



Glasgow City Council
City Administration Committee

Item 3

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**Report by Councillor Jennifer Layden, City Convener for
Community Empowerment, Equalities and Human Rights**

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Glasgow Communities Fund

Purpose of Report:

To provide an update on the Glasgow Communities Fund and seek approval of grant recommendations and budget allocations.

Recommendations:

The committee is invited to:

- note the report
- approve Glasgow Communities Fund grant award recommendations for citywide projects for 2.5 years (30 months) from 1 October 2020 to 31 March 2023
- approve Glasgow Communities Fund budget allocations to the Sector Community Planning Partnerships for 2.5 years (30 months) from 1 October 2020 to 31 March 2023
- agree to the next steps as outlined in paragraphs 54 – 58
- agree, in terms of Standing Order No 30 (7), that these decisions will not be subject to the call-in process for the reasons set out in paragraph 14

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes No consulted: Yes No

Introduction

1. This report provides an update on the Glasgow Communities Fund and seeks approval of grant recommendations and budget allocations. It specifically provides (a) grant award recommendations for citywide projects for 2.5 years (30 months) from 1 October 2020 to 31 March 2023 and (b) budget allocations to the Sector Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) for 2.5 years (30 months) from 1 October 2020 to 31 March 2023.

Background

2. Glasgow City Council's [Strategic Plan 2017 – 2022](#) identified as a priority the need to review how we fund third sector and community groups to reflect a partnership approach and simplifying procedures.
3. This committee on [29 August 2019](#) agreed to a range of measures related to the development of a new fund to replace the Integrated Grant Fund (IGF). The new fund would aim to address current, emerging and future challenges based on the following 8 objectives, agreed with the Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network (GTSIN):
 - Objective 1: to consider and determine the policy priorities for the fund
 - Objective 2: to establish new funding programmes and outcomes to deliver on the policy priorities
 - Objective 3: to improve access to the fund and consider eligibility criteria
 - Objective 4: to consider the funding model to be used as the basis for determining how funds are allocated
 - Objective 5: to examine how we can fund projects for longer than a year and how we facilitate reporting on spending
 - Objective 6: to rationalise grant administration processes and procedures including consideration of e-based applications and processes
 - Objective 7: to rebrand and promote the new fund to clearly convey its values and vision
 - Objective 8: to develop an approach to evaluation/impact of programmes that enables sharing and replication of good practice and informed decision making
4. The committee on 29 August 2019 approved a report and appendices setting out the aims, budget, budget assumptions and budget methodology for the fund (the Glasgow Communities Fund), and in particular agreed:
 - the aim for the fund is to tackle poverty and inequality through:
 - building the skills, capacity and resilience of individuals and communities;
 - supporting activities and services that will enable and empower communities to become involved in the social, economic and cultural life of the city;
 - the fund is to be underpinned by two priority areas: Improving Communities and Resilient Communities;
 - in delivering the fund's aim, the fund is to be guided by the following principles:

- communities are best placed to identify and deliver solutions that meet their needs;
 - community led organisations are vital to creating, empowering and sustaining resilient communities;
 - that these principles are further underpinned by a focus on: early intervention and prevention; equalities; innovation and initiatives that respond to emerging areas;
 - the fund's 2020-2023 budget, including agreeing that the budget would be allocated 30% citywide and 70% to the sectors and to adopt a flexible approach in the allocations between citywide and the sectors to reflect the level of funding requested;
 - a funding allocation methodology to determine individual sector allocations; and
 - the establishment of a short-life cross-party working group to provide input as the work on developing the new grant fund progressed.
5. As part of the development of the new fund, stakeholder engagement events (report [here](#)) were held in March and April 2019 for third sector organisations when 325 representatives from 282 organisations attended.
 6. Following committee approval, the Glasgow Communities Fund (GCF) application process was launched on 18 September 2019 with a closing date for applications of 25 October 2019 (extended from 20 October). 506 GCF applications were submitted.
 7. Initial technical checks by Officers on the applications identified 125 applications (25%) that were incomplete and/or late. It was announced on 23 January 2020 that those organisations that submitted incomplete or ineligible applications to the GCF would be granted a short extension to 31 January 2020 to submit all required documentation.
 8. Due to this extension, this committee agreed on [12 March 2020](#) that it was necessary to extend the decision making process for the GCF by six months from 1 April 2020.
 9. This committee, having due regard to the potential impact on existing grantholders and their service users of a cessation of IGF, with no alternative funding programme in place, approved a further extension of the IGF for six months. The committee approved an extension of IGF from 1 April 2020 to 30 September 2020 and allocated £10,045,367 from the 2020/21 budget. The committee also agreed the anticipated budgets for 2020-2023, including updated citywide and sector allocations, as outlined in Tables 1a and 1b.

