

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Finance and Resources
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<b>EXEMPT</b>	No
<b>CONFIDENTIAL</b>	No
<b>REPORT TITLE</b>	Place Based Investment Programme
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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 £23,636 to Aberdeen Archives, Gallery and Museums for the Sharing the Archives project, which focusses on community access to the archives during a period of closure at one of the current locations; and
- 2.2 Approves that any unspent monies which are returned from projects be reallocated to any other previously approved project within the Place Based Investment Programme which may require additional resources, following consultation with the Convener and Vice Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee.

### 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. One application was received which is summarised in the table below, and further detail 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 23/24
Aberdeen Archives, Gallery & Museum	Sharing the archives	£23,636	£23,636	Recommended for approval – Project supports PBIP aims and objectives.	£23,636

#### 4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Council has been allocated £590,000 from the PBIP in 2023/24 by the Scottish Government. £566,364 has previously been approved by Finance & Resources Committee with a remaining total of £23,636 to allocate. Details of all previously awarded projects can be found on the Aberdeen City Council webpage.
- 4.2 The full £590,000 must be committed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 (evidenced by a fully awarded contract or commencement of works).
- 4.3 If approved, £590,000 of the original funding package of £590,000 will have been committed to. Any underspend will require to be returned to the Scottish Government.
- 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

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

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?
<b>Strategic Risk</b>	No risks identified	None	L	Yes
<b>Compliance</b>	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

<b>Category</b>	<b>Risk</b>	<b>Primary Controls/Control Actions to achieve Target Risk level</b>	<b>Target Risks Level Low (L) Medium (M) High (H)</b>	<b>Does target Risk Level Match Appetite Set?</b>
<b>Operational</b>	No risks identified	None	L	Yes
<b>Financial</b>	<p>As per the grant conditions the money must be committed by the end of Financial Year 2023/24 for all Place Based Investment Programme Projects</p> <p>Any unspent, or unallocated funds will require to be returned to Scottish Government/UK Government</p>	<p>Projects recommended to be awarded funding have demonstrated their ability to deliver within the required timescales within the application.</p> <p>Close project monitoring will take place throughout to ensure these timescales will be met.</p>	<p>L</p> <p>L</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>
<b>Reputational</b>	Risk of reputational damage if funds	Officers will work with projects to ensure proposals and	L	Yes

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	are not spent in accordance to the grant conditions	applications meet the conditions of grant		
<b>Environment / Climate</b>	No risks identified	None	L	Yes

## 8. OUTCOMES

<b><u>COUNCIL DELIVERY PLAN</u></b>	
	<b>Impact of Report</b>
<b>Aberdeen City Council Policy Statement</b>  <u>Working in Partnership for Aberdeen</u>	<p>All applicants were requested to detail the contribution of their project to Aberdeen City Council policy and strategies.</p> <p>Work constructively with the Scottish Government to seek additional funding for Aberdeen.</p> <p>Seek to gain the maximum benefits for Aberdeen's people and businesses from the Scottish Government</p>
<b>Aberdeen City Local Outcome Improvement Plan</b>	
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
<b>Integrated Impact Assessment</b>	New Integrated Impact Assessment has been completed
<b>Data Protection Impact Assessment</b>	Not required
<b>Other</b>	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.

## 12. REPORT AUTHOR CONTACT DETAILS

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