

LORD PROVOST'S TRUST FUNDS.

By video conference, 4th February 2022

Present: Lord Provost Philip Braat; Councillor Maureen Burke; Martin Booth, Executive Director of Finance; and Elaine Galletly, Director of Legal and Administration.

Attending: D Brand (Clerk); G Bryan, M Burns and P Kelly, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; N Burns (for the Head of Customer and Business Services); D McClelland, Education Services; J McMartin, Chief Executive's Department; A Ross and A Stewart Financial Services; and C Innes and L Lambert, Advisors to Lord Provost.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 19th November 2021 were submitted and approved.

Lord Provost's Trust Funds – 2020/21 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 2021 to 14th January 2022 (Period 11).

After consideration, the Trustees noted

- (1) the report; and
- (2) that the Vulnerable Citizens' Fund had been increased by £75,000 as had been agreed at the previous meeting.

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 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.

After consideration, the Trustees noted

- (1) the report;
- (2) the small balance remaining within the fund;
- (3) that either virement from other funds, or a release of a small amount of Capital were options that could be considered should there be a requirement to apply additional income into the fund: and
- (4) that officers would advise the Trustees if these considerations were to be explored should there be any urgent applications made to the fund.

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.

Consideration to increase the value of funeral payments from £500 to £700 – Proposals agreed.

7 With reference to the minutes of 19th November 2021 when the Trustees noted that a further report would be brought to the next meeting of the Trust to request an increase to the award of £500 towards funeral costs for those who qualified under the criteria agreed at a meeting of the Trust on 10th May 2019, there was submitted a report by the Head of Customer and Business Services regarding the background to this request, advising

- (1) of the funding allocated to the service from 2018/19 to date, along with the spending for each financial year;
- (2) of the anticipated spending of the fund if the award remained at £500 against the effect on funding should the award be increased to £700;

- (3) that citizens on low incomes and in receipt of certain benefits could apply for the Scottish Government's Funeral Expense Assistance Benefit, which was administered by Social Security Scotland, and that successful applicants could receive a contribution towards funeral costs in excess of £1,000; and
- (4) of the proposal that the award remained at £500 in order to pay out as many citizens as possible.

After consideration, the Trustees approved the proposal for the award to remain at £500, recognising the availability of the Scottish Government's Funeral Expense Assistance Benefit for those eligible citizens.

Fundraising page – Update noted.

8 With reference to the minutes of 19th November 2021 when the Trustees requested officers to commence negotiations with Just Giving to set up a fundraising page, there was heard a verbal update from Jen McMartin, Legal Services advising that after the submission of a bank statement, and acceptance by Just Giving, the fundraising page would be ready to go live, and confirmation of this would be sent out to all Trustees.

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9 The Lord Provost and other Trustees thanked all officers involved in the administration of the 3 Lord Provost Trust Funds for their hard work in reaching out to those most vulnerable citizens promoting the availability of the funds.