Table 1a: October 2020/21 – 2022/23 Glasgow Communities Fund

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2020-23 Total
Starting Budget Total (based on 2019/20 IGF)	£24,451,296	£24,451,296	n/a	n/a	
Less Funding Transferred to Council Family		£1,102,526	n/a	n/a	
Starting Budget		£23,348,770	£22,181,332	£21,072,265	£66,602,366
Less 5% Saving		£1,167,439	£1,109,067	£1,053,613	£3,330,118
Total Budget		£22,181,332	£21,072,265	£20,018,652	£63,272,248
Less					
Area Partnership		£1,864,986	£1,864,986	£1,864,986	£5,594,958
Interim IGF Funding (Apr - Sep 2020)		£10,045,367	£0	£0	£10,045,367
Total GCF (Oct 2020 - March 2023)		£10,270,979	£19,207,279	£18,153,666	£47,631,924

Table 1b: Geographic Allocation (based on SIMD 2020 *)

Geographic Area	% Share	2020/21 (6 months)	2021/22	2022/23	2020/23 Total
City Wide	30.00	£3,081,294	£5,762,184	£5,446,100	£14,289,578
North East Sector	26.53	£2,725,155	£5,096,185	£4,816,634	£12,637,974
North West Sector	21.45	£2,203,237	£4,120,171	£3,894,159	£10,217,567
South Sector	22.02	£2,261,293	£4,228,740	£3,996,772	£10,486,805
GCF (Oct 2020-Mar 2023) Total		£10,270,979	£19,207,279	£18,153,666	£47,631,924

* A link to the SIMD 2020 funding model calculations for the sectors is provided [here](#) (as submitted to this committee on 12 March 2020).

10. The committee agreed to adopt a flexible approach in the allocations between citywide and the sectors to reflect the level of funding requested. It is proposed to reaffirm the budget allocations as outlined in Table 1b with 30% citywide and 70% allocations to the sectors.

Current Position

11. Shortly after the committee meeting on 12 March 2020 (when the decision making timetable was extended), as a result of Covid-19, Scotland has been subject to Scottish Government guidelines on social distancing and social isolation.

12. Current and potentially future guidance on working practices and social distancing will impact operationally on the third sector. It is anticipated that successful applicants to the GCF may face service delivery challenges – for example physical/social distancing both for staff and service users; limited staff availability and changing priorities.

13. A [briefing note](#) was issued to all applicants on 4 June 2020 confirming the timetable for the GCF, as reported to this committee on [12 March 2020](#), for successful applicants to begin their projects/programmes from 1 October 2020. In the briefing

note, applicants were advised that if they were awarded funding they would be asked to submit revised financial and project delivery plans in line with their original application. A flexible approach would be adopted in relation to successful applicants getting their projects up and running during 2020/21. Officers will work with successful applicants to address any changes/modifications to service provision or delivery that they need to make in light of level of grant awards or Covid-19 as we move further towards recovery.

14. In order to allow organisations to begin to make arrangements for project delivery and also provide adequate time to process the grant awards, committee approval is sought to suspend the call-in procedure under council Standing Orders.

GCF Application and Assessment Process

Funding Proposal Forms and Technical Checks

15. Applicants to the GCF submitted Funding Proposal Forms wherein they were asked to select which programme outcomes they will contribute to and outline the project activities they will undertake.

16. Members are advised that the Funding Proposal Forms requested information on a wide range of matters including:

- Governance
- Evidence of Need
- Partnership Working
- Equalities
- Sustainability
- External Funding

17. Within the GCF [Guidance](#) (para 2.10 thereof) and [website](#), applicants were made aware of a number of factors including:

- It is their responsibility to submit a fully completed application form and supporting documents by the deadline
- Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted
- Due to the number of applications we expected to receive, we would not contact applicants for further information.

18. To assist applicants, the guidance notes and application form provided helpful tips on the information we were looking for in each question. A short video was produced taking applicants through the application form. In addition, capacity building partners provided assistance to applicants to complete their application forms.

