

APT Public Social Partnership – Application for grant funding approved.

2 There was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth regarding a proposed allocation of grant funding to the APT Public Social Partnership (PSP), advising that

- (1) the Scottish Union of Supported Employment (SUSE), the national representative body for supported employment providers was the lead partner in the APT PSP which had been commissioned by the Scottish Government and, that this strategic partnership provided the Third Sector with the opportunity to design future public services by trying and piloting new ideas and approaches;
- (2) the APT PSP aimed to contribute to the ambition set by the Scottish Government in the Fairer Scotland for Disabled People - Employment Action Plan to half the Disability Employment Gap by 2038 and currently the APT PSP was partnered with 47 organisations and 40 employers from the private, public and Third Sectors across Scotland to provide enhanced and specialist support for disabled people;
- (3) it was proposed that the Council established a formal partnership with the APT PSP to provide high level support to employers, so that they were more confident and better equipped to deliver quality experiences to disabled people, as detailed in the report;
- (4) the APT PSP programme with the Council would be designed to deliver training sessions, guidance and materials to support employers to inform, inspire and engage disabled people about the world of work, supporting 10 Glasgow employers and 100 of their employees with programme deliverables, as detailed in the report; and
- (5) the APT PSP had requested £92,097 of funding from the Council for the project to cover staffing costs and employer training and travel expenses for the 12-month period from 1st April 2022 until 31st March 2023 and that the project would be monitored by SUSE.

After consideration, the committee approved an allocation of £92,097 of grant funding to the APT Public Social Partnership, as detailed in the report.