

BLINDCRAFT CHARITABLE TRUST FUND

25th March 2021.

Present: Councillor Robert Mooney (Chair), Bailie Annette Christie, Glasgow City Council; and Fiona Sandford.

Apologies: Tracy Little, Dumfries and Galloway Council; David McKerral and Jimmy O'Rourke.

Attending: P Yule (Clerk), S Daly, J, McMartin, A McNamee, A Stewart and C Woodley, Glasgow City Council.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 27th November 2020 were submitted and approved.

Financial Update 2020/21 and Budget 2021/22 noted – Action agreed.

2 There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Corporate Finance advising of

- (1) a summary of expenditure from 1st April 2020 to 12th February 2021;
- (2) the financial position as at 31st March 2021, showing the provisional closing balance of £ 2,692,446; and
- (3) of the 3 budget options available to the Trust for 2021/22.

After consideration, the Trustees

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) agreed to adopt the same approach as 2020/21 of limiting grant expenditure to a pre-determined value of £125,00, due to the commitments already made for 2021/22 of £21,000, this would result in a budget of £261,000.

Applicant Engagement noted etc.

3 There was submitted a report by Catherine Woodley, Funding Support Officer, Glasgow City Council, regarding applicant engagement, advising that

- (1) no organisations had been invited to apply for funding due to COVID-19 and that Playback and RNIB were only the two organisations that had received funding from the 2020/21, as this was pre-approved the previous year dependant on available funding;

- (2) 3 organisations had expressed an interest in applying for funding, as follows, Trust Forth Valley Sensory Centre, Visibility, and Deaf Blind Scotland; and
- (3) that a monitoring review was ongoing for the funding provided in 2019/20 and that an update would be provided to the Trust once completed.

After consideration, the Trustees

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) agreed
 - (i) that 9 organisations should be invited to submit applications RSBi, RNIB, Visibility; Guide Dogs Scotland, Deaf Blind Scotland, Macular Society, Rex Blind, Play Back and The Forth Valley Sensory Centre; and
 - (ii) the grant value thresholds for 2021/22 as follows:-
 - (A) small grants - up to £5K;
 - (B) medium grants - up to £15K;
 - (C) large grants - up to 25K.

Date of next meeting.

4 The Trustees agreed that the date of the next meeting would be Friday 26th November 2021.