Assessments and Scoring Framework

19. All eligible applications were scored and assessed against the Fund criteria using information that was included in the Application Form and Budget Template. The criteria are outlined below:

- Organisation/Governance – this included an assessment of how frequently the governing body meets and the types of issues it considers
- Project Development – this included an assessment of identified gaps and evidence of need, involvement of communities in design and development and ongoing plans for involvement
- Project Delivery – this included an assessment of the project aims including who will benefit, that the project plans are credible, any evidence of joint or partnership working
- Project Outcomes and Impact – this included an assessment of the intended outcomes, how these will be measured and the difference the project will make
- Organisation and Project Finance – this included an assessment of the organisation’s financial position and whether the project costs appear reasonable/realistic
- Sustainability – this includes an assessment of plans for how the project and services can be sustained in the longer term

20. Tables 2a and 2b show the score key used by Assessing Officers for each assessment criteria and the score weighting given to each assessment criteria.

Table 2a: Score Key Assessment Tool

Score	Score Key Assessment	Interpretation
5	Excellent	Satisfies and demonstrates exceptional understanding of criteria required. Response identifies factors that will offer potential added value
4	Good	Satisfies the requirement with minor additional benefits
3	Acceptable	Satisfies the requirement with no reservations
2	Minor reservations	Satisfies the requirement with minor reservations. Some minor reservations with limited evidence to support the response
1	Serious reservations	Satisfies the requirement with major reservations
0	Unacceptable	Does not meet the requirement. Insufficient information provided

Table 2b: Assessment and Scoring Template Criterion

Criteria	Weighting
Organisation/Governance	5
Project Development	18
Project Delivery	28
Project Outcomes and Impact of the Fund	34
Organisation and Project Finance	10
Sustainability	5
Total	100

21. A maximum score of 5 against all criteria would result in a weighted score of 100, whereas a score of 1 for all criteria would result in a weighted score of 20.

Analysis of assessment and scoring

22. Prior to reviewing the recommendations in the context of the anticipated available budgets, initial analysis by officers focussed on providing reassurance of the assessment and scoring process.
23. Table 3 below illustrates that there is no significant variation between the citywide/sector applications in the average assessment scores (55.9: range -3.9% to +2.9%) and in the median score (56: range - 5.4% to +3.5%) for the assessments.
24. Citywide applications have an above average weighted assessment score and median score whilst the sector applications are below the total average and median score, with the exception of the North East, where applications have a median value in excess of the overall median value.

Table 3: Applications Geographic Area by Average/Median Assessment Score

Geographic Area	No. of Applications*	Average weighted assessment score (out of 100)	Median (50%) Value Assessment Score
Citywide	208.0	57.5	58
South Sector	121.5	54.5	53
North East Sector	81.1	55.7	58
North West Sector	76.3	53.7	55
Total	487	55.9	56

* Includes 22 multiple sector applications which have been allocated in proportion to proposed service delivery locations.

25. There is a definite correlation between the level of assessment scoring, the funding recommendations and the level of recommended funding. Irrespective of the geographical location for the service delivery, no citywide or sector application is recommended for funding with an assessment score below 40. The percentage of requested funding that has been recommended increases in line with the assessment scoring thereby providing a level of confidence in the consistency of the scoring framework applied by officers.

Applications – Summary

26. Following the extension referred to at paragraph 7 above, 19 of the 506 applications were ineligible including 14 that did not submit requested information following the January 2020 extension. Summary information is provided below and in Table 4:
- 487 eligible applications applied for a total of £135.5m for 2020-23. Projected match funding for the projects was almost the same (£134.8m) as the funding requested from GCF, so the total project costs for the 487 applications for 2020-23 is £270.2m;
 - 208 (43%) applications were for citywide service delivery with 279 (57%) applications for specific sector delivery, including 22 applications that proposed service delivery in two sectors;

- 242 (50%) of the 487 eligible applications are from organisations not in receipt of IGF in 2019-20;
- 5 applications applied for only 1 year funding with a further 10 applications requesting 2 year funding;
- The anticipated GCF budget for 2020-23 is £57.7m, with an amount requested of £135.5m. As above, £10m of the GCF budget for 2020/21 has already been awarded for the period 1 April – 30 September 2020.

