

LORD PROVOST'S TRUST FUNDS.

Glasgow, 10th May 2019

Present: Lord Provost Councillor Eva Bolander (Chair); Councillor Maureen Burke; M Booth, Executive Director of Finance; and Carole Forrest, Director of Governance and Solicitor to the Council.

Also present: Councillor Allan Casey.

Apologies: Bailie Glenn Elder; E Galletly, Chief Executive's Department; G Longmuir, Customer and Business Services, D McClelland, Education Services; and P Toner, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

Attending: D Brand (Clerk); M Burns, J Donaldson and L Gunn, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; K Divers, Education Services; C McGuire and K Wilson, Financial Services; W Shannon, Chief Executive's Department; J Timoney, Head of Customer and Business Services; R Wallace, Simon Community Scotland; and L Lambert, Advisor to Lord Provost.

Minutes of previous meetings approved.

1 The minutes of 1st February 2019 were submitted and approved.

Alternative Giving Strategy noted etc.

2 There was submitted a report by Simon Community Scotland regarding the launch of the Street Change Glasgow, Alternative Giving Strategy, advising

- (1) that the City Centre Strategy Board had approved the development of a Begging Strategy in 2018, with a number of workstreams to be progressed as part of that development process and that on completion of this work a formal Begging Strategy would be prepared for consideration later in 2019/20;
- (2) that a sub group had been established through the Begging Strategy Short Life Working Group to consider the benefits and possible development of an Alternative Giving initiative, and that following on from research carried out among the organisations involved in reducing homelessness/begging, an Alternative Giving Scheme could positively benefit Glasgow;
- (3) that the initiative would be led by Simon Community Scotland, promoted by a wide range of partners, and that the launch of Street Change Glasgow, Alternative Giving Strategy was expected in July/August 2019; and

- (4) of the key objectives of Street Change Glasgow in delivering its services, and that a one off contribution from the Lord Provost Fund for Vulnerable Citizens of £10,000 would kick start the project and provide funding immediately to provide the support Street Change Glasgow required to provide to those in need, through its Alternative Giving Strategy.

After consideration, the Trustees noted that

- (a) the contribution requested would form part of the 2019/20 budget, which would be discussed later in the meeting, and that all relevant parties would be notified of the decision; and
- (b) approval would have to be sought at a future meeting of the Council regarding representation on the Alternative Giving Strategy programme.

Funeral Costs – Proposals approved.

3 With reference to the minutes of 2nd July 2018 (Page 1, item 1) approving the award of a funeral payment to be administered through the Lord Provost's Fund for Vulnerable Citizens, using the established routes along with the added signposting and application submission by the Scottish Welfare Fund (SWF), the qualifying criteria as detailed in the report, and the value of the award to be set at £500 as a contribution towards funeral costs, there was submitted a report by the Director of Financial and Business Services, advising that

- (1) promotion of the fund had been carried out through established routes including the Health and Social Care Partnership, Financial Services Macmillan Cancer and Long Term Conditions Team and Neighbourhoods and Sustainability's Bereavement Services;
- (2) to date there had been no applications to the Fund, therefore Customer and Business Services had been working with the Financial Services Macmillan and Long Term Conditions Team to determine if revised criteria would assist in making the Fund more accessible, whilst also ensuring it assisted only the most vulnerable;
- (3) it was proposed that, in order to increase take up of the Funeral Poverty Fund, the original approved qualifying criteria could be relaxed for citizens represented by Financial Services Macmillan Cancer and Long Term Conditions Team, allowing close friends and relatives of the deceased and those given short term prognosis access to apply to the Fund, albeit they did not need to be in receipt of a qualifying benefit; and
- (4) the current UK Government Funeral Expenses Payment in Scotland would be replaced by summer 2019 as part of the new Scottish Social Security System, and that the Funeral Expense Assistance would provide a one off payment to support people on low income benefits who need to pay for a funeral.

After consideration, the Trustees

- (a) approved the revised criteria as detailed in the report; and

- (b) noted that the SWF team would continue to monitor uptake against the Fund and should further information become available for consideration, a further report would be submitted to the Trustees.

Financial Update noted – Budget allocation and contribution approved

4 There was submitted a report by the Head of Corporate Finance providing a 2018/19 financial update and 2019/20 budget update for the Lord Provost's 3 Trust Funds, advising of the

- (1) summary expenditure position against the budget for the period from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019 for each of the 3 Trust Funds;
- (2) updated budget position for 2019/20, which had been revised to reflect donations received and the underspend carried forward from 2018/19;
- (3) % split of block grants for each of the 3 Trust Funds based on 2018/19 expenditure and of the revised maximum grant amounts;
- (4) proposed 2019/20 revised budget allocations of £250 for Older People and £430 for Vulnerable Citizens and Children's Fund; and
- (5) one off contribution of £10,000 to the Alternative Giving Strategy.

After consideration, the Trustees

- (a) noted the 2018/19 expenditure position in respect of the 3 Trust Funds; and
- (b) approved
 - (i) the 2019/20 budget allocations as detailed in the report;
 - (ii) a one off contribution of £10,000 to the Alternative Giving Strategy; and
 - (iii) that Ruffer be present at the next meeting and the budget be reviewed again at this time.

Summary of applications by Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership to Lord Provost's Children's Fund – Approved applications noted etc.

5 There was submitted and noted a summary of applications made to the Lord Provost's Fund by Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership, detailing the funding applications approved by the partnership to date under the agreed framework.

Summary of applications by Education Services to Lord Provost's Children's Fund – Approved applications noted etc.

6 There was submitted a summary of applications made to the Lord Provost's Fund by Education Services, detailing the funding applications approved by the partnership to date under the agreed framework.

Summary of applications in respect of funeral payments to Lord Provost's Fund for Vulnerable Citizens – Approved applications noted etc.

7 There was submitted a summary of applications made to the Lord Provost's Fund for Vulnerable Citizens in relation to funeral payments, detailing the funding applications approved by the partnership to date under the revised agreed framework.

Summary of applications by Social Work Services to Lord Provost's Fund for Vulnerable Citizens – Approved applications noted etc.

8 There was submitted and noted a summary of applications made to the Lord Provost's Fund for Vulnerable Citizens by Social Work Services, detailing the funding applications approved by the service to date under the agreed framework.

Summary of applications by Social Work Services to the Lord Provost's Fund for Older People – Approved applications noted.

9 There was submitted and noted a summary of applications made to the Lord Provost's Fund for Older People by Social Work Services, detailing the funding applications approved by the service to date under the agreed framework.

Summary of applications by Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership to Lord Provost's Fund for Older People – Approved applications noted.

10 There was submitted and noted a summary of applications made to the Lord Provost's Fund for Older People by Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership, detailing the funding applications approved by the partnership to date under the agreed framework.