

## SERVICE UPDATE

<b><u>Name of Function:</u></b>	Early Intervention and Community Empowerment
<b><u>Date:</u></b>	23 December 2022
<b><u>Title of Update:</u></b>	Community Centres Warm Spaces funding
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### **UPDATE:**

At the meeting of the Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee on 23 November 2022, the Committee resolved in respect of Anti-Poverty and Inequality Update - CUS/22/250

to instruct the Chief Officer - Early Intervention and Community Empowerment to issue a Service Update in respect of the information being made available to Community Centres with regard to additional sources of funding

The Hardship Support Programme (now known as the Covid Recovery Fund) was allocated up to £407k through the Local Authority Covid Economic Recovery (LACER) fund, approved by City Growth and Resources Committee on 21 June 2022 (External Funding – COM/22/111).

It was agreed that this fund would provide support for additional costs associated with the Warm Spaces initiative to cover, for example, additional opening hours, activities, provision of food and refreshments etc. Information was shared with the Community Learning and Development team supporting the development of warm spaces as well as across services, community and third sector organisations.

In respect of support for warm spaces, 10 bids were received totalling £46,506. Some of the bids covered more than one centre.

All funding has been allocated and the monitoring and reporting on the detailed spend will take place following completion of the funding allocation at the end of March 2023.