

LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

COUNCIL DECISION SHEET

COUNCIL - MONDAY, 28 APRIL 2025

Please let the Committee Officer know as soon as possible if you do not agree with any action proposed in this decision sheet. These are decisions of the Committee and there is an expectation that action will be taken. If for any reason it is apparent that you will not be able to act on these instructions in full or in part or that there will be a delay, please let the Committee Officer know as it may be necessary to advise the Committee or seek further instructions from the Committee.

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5.1	<u>Notification of urgent business</u>	<u>The Council resolved:</u> No urgent business		
5	<u>Declarations of interest and transparency statements</u>	<u>The Council resolved:</u> <u>The Council resolved:-</u> to note the transparency statements which will be recorded in the minute.		
4.1	<u>Written Request for Special Meeting</u>	<u>The Council resolved:</u> <u>The Council resolved:-</u>		

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		<p>transparent process, with the officers recommending not to award funding due to the organisation not meeting investment priorities and the “Following the Public Pound” guidance, with the final decision being made at the Budget meeting on 5 March 2025;</p> <p>(iii) to note the Finance and Resources Committee unanimously agreed on 26 March 2025 to allocate £508,000 for Local Business Support and £521,380 for People and Skills from the 2025/26 UK Shared Prosperity Fund;</p> <p>(iv) to note the competitive application process for allocation of the 2025/26 UK Shared Prosperity Fund, with approximately £4 million worth of applications received for the Community and Place element, and only £1.2 million of funding remaining to allocate within the programme, and that the Finance and Resources Committee will make the final decision on the applications at its scheduled meeting on 7 May 2025;</p> <p>(v) to agree that any proposal to allocate funds directly from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund which bypasses this process sets a concerning precedent and is disrespectful to those organisations who have already applied for funding;</p> <p>(vi) to note that directing funds to specific projects without a clear process</p>		

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		<p>undermines objectiveness and fairness and could lead to similar claims from other organisations who were not approved for funding and may risk non-compliance with “Following the Public Pound” guidance and may also create a risk of the Council having to repay some of the money back to the UK Government on the grounds of having awarded money to projects which may not meet UK Shared Prosperity Fund eligibility and criteria;</p> <p>(vii) to acknowledge the funding provided to date by Aberdeen City Council’s SNP and Liberal Democrat Partnership in 2024/25:</p> <table><tr><th colspan="2">Communities and Plac</th></tr><tr><th>Organisation</th><th>Project</th></tr><tr><td>ACVO</td><td>Aberdeen Third Sector Hu Study</td></tr><tr><td>Aberdeen City Council</td><td>Tall Ships Races Aberdeen Programme 24/25</td></tr><tr><td>Growing2gether</td><td>Strengthening Communities Local Skills, Wellbeing and project</td></tr><tr><td>Look Again</td><td>Aberdeen Independents p</td></tr><tr><td>Soundfestival</td><td>Soundcommunities</td></tr><tr><td>St Georges Community Centre</td><td>Saint Georges Community</td></tr></table>	Communities and Plac		Organisation	Project	ACVO	Aberdeen Third Sector Hu Study	Aberdeen City Council	Tall Ships Races Aberdeen Programme 24/25	Growing2gether	Strengthening Communities Local Skills, Wellbeing and project	Look Again	Aberdeen Independents p	Soundfestival	Soundcommunities	St Georges Community Centre	Saint Georges Community		
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		Port of Aberdeen Trust Port	Tall Ships Community Promotion, which includes volunteer recruitment and engaging young people with sail traineeships;	£108,000
		Avenue	Mental Health and Relationship Support for Families and Individuals in Aberdeen	£116,777
		Aberdeen Performing Arts	Repointing and Exterior Restorations at His Majesty's Theatre	£91,078.58
		Aberdeen City Council	Phase 2 of the Denis Law Trail	£85,000
		Belmont Community Cinema	Belmont Community Cinema	£75,000
		Cairncry Community Centre	Community Café Refurbishment project	£14,391.60
		Granite City Taekwondo	Tillydrone Community Centre Upgrades	£100,000
		SHMU	Redevelopment to Station House	£99,954
		Local Business Support – 2024/25		
		Organisation	Project	UKSPF Award
		Aberdeen City Council	Business Start-up grants	£562,680
		Aberdeen City Council	Aberdeen Renewable Energy Groups (AREG)'s Enhancing Offshore Wind Renewables through Digital Innovation	£45,000
		Aberdeen City Council	Culture Aberdeen Network Coordination Service	£40,000

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		Aberdeen City Council	Energy Pilot Project		£137,592	
		Aberdeen City Council	Learning Journey Support for SMEs		£40,000	
		Aberdeen City Council	AI Upskilling for SMEs		£48,740	
		Aberdeen City Council	Tall Ships Creative Makers Programme		£55,000	
		Aberdeen City Council	Vibrant & Sustainable City Centre Pilot		£100,000	
		Aberdeen City Council	Freebie Fortnight		£115,000	
		Aberdeen City Council	Love Local Card		£10,000	
		Aberdeen City Council	The Travel Trade Tours - Countryside Ranger Service		£10,700	
		(viii) given the above outlined process for the allocation of UK Shared Prosperity Funding for 2025/26, to take no further action.				

If you require any further information about this decision sheet, please contact Mark Masson - mmasson@aberdeencity.gov.uk