Table 4: Glasgow Communities Fund Eligible Applications

Geographic Area	No of Apps*	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Total	Average request
Citywide	208	£21,660,618	£21,870,276	£22,004,396	£65,535,290	£315,074
South	121.5	£8,939,529	£9,440,010	£9,233,299	£27,612,838	£227,266
North East	81.1	£7,407,738	£7,360,119	£7,313,433	£22,081,290	£272,272
North West	76.3	£6,686,171	£6,777,935	£6,791,715	£20,255,821	£265,476
Total	487	£44,694,056	£45,448,340	£45,342,843	£135,485,240	£278,204
GCF Budget**		£20,316,346	£19,207,279	£18,153,666	£57,677,291	
Budget Shortfall		£24,377,710	£26,241,061	£27,189,157	£77,807,928	

* Number of applications includes 22 multiple sector applications which have been allocated in proportion to proposed service delivery locations. ** £10,045,367 already awarded for 2020/21 by CAC on 12 March 2020

Funding Recommendations

27. The funding recommendations presented in this report are based on the Assessing Officers recommendations and the weighted assessment score within the available budget.
28. Given the level of overbid for the available funding outlined at paragraph 28 above, the overall approach taken has been to fund as wide a range of projects as possible. Consequently, all projects are recommended for part-funding (compared to the amounts requested). Whilst the applicants will not receive the full amounts requested, the funding provides a platform for them to deliver services, perhaps in a different way from how they envisaged when they applied in autumn 2019. This inclusive approach seeks to allocate the funding across a wide range of projects thereby enabling third sector organisations to play a key part in the city’s social and economic recovery as we move forward.
29. The funding allocation enables 74 citywide applications to be recommended for funding as per the Assessing Officer assessment scores and recommendations. These recommendations are within budget and take into account the assumed 5% budget saving in 2021/22 and 2022/23.
30. **Appendix 1** provides information on the 74 applications recommended for funding. Tables 5 and 6 outline the main beneficiaries/clients groups that these applications would benefit and the main type of activities:
- Whilst more applications are recommended for “Communities of Interest/Equalities”, the most recommended funding is targeted at “All” (£4.6m). 61% of applications and funding (n45; £8.8m) is directed towards “All” or “Communities of Interest/Equalities” client groups;

- 30 applications are targeted towards “Communities of Interest/Equalities” as the primary beneficiaries. These applications would receive £4.2m GCF funding, which is 29% of the GCF allocation for citywide applications;
- £5.6m (39%) would be awarded for applications whose main activity is either “Financial Inclusion/Wellbeing” (25%) or “Capacity Building/Community Empowerment” (15%). More than three quarters (76%) of the funding would be targeted at the six type of activities identified in Table 6.

Table 5: Citywide GCF Recommended Funding by Main Beneficiaries/Client Group

Main Beneficiaries/ Client Group	No. of Applications	Oct 20 - Mar 21 Rec Funding	2021 - 22 Rec Funding	2022 - 23 Rec Funding	Oct 20 - Mar 23 Total Rec Funding
All	15	£1,013,694	£1,850,823	£1,690,932	£4,555,449
Communities of Interest/Equalities (Ethnicity/Disability/Gender/Faith/Sexuality/Lone Parents)	30	£891,466	£1,691,297	£1,631,822	£4,214,585
Vulnerable Adults (Homeless/Addiction/Mental Health/Offenders)	9	£440,842	£832,817	£793,044	£2,066,703
Children/Young People (<25)/Families	11	£417,213	£793,532	£757,239	£1,967,985
Older People (65+)	5	£194,719	£363,710	£345,219	£903,648
Adults (Working Age)	4	£123,359	£230,004	£227,844	£581,206
Grand Total	74	£3,081,294	£5,762,183	£5,446,100	£14,289,577

Table 6: Citywide GCF Recommended Funding by Main Theme/Topic/Activity

Main Theme/Topic Activity	No. of Applications	Oct 20 - Mar 21 Rec Funding	2021 - 22 Rec Funding	2022 - 23 Rec Funding	Oct 20 - Mar 23 Total Rec Funding
Financial Inclusion/Wellbeing	8	£796,938	£1,438,740	£1,294,923	£3,530,601
Capacity Building/Community Empowerment	10	£447,168	£850,564	£814,795	£2,112,526
Arts & Cultural Activities	14	£310,203	£582,323	£565,715	£1,458,241
CLD/Employability/Skills Development	6	£283,077	£527,724	£512,406	£1,323,207
Health Improvement & Wellbeing	9	£282,305	£533,521	£505,404	£1,321,230
Youth Services	6	£233,551	£437,515	£417,056	£1,088,121
Other (10 activity categories)	21	£728,052	£1,391,797	£1,335,801	£3,455,651
TOTAL	74	£3,081,294	£5,762,183	£5,446,100	£14,289,577

31. It is considered that the recommendations provide a strong portfolio of projects for our citizens within (a) the constraints of the funding available and (b) the range of applications of satisfactory quality received.

