

**To: Leadership Board**

**On: 20 April 2022**

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**Report by: Chief Executive and Director of Finance & Resources**

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**Heading: Scottish Government Regeneration Capital Grant Fund: Award of Grant Funding – Paisley Learning and Cultural Hub and Paisley Museum Reimagined**

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## **1. Summary**

- 1.1 The Leadership Board has previously considered and approved a number of submissions to the Scottish Government's Regeneration Capital Grant Fund (RCGF). This fund is one of the mainstays of capital funding for regeneration and is available through a competitive annual application process.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of additional awards of RCGF funding for the Paisley Learning and Cultural Hub and Paisley Museum Reimagined project and to note the Chief Executive's acceptance of the grant award.
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## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board
- i. Notes the Chief Executive's acceptance of the offer from the Scottish Government Regeneration Capital Grant Fund of £1.4 million for the Paisley Learning and Cultural Hub and of £1.8 million for the Paisley Museum Reimagined project.
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## **3. Background**

- 3.1 In 2016 and 2017 Renfrewshire Council was awarded RCGF grants for the Paisley Learning and Cultural Hub (£1.5 million) and the Paisley Museum Reimagined project (£4.0 million). Both projects are funded through multiple strands of external funding as well as significant capital commitment from the Council.

- 3.2 The Scottish Government regularly monitors the progress of projects that they have contributed towards. These two projects have moved forward during the period where there have been impacts on supply chains, labour availability and materials due to the coronavirus pandemic and Brexit. Both projects have therefore experienced inflationary pressures that have necessitated draw downs from contingency and risk reserves far earlier than was anticipated. Through their monitoring process the Scottish Government became aware of this strain on the projects and approached the Council to explore the potential for additional funding to set the project on a more secure basis.

#### **4. Additional funding awards**

- 4.1 Following discussions with Scottish Government officials, applications for additional funding were made. The Council has been awarded an additional £1.4 million for the Paisley Learning and Cultural Hub and a further £1.8 million for the museum. Further support from the National Lottery Heritage Fund has also been applied for by the museum project team.

#### **5. Next Steps**

- 5.1 A formal offer of grant has been made by Scottish Government to the Council for these two awards of grant. These have been accepted by the Chief Executive. 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 the 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 Planning**

- Our Renfrewshire is thriving – Regeneration projects result in a stimulus to the local economy via contracts won and visitors and user numbers. The 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 projects have the potential to positively impact on physical, emotional and mental health and wellbeing.
- 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 projects will secure the productive use of town centre buildings and provide new facilities and services which will contribute to supporting growth. Increased footfall offers potential benefits to traders, assisting the economy of our town centres.

4. **Legal** - None.
5. **Property/Assets** – None.
6. **Information Technology** - None.
7. **Equality & 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 & Safety** – None.
9. **Procurement** – None.
10. **Risk** – None.
11. **Privacy Impact** – None.
12. **COSLA Policy Position** – None.
13. **Climate Risk** – None.

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### **List of Background Papers**

- (a) Report to Economy and Jobs Policy Board, 22 March 2017: Paisley Learning and Cultural Hub

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