

## **LORD PROVOST'S TRUST FUNDS.**

Glasgow, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020

**Present:** Lord Provost Philip Braat, Councillor Maureen Burke, Bailie Glenn Elder; Martin Booth, Executive Director of Finance and Carole Forrest, Director of Governance and Solicitor to the Council.

**Attending:** D Brand (Clerk); J Allen, C McGuire and K Wilson, Financial Services; M Burns, J Donaldson, and P Toner, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; S Gillespie, Customer and Business Services; W Shannon, Chief Executive's Department; and C Innes, Advisor to Lord Provost.

### **Minutes of previous meeting approved.**

1 The minutes of 1st November 2019 were submitted and approved.

### **Lord Provost's Trust Funds – 2019/20 financial update noted.**

2 There was submitted a report by the Head of Corporate Finance regarding the budget for the Lord Provost's 3 Trust Funds, detailing the expenditure position against the budget for the period from 1st April 2019 to 17th January 2020 (Period 11).

After consideration, the Trustees

- (1) noted the report; and
- (2) approved the virement of
  - (a) £5,500 from Social Work Older People Fund to Social Work Vulnerable Citizens Fund; and
  - (b) £5,000 from the £7,806 received in donations to be transferred into the Children's Fund Education element.

### **Summary of applications by Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership to Lord Provost's Children's Fund – Approved applications noted.**

3 There was submitted and noted a summary of applications made to the Lord Provost's Children's Fund by Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership, detailing the funding applications approved by the partnership to date under the agreed framework.

**Summary of applications by Education Services to Lord Provost's Children's Fund – Approved applications noted.**

4 There was submitted and noted a summary of applications made to the Lord Provost's Children's Fund by Education Services, detailing the funding applications approved by the service to date under the agreed framework.

**Summary of applications by Social Work Services to Lord Provost's Vulnerable Citizens' Fund – Approved applications noted.**

5 There was submitted and noted a summary of applications made to the Lord Provost's Vulnerable Citizens' Fund by Social Work Services, detailing the funding applications approved by the service to date under the agreed framework.

**Summary of applications by Social Work Services and Glasgow Home Care to Lord Provost's Older People Fund – Approved applications noted etc.**

6 There was submitted a summary of applications made to the Lord Provost's Older People's Fund by Social Work Services and Glasgow Home Care, detailing the funding applications approved by the service to date under the agreed framework.

**Summary of applications for funeral payments to Lord Provost's Fund for Vulnerable Citizens – Approved applications noted etc.**

7 There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Revenues, Benefits and Customer Contact regarding applications made to the Lord Provost's Fund for Vulnerable Citizens in relation to funeral payments.

**Responsible Investment – Proposals noted etc – Request to Head of Corporate Finance.**

8 With reference to the minutes of 1st November 2019 agreeing that developing a framework for an investment policy could be explored in liaison with Ruffer LLP, and progressing with these options should wait until the next meeting of the Trustees in February 2020, there was submitted a report by the Head of Corporate Finance regarding the investment options available to the Trustees, advising

- (1) of the background of the Sundry Trust portfolio which consisted of 5 charities which were managed by separate boards of trustees, and 9 non-charitable funds which were managed by the Council;
- (2) that in 2016 Ruffer LLP had become a signatory to the UN supported Principles for Responsible Investment, and that these principles provided a framework for investors to consider Environmental, Social and Governance issues;

- (3) that Ruffer LLP had proposed that the Lord Provost Trusts could transition to Ruffer's specific charity fund, the Charity Assets Trust, which followed Ruffer's single investment strategy whilst implementing a detailed responsible investment strategy;
- (4) of the advantages of the Charity Assets Trust, as detailed in the report, and the main disadvantage with the proposal which was that not all of the Council's Sundry Trusts would be eligible to invest in the Charity Assets Trust as not all of the entities were registered charities, but if this was the option to be pursued then it would be necessary to separate these funds from the portfolio; and
- (5) of Ruffer's suggestions for taking forward a bespoke Responsible Investment Policy for the charitable trusts, commencing with scheduling a workshop with the Lord Provost and the other trustees with the aim of determining the objectives of the trustees and how these would be informed in a responsible investment policy.

After consideration, the Trustees

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) agreed that more information on the options available would be valuable before making a final decision; and
- (c) requested a report to be brought to the next meeting of the Trust outlining the annual returns over the last 5-year period, as well as any difference in fee levels for both the Charity Assets Trust and the Absolute Return Fund.