32. **Appendix 2** provides a summary of the 134 applications which are, following assessment, not recommended for funding. Within the guidance notes, applicants were advised that decisions on their application would be final and that there would be no appeals process.

Grant Awards and Administration

33. The committee is informed that a satisfactory Funding Proposal Form and required documentation has been received from all organisations being recommended for funding.
34. Subject to committee decision, award letters and packs will be issued to organisations in September 2020. In accepting the grant award, all grant holders will have agreed to comply with the Standard Conditions of Funding. The grant awards in years 2 and 3 (2021/22 and 2022/23) will be made subject to compliance and available finances.
35. Given that a number of successful applicants are recommended for partial awards, it will be necessary to request an updated project budget and project delivery plan. This will also take into consideration the impact of Covid-19 for example in relation to project delivery plans.
36. An initial payment of grant will only be released subject to the submission of a Funding Acceptance Form.
37. All organisations awarded funding will be monitored through the council grant fund monitoring arrangements.
38. Officers will provide successful applicants with briefings on the key elements of the grants process. This will take into consideration the government advice on social distancing at that time.
39. Unsuccessful applicants will receive formal notification of this decision as soon as is practicable after a decision has been taken. Given the numbers of such applications we will be unable to enter into further correspondence with applicants. Further consideration is currently being given to how these applicants will receive feedback on why their application was unsuccessful as well as considering additional support that could be provided via the Capacity Building Support Programme and/or by signposting to other agencies.

Capacity building support

40. IGF recipients have been aware since November 2017 that the IGF would be ending. Following a 3 year IGF programme from 2015-2018, the IGF was extended in 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 (part year). These extensions have provided additional funding to IGF funded organisations providing them with time to put in place appropriate exit strategies for the end of IGF and enabling delivery of services particularly to people with protected characteristics.
41. Throughout this period, this has been complemented by capacity building partners providing a regular programme of workshops and bespoke support specifically aimed at IGF grant recipients to build towards sustainability. These measures have been accompanied by regular communications reminding grant recipients to take the necessary steps in relation to their staff and service users, particularly those with protected characteristics, for when the IGF comes to an end.

42. In light of the level of demand for GCF, the Third Sector Capacity Building Group (membership includes GCVS, CEIS, Volunteer Glasgow and Glasgow Life) is currently working on a programme of support that will be rolled out once funding decisions are made. This programme will provide capacity building support including:
- online workshops
 - written resources and
 - intensive business support and exit/wind up advice where necessary.
43. Partners will initially focus on those applicants that were previously IGF recipients and were unsuccessful in their application to the GCF, including those who work with clients from protected characteristic groups. This will also include helping these organisations manage the reduction or removal of services and seeking to mitigate the impact on service users, particularly those with protected characteristics, for example, by referral and assisting with access to other services.
44. It is anticipated that further programmes will be developed in collaboration with partners and other funding bodies throughout the funding period of the GCF. It is intended to include those successful applicants that have a focus on provision of services to third sector and community group support in these discussions.

Equality Impact Assessment

45. The committee will recall that a full Equalities Impact Assessment (EQIA) was developed by a small working group of council and third sector colleagues including from the Glasgow Equality Forum. A copy of the latest version is attached to this report in **Appendix 3**.
46. As stated in the latest version, the initial phase of the EQIA looked at the application process, ensuring it was open and accessible and identifying available supports for applicants where required. It states that the principles approved by this committee, along with published criteria should ensure that organisations working with equalities groups and the most vulnerable are treated fairly in the application process. This part of the EQIA process also enabled applicants to indicate how their services would benefit those from protected characteristics groups.
47. As noted at paragraph 30 above, a number of projects that specifically focus on providing services to our citizens from protected characteristic groups or communities of interest/equalities have been recommended for funding.
48. This is further complemented by the portfolio of projects recommended for funding, whilst not specifically directed at citizens from protected characteristic groups, would benefit these citizens in the normal course of delivering those services.
49. Throughout this initial phase of the EQIA, it was recognised that further work was required in relation to the equalities and monitoring process, therefore, the next phase of the process will link the future review point of EQIA to the enhanced Equalities Monitoring information required of grantholders and enable lessons to

be learned for the future. For example, this may mean gathering different equalities information in application rounds of potential grant programmes.

