

**MINUTES of MEETING of POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE held BY MS TEAMS on
THURSDAY, 16 JUNE 2022**

Present:

Councillor Robin Currie (Chair)

Councillor Gordon Blair

Councillor Audrey Forrest

Councillor Kieron Green

Councillor Amanda Hampsey

- a) The current estimated budget outlook position for the period 2023-24 to 2027-28.
- b) To the establishment of a cross party Budget Working Group with a composition

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The Committee considered a report which highlighted the new Historic Environment Scotland (HES) and sought the endorsement for the submission of an expression of interest (EOI).

Decision

The Committee agreed -

1. That an expression of interest be made to Historic Environment Scotland for the Heritage and Place Programme, and potentially also to National Lottery Heritage Fund for the Grants for Heritage Programme if applicable for the conservation town that is considered to best fit with the new criteria and to stand the best chance of success bearing in mind that this will be a highly competitive process.
2. That delegated authority be given to the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure in consultation with the Leader, Depute Leader and Leader of the largest Opposition Group to submit subsequent applications to the heritage funders, should the Council be invited to do so.
3. To the principle of funding from the Council to support the delivery of the Development Phase should an EOI be successful and a development grant from HES be offered, normally of up to 50% of eligible costs. It is estimated that Council funding would be £60,000 for the development phase works.
4. To the principle of match funding from the Council for the delivery phase were a stage one development bid to go forward and be successful. Note that a future report will be brought back to Members for their consideration were this to be the case.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth dated 3 May 2022, submitted)

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The Committee considered a report which updated Members on the further call for Festivals (SEF) and provided details of the bids submitted and recommendations regarding all the eligible bids being put forward to receive grant funding.

Decision

The Committee agreed -

- a) To be aware of eligible SEF Round 4.2 grants amounting to £29,800 to a total of 7 events as detailed at Appendix 1, Table 1 of the submitted report.
- b) That any SEF grant offer only be formally issued upon confirmation from the individual event organisation that the event is formally confirmed and is definitely going ahead and still meets the SEF Round 4. Criteria. These grants are detailed in Appendix 1, Table 1.

c) No