

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to secure the Committee's approval for the allocation of grant funding from the Place Based Investment Programme (PBIP) fund 2023/24.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee:-

- 2.1 Approves an award of up to £59,657 to Northfield Youth Hub for the Building a brighter future for our young people project, subject to the approval of planning permission;
- 2.2 Approves an award of up to £15,212 to Scottish Women's Institute for the Archive Room project; and
- 2.3 Does not approve the request for £9,990 from Printfield Community Project for the Including Printfield project.

3. CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 The 2020-21 Programme for the Scottish Government announced the creation of a PBIP with £275m of capital funding to support community led regeneration, town centre revitalisation, community wealth building and 20 minute neighbourhoods. It is a multi-annual capital fund with the Scottish Government distributing £38m this financial year to local government, of which £590,000 was allocated to Aberdeen City Council to be administered locally.
- 3.2 The main objectives of the Fund are:
- to link and align place-based initiatives and establish a coherent local framework to implement and embed the Place Principle;
 - to support place policy ambitions such as town centre revitalisation, community led regeneration, 20-minute neighbourhoods and Community Wealth Building;

- to ensure that all place-based investments are shaped by the needs and aspirations of local communities;
- to accelerate ambitions for net zero, wellbeing and inclusive economic development, tackling inequality and disadvantage, community involvement and ownership.

3.3 Officers promoted the fund on the Council's website including an application form and supporting guidance documents. Four applications were received. Following assessment of all applications additional information was requested. Following this process one applicant withdrew their application at this time, recognising that additional information would be required to be able to progress their application. The three remaining applications are summarised in the table below, and further detail on each provided in Appendix 1.

Table 1 – Applications received this round.

Applicant	Project	Total Project Cost	Grant Requested	Officer Review Outcome	Grant Proposed to award from PBIP 22/23
Northfield Youth Hub	Building a Brighter Future For Our Young People	£89,657	£59,657	Recommended for approval – Project supports PBIP aims and objectives. Supports wellbeing and community led regeneration.	£59,657
Scottish Women's Institute	Archive Room Project	£15,212	£15,212	Recommended for approval – Project supports PBIP aims and objectives. Supports wellbeing and community led regeneration.	£15,212
Printfield Community Project	Including Printfield	£9,990	£9,990	Recommended not to approve - Links to programme objectives not fully established. Project shows limited evidence of demand with users either living within the building (flats) or	£0

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				<p>accessing services within the building. Alternative play facilities/green spaces are located within a short walk. Applicant clarified that user numbers are around 15 under5's and a further 10 young people. Considered not to represent value for money as facilities exist already and are described by applicant as being "safe, clean and inclusive". Officers have advised applicant to work with ACVO to identify alternative suitable sources of funding.</p>	

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Council has been allocated £590,000 from the PBIP in 2023/24 by the Scottish Government. £484,596 was approved for allocation by committee on 29th March 2023 and £105,404 remains available for allocation by Committee.

Table 2 – PBIP 23/24 Allocations agreed by Committee 29th March 2023

Organisation	Project	Total awarded
ACC	The Street Design project - Woodside Gateway	£155,615
Tillydrone Community Development Trust	Benholm's Tower Project	£253,981
Camphill School	Murtle Market	£75,000
	TOTAL	£484,596
	Remaining for Allocation	£105,404

4.2 The full £590,000 must be committed by 31st March 2024 (evidenced by a fully awarded contract or commencement of works).

4.3 It is essential that the projects from PBIP comply with the set requirements to avoid issues around eligibility and potential repayment of grant to the Scottish Government.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Grant Agreements will require to be put in place between Aberdeen City Council and those external organisations which are awarded grant funding.

5.2 Officers will undertake Subsidy Control risk assessments for all external applicants, and ensure that any awards are made in compliance with the relevant legislation.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no direct environmental implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

7. RISK

Category	Risk	Primary Controls/Control Actions to achieve Target Risk level	Target Risks Level Low (L) Medium (M) High (H)	Does target Risk Level Match Appetite Set?
Strategic Risk	No risks identified	None	L	Yes

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Compliance	Non-compliance with grant conditions will require return of grant	External Funding team are familiar with the compliance requirements and will advise and monitor projects as required to ensure compliance	L	Yes
	Subsidy Control	To ensure all external grants awarded are compliant	L	Yes
Operational	No risks identified	None	L	Yes
Financial	As per the grant conditions the money must be committed by the end of Financial Year 2022/23 for all Place Based Investment Programme Projects	Projects recommended to be awarded funding have demonstrated their ability to deliver within the required timescales within the application.	L	Yes
	Any unspent, or unallocated funds will require to be returned to Scottish Government/UK Government	Close project monitoring will take place throughout to ensure these timescales will be met.	L	Yes
Reputational	Risk of reputational damage if funds are not spent in accordance to the grant conditions	Officers will work with projects to ensure proposals and applications meet the conditions of grant	L	Yes
Environment / Climate	No risks identified	None	L	Yes

8. OUTCOMES

<u>COUNCIL DELIVERY PLAN</u>	
	Impact of Report
Aberdeen City Council Policy Statement	All applicants were requested to detail the contribution of their project to Aberdeen City Council policy and strategies.
<u>Working in Partnership for Aberdeen</u>	Work constructively with the Scottish Government to seek additional funding for Aberdeen. Seek to gain the maximum benefits for Aberdeen's people and businesses from the Scottish Government
Aberdeen City Local Outcome Improvement Plan	
Prosperous Economy Stretch Outcomes	All applicants were requested to detail the contribution of their project to the LOIP as part of the application process.
Prosperous People Stretch Outcomes	All applicants were requested to detail the contribution of their project to the LOIP as part of the application process.
Prosperous Place Stretch Outcomes	All applicants were requested to detail the contribution of their project to the LOIP as part of the application process.

9. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
Integrated Impact Assessment	Full impact assessment not required
Data Protection Impact Assessment	Not required
Other	Not required

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 Place Based Investment Programme – COM/23/096

11. APPENDICES

11.1 Appendix 1 – Place Based Investment Programme – Summary of applications received.

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