50. A number of actions have been identified in the EQIA that will take this forward and it is intended to consult and work with Glasgow Equality Forum and other Third Sector Partners to complete these. A key consideration will be around organisation's equality practices, specific plans to target service users and their use of data and information. It is anticipated that this will link into the development of a capacity building programme outlined above at paragraph 41. This will enhance the monitoring arrangements for all grant recipients.
51. The committee is asked to note that this work links to Objective 8 (to develop an approach to evaluation/impact of programmes that enables sharing and replication of good practice and informed decision making) at paragraph 3 above, there will, under GCF, be a focus on assessing the impact of projects and the difference they make to the lives of citizens particularly those from protected characteristic groups.

Next steps

52. Members will be aware that the closure of the IGF and the development of the GCF is both a significant change for the city's third sector and a significant undertaking for the council. Many organisations across the city have received funding over a number of years through the IGF and its predecessor programmes. The latest 3 year IGF programme has been extended for a further two years since 2018. All communications to grant holders over this period have consistently encouraged them to take all reasonable steps to plan for any change to their income in the future. Over the last two years, capacity building support has also been made available through third sector partners.
53. The development of the GCF has also offered the opportunity to a large number of third sector organisations to apply to the council for funding and to have their applications considered, for the very first time. The recommended grant awards are for 2.5 years and will provide flexibility and a degree of stability to organisations that receive this funding.
54. We also recognise that applications were submitted in October 2019 and that service provision and delivery as envisaged by applicants will have been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic and the unprecedented and challenging times that the third sector has worked through in the last few months in particular. We will therefore engage with successful applicants to discuss any changes they need to make to their service provision and delivery as originally planned, to take account of the impact of Covid-19 and to support them to get their services up and running between 1 October 2020 and 31 March 2021.
55. We are committed to reviewing the approach taken so far, to learn lessons and refine processes as needed ahead of the next funding round in 2023. We will develop, with our stakeholders, the scope for an independent review with the relevant policy committee. In addition, the Council's [Audit Plan 2020/21](#) includes a review of the controls and arrangements in relation to the new Fund and will also provide important feedback and insight.

56. The introduction of this Fund is however an important first step in re-setting our relationship with the third sector and demonstrating the value we place on the third sector as a critical delivery partner.
57. It has become particularly apparent during the course of the assessment of applications to the GCF that a number of services, whilst not statutory council provision, are core services for our most vulnerable citizens and communities. Going forward, we will consider if a discretionary grant fund is the appropriate way for us to secure the delivery of such services or whether other funding arrangements would be more appropriate.
58. The third sector is represented on both the council's Economic Recovery Taskforce and Social Recovery Taskforce which are complementary and vital elements of the Renewal and Recovery Work Programme. The Social Recovery Taskforce has a strong equalities focus, which will permeate all its priority themes and work streams. A specific Third Sector work stream is being established, to generate a shared vision and clear recommendations for more effective collaboration and joint working between the council and the third sector. This work stream will comprise a group of third sector leaders recruited from open invitation as well as key council contacts. It will lead to a review of the Third Sector [Concordat](#) and Action Plan to ensure that both are at the heart of a refreshed relationship between the third sector and the council, driving policy and practice as we go forward, to the benefit of citizens, communities and ultimately the city.

Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial: Outcomes will be maximised through targeted use of resources and joint working and resourcing with partners

Legal: No new legal issues

Personnel: No direct personnel issues

Procurement: There are no procurement implications

Council Strategic Plan: The proposal supports all core objectives of the council plan

It is envisaged that the proposal will contribute to objectives: 21, 27, 42, 52, 75, 86.

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2017-22 Yes the proposal has the potential to impact on the council Equality Outcomes in relation to the following Improvement Aims:
 Improve economic outcomes for people with Protected Characteristics; and
 Improve access to council Family Services by people with protected characteristics

What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report? No impacts identified at this stage.

Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio economic disadvantage. It is anticipated that future funding recommendations will have a positive impact on third sector jobs, skills, local communities, social and community cohesion

Sustainability Impacts:

Environmental: The funding review will support organisations to consider issues around environmental sustainability and the climate emergency

Social, including Article 19 opportunities: It is anticipated that future funding recommendations will have a positive impact on third sector jobs, skills, local communities, social and community cohesion

Economic: It is anticipated that future funding recommendations will have a positive economic impact on local communities across Glasgow

Privacy and Data Protection impacts: No privacy or data protection impacts have been identified

Recommendations

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