

REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 26 APRIL 2021
REPORT ON: ADDITIONAL SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT FUNDING
REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES
REPORT NO: 133-2021

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek approval from the Committee of proposals to allocate the Councils £1.1m share of the additional £40m of funding for Local Government announced on 18 March 2021.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee agree to allocate the funding of £1.108m to the proposals set out in Appendix A.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The proposals in Appendix A can be funded from one-off funding of £1.108m that will be paid as a redetermination of General Revenue Grant in March 2022.

At the announcement of this funding came after the Council had set its budget for 2021/22 it is recommended that it be allocated to proposals that will help deliver the Councils objectives as set out in the Council and City Plans.

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 On 18 March 2021, as part of the Local Government Finance Order, the Scottish Government announced an additional £40m of funding for councils to be used at their discretion.

4.2 Dundee City Council's share of this funding is £1.108m. It has been indicated that this is one off funding and the proposals that are recommended are therefore only for a single year.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

There are no major issues.

Appendix A sets out how each of the proposals recommended will contribute to the Council's objectives.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

The Council Management Team were consulted in the preparation of this report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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Date: 7 April 2021

APPENDIX A

| Proposal | Details | Contributes to the Council Plan by | £000 |
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| Modern Apprentices | Increase the number of Modern Apprentice within the Council and create opportunities for our young people and also assist with our Workforce Planning Strategy | Promoting inclusive growth. | 150 |
| Children & Families Service | To further support the implementation of the Council's commitment on delivering 'Our Promise', and extending extra curricular activities | Giving children the best start in life. | 100 |
| Eden project | To support the continued feasibility study on the Eden Project | Focusing on key sectoral strengths. | 80 |
| Community Wealth Building | To commission the Centre for Economic Strategy (CLES) to assist with our Community Wealth Building strategy, CLES will work with the Council to engage with partners and develop an action plan. | Promoting inclusive growth. | 30 |
| Health, Wellbeing & Exercise | Work in partnership with Leisure and Culture Dundee (LACD) to develop activities, targeted at deprived households but including all communities. Pilot different concessionary schemes at LACD facilities. | Improving health and well-being of all citizens | 100 |
| Community Climate Change Fund | Empower communities to develop ideas that benefit the environment and contribute to the climate emergency, With a view to utilising our PB experience to select projects, the fund will ensure communities are able to identify opportunities and vote for their priorities. | Delivering significant reduction in CO2 emissions. | 250 |
| Community Environment Officer | <p>Establish a 2 year post to support and coordinate activities within communities, acting as a conduit between DCC and communities on issues related to biodiversity, tree management and general environmental improvements/ projects including the above. The post holder will liaise with organisations both in and outwith the city to promote the green spaces as a visitor destination in their own right.</p> <p>The Climate Resilience and Community Engagement Officer will strengthen links with local communities and organisations. As well raising awareness of the impact of the climate emergency on individuals and on communities now and in the future, a key role for the officer will be increasing the understanding of citizens regarding the significant part that Dundee's parks, greenspaces and wider environment can play in the mitigation of climate change. A direct strategic resource of reference for promoting this understanding will be through ensuring commitments made within Dundee's Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) are successfully met.</p> | Supporting the Biodiversity Plan | 100 |
| Sustainable Transport Improvements | Provide enhanced cycling/ walking infrastructure and maintenance. Potential projects include the provision of cycling storage, extension of gritting routes, segregated cycling routes. | Increasing active travel | 100 |
| Urban Sustainable Transport Officer | Establish a 2 year post to support further work to expand and enhance the city's work to develop strategies and plans to support sustainable transportation - cycling/ walking. | Increasing active travel | 100 |
| Dundee Transport Museum | Phase 1 to support the development of the new site for the Transport Museum. | Supporting regeneration | 20 |
| Covid-19 Recovery Activities | To assist with the Cities Recovery from Covid 19 this funding will Support activities within the City Centre Events and activities will be Covid-19 safe and aim to provide a positive impact on the economy. Match funding from external sources will be sought to maximise resources. | Supporting cultural led regeneration | 20 |
| City Infrastructure | Provide an additional £1m capital investment in city infrastructure through prudential borrowing with £750k of this allocated to roads. | Improved road safety and asset sustainability | 50 |
| Total | | | 1,100 |

