

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Finance & Resources
<b>DATE</b>	8 May 2024
<b>EXEMPT</b>	No
<b>CONFIDENTIAL</b>	No
<b>REPORT TITLE</b>	Grant Review
<b>REPORT NUMBER</b>	CR&E/24/126
<b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</b>	Gale Beattie
<b>CHIEF OFFICER</b>	Julie Wood
<b>REPORT AUTHOR</b>	Laura Paterson
<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE</b>	1.1.11, 2.1.6

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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide a review of grants allocated in 2023-24 in relation to the 3 Tier Prevention Approach and make recommendations to enable future grant delivery.

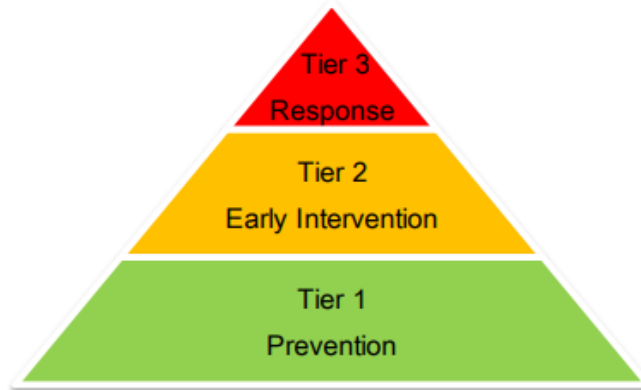
### 2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee:-

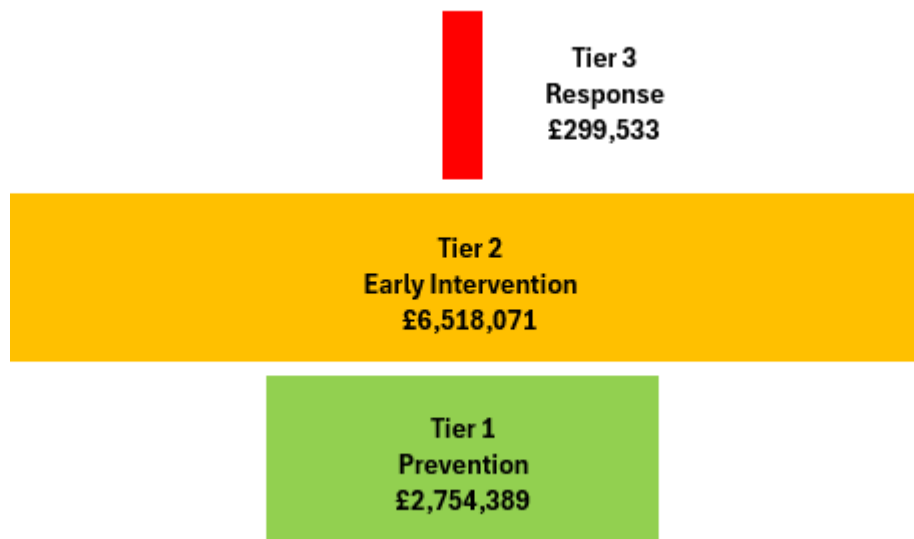
- 2.1 Note a commentary of grants awarded by the Council in 2023-24 in relation to the 3 Tier Prevention Approach; and
- 2.2 Instruct the Chief Officer – City Development and Regeneration, following consultation with the Chief Officer – Finance, Chief Officer – Governance and Chief Officer – People and Citizen Services, to undertake a full grant review and report back to the Finance and Resources Committee on 5 November 2024 with recommendations for future grant activity.

### 3. CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 The Director of Commissioning was instructed at Council on March 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 to undertake a review of all grants awarded by the Council in 23-24 to ensure alignment to the 3 Tier Prevention Approach.
- 3.2 The Council have approved a tiered approach to resource allocation and strategic commissioning. This approach ensures that resources are targeted to the area in which they make the most impact – at the prevention stage.
- 3.3 Diagram 1: 3 Tier Prevention Approach



- 3.4 Details related to Arm's Length External Organisations were presented within Appendix 7 of the Council Budget Meeting on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024.
- 3.5 The Council administered capital and revenue grants totalling £9,571,993 in 23-24. The majority of these grants met the priorities of Tier 2 – Early Intervention (£6,518,071); followed by Tier 1 – Prevention (£2,754,389); and Tier 3 – Response (£299,533). This is reflected in the diagram below.
- 3.6 Diagram 2: Capital and Revenue Grant Allocations 23-24



- 3.7 As evidenced above, capital and revenue grants allocated to external organisations do not currently align with the 3 Tier Prevention Approach with a disproportionate level of grants being awarded at the Early Intervention stage.
- 3.8 To ensure that future grant activity supports the Council's approach of prioritisation of projects and services which seek to prevent demand and harm, it is recommended that a full grant review be brought to Finance and Resources Committee in November 2024 by the Chief Officer – City Development and Regeneration following consultation with the Chief Officer – Finance, Chief Officer - Governance and Chief Officer – People and Citizens Services.

3.9 This report will: Review all grants currently awarded to ensure continued alignment to Council priorities; make subsequent recommendations on internal processes, such as content of grant award letters, and the prioritisation of future grant allocation; and ensure continued compliance with recent UK and Scottish Government legislation, such as Subsidy Control and Fair Work First.

#### 4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

#### 5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

#### 6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

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

#### 7. RISK

7.1 The assessment of risk contained within the table below is considered to be consistent with the Council's Risk Appetite Statement.

Category	Risks	Primary Controls/Control Actions to achieve Target Risk Level	*Target Risk Level (L, M or H)  *taking into account controls/control actions	*Does Target Risk Level Match Appetite Set?
<b>Strategic Risk</b>	No significant risks identified	None	L	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Compliance</b>	Failure to comply with external grant awards	Undertake a review of procedures in place as part of Grant Review to be reported back to Committee in November	L	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Operational</b>	No significant risks identified	None	L	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Financial</b>	No significant	None	L	<b>Yes</b>

	risks identified			
<b>Reputational</b>	No significant risks identified	None	L	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Environment / Climate</b>	No significant risks identified	None	L	<b>Yes</b>

## 8. OUTCOMES

<u><a href="#">COUNCIL DELIVERY PLAN 2023-2024</a></u>	
Impact of Report	
<p><b>Regional and City Strategies</b></p> <p>Council Delivery Plan 24-25</p>	<p>The allocation of revenue grants to external organisations in 23-24 does not currently support the 3 Tiered Model. It is intended that the review being undertake and presented to November Finance and Resources Committee will address this to support the Council Delivery Plan 24-25.</p>

## 9. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
<b>Integrated Impact Assessment</b>	No assessment required. I confirm this has been discussed and agreed with Julie Wood, Chief Officer – City Development & Regeneration on 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 following consultation with the Equalities Team on 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2024.
<b>Data Protection Impact Assessment</b>	Not required
<b>Other</b>	N/A

## 10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 CUS/23/064, Prevention & Early Intervention, Council, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023

10.2 COM/24/060, Council Delivery Plan 2024/25, Council, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024

## 11. APPENDICES

11.1 Nil

## 12. REPORT AUTHOR CONTACT DETAILS

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