

BLINDCRAFT CHARITABLE TRUST FUND

16th March 2018.

Present: Councillor Robert Mooney (Chair) and Bailie Annette Christie, Glasgow City Council; Councillor Tracey Little, Dumfries and Galloway Council; David McKerral and Fiona Sandford.

Apology: Jimmy O'Rourke.

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

Introductions and Apologies – Noted.

1 The Trustees were welcomed to the meeting and noted that Jimmy O'Rourke had submitted his apologies.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

2 The minutes of 8th December 2018 were submitted and approved.

The Trust noted an update by Catherine Woodley, Glasgow City Council regarding point 7(A) rubrics baring "Trust Accounts- Application for funding noted", advising that Glasgow Life have confirmed that there is no available funding for any upgrades to the Mitchell Library Resource Unit.

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 2017/18 financial year;
- (2) that the Trust had previously made a commitment of £15,000 from the 2017/18 budget at the meeting of the Trust on 8th December 2017;
- (3) of the financial position as at 31st March 2018, showing the provisional closing balance of £2,542,668;
- (4) that the movement in Capital Growth for the trust in the 2017/18 estimated from the February 2018 figures show a growth of £35,496; and

- (5) of the 3 budget options available to the Trust for 2018/19.

After consideration, the Trustees

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) agreed to limit grant expenditure to £125,000 of the value of the fund leaving a budget after commitments in 2017/18 (Visibility) of £115,000; and
- (c) requested further information regarding the David Sharp Trust in which this Trust receives donations.

Applicant engagement noted etc.

4 There was submitted a report by Elaine Galletly, Head of Legal and Administration, outlining various options available to the Blindcraft Trustees in relation to the application process.

After consideration, the Trustees

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) agreed that 10 organisations should be invited to submit applications: RSBi; RNIB; Visibility; Guide Dogs Scotland; Deaf blind Scotland; The Scotland Macular Society; Rex Blind; Saltire Strikers; Play Back and Glasgow Life Mitchell Library Recourse Unit.