



<b>Subject:</b>	Independently Managed Community Centres Funding
<b>Date:</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Jim Girvan, Director of Neighbourhood Services
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<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>								
<b>1.1</b>	<p>To seek authority to pay:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Independently Managed Community Centres (IMCCs) awards for the 2024/25 funding period</li> <li>An annual Consumer Price Index increase (CPI) award to IMCCs.</li> </ul>								
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>								
<b>2.1</b>	<p>That authority is given to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>pay annual revenue awards for the 2025/26 funding period to seven IMCC's including the annual CPI increase. Award amounts will increase each year requiring Committee authorisation.</li> <li>Make separate payments of the CPI increase where applicable following its confirmation April/May 2025.</li> </ul>								
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>								
	<b>Key Issues</b>								
3.1	Members will recall Council has long standing arrangements in place to provide financial support to 7 Council community centres that are managed independently by the community sector.								
3.2	As part of the rate setting process for 2020/21, Committee agreed the allocation to IMCC's would be subject annually to any CPI increase to be applied on issue of Letter of Offer. However, as CPI details may not be available until April/May 2025 some CPI payments will be paid separately from the award. A clause will be included in all funding agreements to allow for the processing of the CPI increase payment when the details are available.								
3.3	The 2024/25 individual allocations to IMCC's are below. CPI increase to be added when available April/May 2025.								
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Denmark Street Community Centre	£24,811.86
Carrick Hill Community Centre	£39,485.03
Sally Gardens	£71,552.46
Hanwood Trust	£71,552.46
<b>Total</b>	<b>£422,059.19</b>

3.4	<p><b><u>Compliance with reporting requirements</u></b>  The offer of award listed for Ballymacarrett Recreation Centre will be subject to the Agreement Holder complying with the reporting requirements from the 2024 – 2025 Letter of Offer. Officers continue to regularly offer support to the organisation, however Council has not received the appropriate reporting returns to enable payment of any of the 2024 – 2025 funding. Officers have written to the Agreement holders reminding them of their responsibilities and the risk to their funding and future implications.</p>
3.5	<p><b><u>Financial Implications</u></b>  Annual awards to IMCC's including CPI are contained within approved budgets and factored into future budgeting/forecasting processes.</p>
3.6	<p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications and Rural Needs Assessment</u></b>  This will be considered throughout and any appropriate issues highlighted to Members. Any amendments to existing scheme or new scheme will be considered in the context of any equality/Good Relations and rural needs considerations.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Documents attached</b>
	None.