

CITY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

By video conference, 8th April 2021.

City Administration Committee.

Present: Susan Aitken (Chair), Richard Bell, Euan Blockley (substitute for Kyle Thornton), Bill Butler, Graham Campbell (substitute for Greg Hepburn), Allan Casey, Jim Kavanagh (substitute for Maureen Burke), Malcolm Cunning, Chris Cunningham, Archie Graham, Mhairi Hunter, Ruairi Kelly, Thomas Kerr, Jennifer Layden, David McDonald, Kenny McLean, Jane Morgan, Eva Murray, Cecilia O'Lone, Anna Richardson, Soryia Siddique, Martha Wardrop and Allan Young (substitute for Jon Molyneux).

Apologies: Maureen Burke, Greg Hepburn, Jon Molyneux and Kyle Thornton.
Attending: N Lyttle (Clerk); M McKenna, Executive Director of Education Services; M Booth, Executive Director of Finance; G Gillespie, Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; E Galletly, Director of Legal and Administration; K Rush, Director of Regional Economic Growth; C Edgar, Head of Communication and Strategic Partnerships; A Connolly, Strategic Adviser to the Chief Executive; and M Hogg (for the Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership).

Introduction of new UK Government funds noted – Arrangements for funding bids approved.

1 Councillor Aitken, Leader of the Council and City Convener for Inclusive Economic Growth, presented a report regarding 3 new UK Government funds that had been launched on 3rd March 2021 as part of the UK budget process, advising

- (1) that the 3 new UK-wide funds, namely the UK Community Renewal Fund (CRF), the UK Levelling Up Fund and the UK Community Ownership Fund were intended to contribute to the UK Government's "levelling up" agenda, with the CRF being planned to act as a pilot for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, which was scheduled to become operational as a replacement for EU Structural Funds on 1st April 2022;
- (2) that the CRF would provide £220m of funding for 2021/22 across the UK and would be run as a competitive process, with no pre-set eligibility and 90% of its funding being revenue based, and its broad investment priorities were investment in skills, investment for local business, investment in communities and place and supporting people into employment, with this Council being the designated lead authority for any bids covering Glasgow, which were to be submitted by 18th June 2021;
- (3) that the UK Levelling Up Fund was now a £4.8bn UK-wide capital fund to support investment projects that required up to £20m of funding and would

run for 4 years up to 2024/25, with a closing date of 18th June 2021 for the 1st round of funding, which would focus on 3 themes, as detailed in the report, with this fund setting aside at least £800m across Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland over the lifetime of the fund and for the 1st round of funding, Scotland would receive at least 9% of the total UK allocations and that Glasgow had been placed in the top priority category for funding;

- (4) that under the UK Community Ownership Fund, which had an overall budget of £150m, community groups would be able to bid for up to £250,000 of matched-funding to help buy or take over local community assets at risk of being lost, to run as community-owned businesses and a bidding prospectus was expected to be published by June 2021; and
- (5) of the implications of these 3 new funds for Glasgow and the approach identified to take advantage of the opportunities of these funds.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted the setting up of the UK Community Renewal, Levelling Up and Community Ownership Funds; and
- (b) agreed that
 - (i) the Council would seek to apply for support under these funds, adopting the approach detailed in the report; and
 - (ii) final bids would be brought back to this committee for approval.