services Committee annually providing details of any applications that had been refused.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Resources providing information and making recommendations on two grant applications for awards from the Dumbarton Common Good Fund.

Having heard Councillor Dickson advise that a representative from Bellsmyre Development Trust SCIO was present, the Committee agreed to hear Mr Donnie Nicolson in support of the Development Trust's application.

After discussion and having heard officers in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:

- (1) to approve the full grant of £19,633 requested by Bellsmyre Development Trust SCIO;
- (2) to approve the grant of £35,601 for 2019/20 requested by Bellsmyre Digital Trust;
- (3) that a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee providing full detail on why Bellsmyre Digital Trust was requesting payment of the 2018/19 grant award; and
- (4) that officers consider Service Level Agreements (SLAs) for Bellsmyre Development Trust SCIO and Bellsmyre Digital Trust.

The meeting closed at 3.35 p.m.

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