

REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 12 JUNE 2023

REPORT ON: BUDGET INVESTMENT PROPOSALS: TACKLING SOCIAL INEQUALITY

REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

REPORT NO: 161-2023

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1. To recommend how the investment proposals, agreed in the 2023/24 Budget, will be allocated.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1. It is recommended that the Council:

(a) agrees to the allocations and purposes for investment if £905k as set out in Appendix 1;

(b) authorises the lead Officers indicated to take the necessary steps to implement the proposals;
and

(c) notes that a further report setting out proposals for the balance of funding will be presented to a future meeting of the committee.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1. The Council provided £1.505m in the 2023/24 revenue budget for investment. This report sets out proposals for £905k of this funding.

4. MAIN TEXT

4.1. As part of the 2023/24 Revenue Budget, agreed by the Council on 23 February 2023, £1.505m was included for budget investment proposals (Article II of the meeting of Policy and Resources Committee on 23 February 2023 refers).

4.2. The Appendix to this Report provides more detailed proposals to take forward £905k of these investments and these are presented to the Committee for approval.

4.3. Proposals for the use of the remaining £600k will be presented to a future meeting of the Committee.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1. This report has been subject to the Pre-IIA Screening Tool and does not make any recommendations for change to strategy, policy, procedures, services or funding and so has not been subject to an Integrated Impact Assessment. An appropriate senior manager has reviewed and agreed with this assessment.

6. CONSULTATIONS

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

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1. None

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1. Supporting Dundee's Food Network		500
1(a)	Given the continued level of need, additional funding will be provided to support those experiencing food insecurity to access vital support within their local communities. These food provision activities are co-ordinated by Dundee Community Food Network and officers continue to work closely with the network. This vital funding, of approximately £10,000 per week will support projects for the next financial year.	Head of Chief Executive's Service 500
2. Tackling Social Inequalities		405
2(a)	AIM (Anxiety in Motion) is a provision within the Education, Learning and Inclusion Service for secondary school pupils who are unable to attend school due to significant anxiety and related mental health needs. It is partly funded by the Strategic Equity Fund, as part of the Scottish Attainment Challenge. AIM supports up to 40 young people through its core, drop-in, and outreach strands. The additional monies will be used to enhance the curriculum offer (and subject choices) to young people as well as the support to allow young people to access a wider curriculum offer. The additional monies will also be used to enhance the outreach offer. Enhancing this provision through the additional monies will help achieve improved outcomes for targeted young people in relation to their attainment and achievement; attendance and engagement in learning; positive destinations; and their mental health.	Head of Education, Learning and Inclusion 150
2(b)	Child Poverty - Additional funding to support a one-year advice post to test further the roll out of welfare and debt advice provision within schools. Additional funding for key worker support to test further roll out of whole family approach to employability to address child poverty. Currently the Pathfinder is focused in Linlathen and is being delivered in partnership with Scottish Government, DWP and SSS. Funding will support further tests of this targeted outreach to families and intensive support to our most vulnerable families in other areas of Dundee. The additional capacity will also enable roll out of the approach to families in in-work poverty in Linlathen. The remaining funds will provide flexibility to support families on low income who have no entitlement to free school meals and also families who have accrued school meal debt.	Head of Customer Services and IT 100

2(c)	Fuel Advice - Prioritise increasing energy cost issues emerging from Fuel Well Dundee data to ensure that families' available income is maximised and rising energy costs and indebtedness can be mitigated against.	Head of Customer Services and IT	105
2(d)	Fairness Projects Funding was allocated for fairness activities in 2021/22 and 2022/23, with the Local Fairness Initiatives and the Fairness Leadership Panel support being prioritised. This approach will be continued with the £50K allocated in 2023/24. This funding will also support drawing in additional external funding on a match basis.	Head of Chief Executive's Service	50