
To: Leadership Board

On: 28 April 2021

Report by: Chief Executive and Director of Finance and Resources

Heading: Scottish Government 'Regeneration Capital Grant Fund 2020/21':
award of additional grant funding

1. Summary

- 1.1. The Scottish Government have awarded Regeneration Capital Grant Funding (RCGF) in 2020/21 of £400,000 for the Mossedge Centre project being delivered by Linwood Community Development Trust (LCDT). The Board approved accepting this grant in December 2020.
- 1.2. Subsequent to this award, the Scottish Government have confirmed a further £175,000 grant funding in 2020/21 for the project in order to provide sufficient funding to complete the project. This funding required to be committed and claimed from the Scottish Government in 2020/21.
- 1.3. The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the award of the RCGF additional funding of £175,000 and to seek the approval of the Board to homologate the decision to accept the grant award.

2. Recommendations

Members are requested to:

- 2.1. Homologate the decision of the Director of Finance and Resources to accept the grant offer of an additional £175,000 Regeneration Capital Grant Funding for the Mossedge Centre, Linwood.

3. Background

- 3.1 On 10 September 2020 the Scottish Government announced £12million of new investment for regeneration through the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund. This funding was made available immediately and must be spent or committed by 31 March 2021. Two projects in Renfrewshire were awarded funding as part of this investment, Johnstone Community and Wellbeing Hub has been awarded £730,000 and Mossedge Centre, Linwood awarded £400,000.
 - 3.2 The Leader of the Council was informed of the formal offers of grant which were received on 21 September 2020 and offers had to be accepted by 5th October 2020. Due to the tight timescale set by Scottish Ministers for acceptance of the grant offers, the Director of Finance and Resources on behalf of the Council was therefore required to accept the grants by 5 October 2020 or the grant funding would have been lost. The Board homologated the decision to accept the grant awards in December 2020.
 - 3.3 The Scottish Government have subsequent to this initial award, and through further discussion with council officers and LCDT, made a further offer of grant of £175,000 in order to fully fund the project to completion following an application for funding made by LCDT to another charitable body being partially declined.
 - 3.4 The additional grant award relates to the 2020/21 financial year and in accordance with grant conditions must be fully spent or committed within that financial year. In order to secure the additional grant, the Director of Finance and Resources on behalf of the Council was therefore required to accept the grant on 12 March 2021 or the grant funding would have been lost.
 - 3.5 A third-party contract of grant agreed with Linwood Community Development Trust for RCGF funding has been amended to reflect the additional grant and to bind the group to the specific terms and conditions of grant and enable them to draw down the grant from the Council. The management and monitoring of the grant will be carried out by Council officers and progress reports submitted to the Scottish Government as required.
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Implications of this report

1. **Financial** – Grants awarded to the Council will be monitored in accordance with the terms and conditions of grant. The Council will liaise with Scottish Government to comply with RCGF drawdown requirements and financial reporting requirements. Where grants are awarded to third parties, officers will liaise with those organisations to ensure they comply with requirements.
2. **HR and Organisational Development** - none
3. **Community/Council Planning**
 - Our Renfrewshire is thriving – Community-led regeneration projects result in a stimulus to the local economy via contracts won and visitors and user numbers. The Linwood project will support the objectives to develop Renfrewshire’s economy, including its Town Centres as thriving places, supporting local places, businesses and communities.
 - Our Renfrewshire is well - The delivery of actions through the project has the potential to positively impact on physical, emotional and mental health and wellbeing. Implementing the project will assist Renfrewshire citizens to have a positive attitude to their community.
 - Our Renfrewshire is safe - Working in partnership with community, public and private sector stakeholders and organisations to achieve positive outcomes.
 - Reshaping our place, our economy and our future - The project will provide new facilities and services which will contribute to supporting growth and sustainable jobs.
4. **Legal** - A third-party contract of grant will be prepared which will be signed by Linwood Community Development Trust for the additional RCGF grant award.
5. **Property/Assets** - none
6. **Information Technology** - none
7. **Equality and Human Rights**

The recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals’ human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because for example it is for noting only. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council’s website.

8. **Health and Safety** - none
9. **Procurement** – LCDT have procured the works in accordance with council practices for the letting of contracts.
10. **Risk** - The project actively monitors key risks and issues associated with delivery in accordance with the Council's Project Management Framework. Risks are identified and mitigating actions and allowances have been made and will be continually monitored.
11. **Privacy Impact** - none
12. **Cosla Policy Position** - none
13. **Climate Risk** - none

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