

## **Children's Services Grants Programme - Tier 1 and Tier 2 Mental Health Support – Grant awards approved – Declaration of interest.**

9 With reference to the minutes of 4th August 2022 (Print 2, page 280) approving a grant programme for Tier 1 and Tier 2 Mental Health Support in Children's Services, Councillor Cunningham, Convener for Health, Care & Caring and Older People presented a report regarding the progress of the grant programme, advising that

- (1) the grant programme had been introduced to enable a range of community organisations to provide effective early intervention and preventative support in order to meet the diverse wellbeing needs of children and young people, and to prevent escalation into more targeted supports;
- (2) a total of £500,000 of funding was available to support the programme for Tier 1 and Tier 2 Mental Health Support in Children's Services and the first programme would provide financial support to Third Sector provider partners who required additional funding to participate in collaborative learning and development sessions which would focus on enhancing strengths-based and trauma informed practice, and the second would be used to fund community-based mental health and wellbeing programmes which could be delivered within the grant funding cycle to 31st March 2023 by organisations which could evidence successful approaches to engaging with children, young people and families, within the context of their local neighbourhood, through applying an understanding of the mental health and wellbeing needs of the local population of families; and
- (3) the grant programme had been opened to applications on 15th August 2022; with a closing date of 2nd September 2022 and that 36 applications had been received for the second programme, however no applications had been received for the first programme;
- (4) following an assessment process, the outcome of the assessment had been reviewed by an independent panel and it was proposed that a total of £325,486 of funding from the programme be awarded to 23 organisations, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted the update on the grants programme for Tier 1 and Tier 2 Mental Health Supports; and
- (b) approved the award of grants, as detailed in the report.

In terms of Standing Order No 27, Councillor Wardrop declared an interest in this item and left the meeting during its consideration.