

BLINDCRAFT CHARITABLE TRUST FUND

22nd March 2019.

Present: Councillor Robert Mooney (Chair), Glasgow City Council; Jimmy O'Rourke and Fiona Sandford.

Apologies: Councillor Tracey Little, Dumfries and Galloway Council and David McKerral.

Attending: T Coyle (Clerk), W Shannon, K Wilson and C Woodley, Glasgow City Council.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 2nd November 2018 were submitted and approved.

Background and History – noted.

2 There was submitted and noted a report providing information on the background and history of the Blindcraft Charitable Trust, as detailed in the report.

Trust accounts – Financial update noted.

3 There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Corporate Finance advising

- (1) of a summary of expenditure during the 2018/19 financial year;
- (2) that the Trust had previously made a commitment of £7,875 from the 2018/19 budget at the meeting of the Trust on 20th November 2018;
- (3) of the financial position as at 31st March 2019, showing the provisional closing balance of £2,288,910;
- (4) that the movement in Capital Growth for the trust in the 2019/20 estimated from the February 2019 figures show a loss of £37,386; and
- (5) of the 3 budget options available to the Trust for 2019/20.

After consideration, the Trustees

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) agreed to limit grant expenditure to £125,000 for 2019/20, leaving a budget after commitments of £118,000.

Applicant engagement noted etc.

4 There was submitted a report by Catherine Woodley, Service Delivery Manager, Customer and Business Services, outlining the applicant engagement process for the financial year 2018/19, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Trustees

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) agreed
 - (i) that 9 organisations should be invited to submit applications: RSBi; RNIB; Visibility; Guide Dogs Scotland; Deaf blind Scotland; Macular Society; Rex Blind; Play Back and The Fourth Valley Sensory Centre;
 - (ii) that the organisations would be invited to apply for a small or medium grant; and
 - (iii) that the medium grant value would be reduced to between £5,000 and £15,000.

Date of next meeting.

5 The Trustees agreed that the date of the next meeting would be November 2019, and the Trustees would be notified of the fixed date via email.