

MINUTES
THE NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND
MEETING OF THE SCOTLAND COMMITTEE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 2 OCTOBER AT 10.30AM
AT BOARDROOM 7, THE SOCIAL HUB, GLASGOW & TEAMS

Present:

Kate Still	Scotland Committee Chair
Jackie Brock	Scotland Committee Member (items 5 - 8) (on teams)
Lindsay Graham	Scotland Committee Member (on teams)
Martin Johnstone	Scotland Committee Member (items 1 - 15)
Janet Miles	Scotland Committee Member (on teams)
Aaliya Seyal	Scotland Committee Member

In attendance:

Roddy Byers	Head of Funding
Rebekah Dundas	Senior Grant Making Manager (items 8 & 9)
Anna Grant	Development Officer (item 8)
Lily Gordon Brown	Development Officer (item 8) (on teams)
Fiona Grant	Business Support Officer (Governance) (minutes)
Susan Johnstone	Development Manager (item 8) (on teams)
Daniel McCallum	Development Officer (item 8)
Barry McCormack	Funding Officer (item 6)
Neil Ritch	Scotland Director
Rob Roffe	Head of Knowledge & Learning, Wales (item 7) (on teams)
Stewart Sanderson	Funding Officer (item 14)
David Sinclair	Head of Business Support
Landa Sullivan	Head of Communications & Engagement
Iona Taylor	Knowledge & Learning Officer (item 7) (on teams)
Beatrice Thirkettle	Development Manager (item 8)

Guests:

Diane Dobbie	South Lanarkshire Council (item 6)
Fiona Steele	Action for Children (item 6)
Fiona Dyer	Children and Young People's Centre for Justice (item 6)
Janet Adams	South Lanarkshire Council (item 6)
Kiera Irvine	Action for Children (item 6)

1. OPENING REMARKS

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted the following:

- i. We will be joined by representatives from the South Lanarkshire Early Action System Change project for item 6
- ii. Rob Roffe, Head of Knowledge and Learning, Wales will join the meeting for item 7

- iii. Members of the New Portfolio Development team will join the meeting for item 8

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 2.1 There were apologies for absence from Naila Wood, Scotland Committee Member and Lucy McDonald, Head of Knowledge & Learning.

3 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

- 3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SCOTLAND COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14 AUGUST 2024 (SCOTLAND COMMITTEE MINUTES 24/05)

- 4.1 The minutes of the Scotland Committee meeting held on 14 August 2024 were approved.

5 MATTERS ARISING

- 5.1 Members noted the update of the UK Board meeting that had been held in Newcastle on 28th September.
- 5.2 The Chair highlighted that the Scotland Annual Funding Report had been presented at the September UK Board meeting. Kate passed on thanks from Committee to the Scotland team for all their hard work over the last year, the activity and impact has been excellent in an incredible year. The report will be circulated to Members.

ACTION, Fiona Grant

6 EARLY ACTION SYSTEM CHANGE PRESENTATION FROM SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

- 6.1 The Chair welcomed Diane, Fiona Steele, Fiona Dyer, Janet, Kiera and Barry to the meeting.
- 6.2 Diane, Fiona Steele and Fiona Dyer gave a presentation on the South Lanarkshire Early Action System Change project - Inclusion as Prevention highlighting the following:
 - i. Inclusion as Prevention (IAP) had four partners - South Lanarkshire Council, Action for Children, Children and Young People's Centre for Justice and Dartington Design Lab
 - ii. The aim of the project was to examine and redesign how the system works, and could work at an earlier stage with you children and young people to reduce the risk of criminalisation and justice system contact
 - iii. The methods used had a focus on co-production and codesign with children with the structure of plan, do, study, act with children's rights at the heart
 - iv. As a result of IAP the criminalisation of children and young people is reducing and co-production approaches have strengthened
- 6.3 During discussion the main points raised were:
 - i. This work could be of great interest to the Department of Education
 - ii. As the project has developed partners have gained confidence about what it is about and the benefits of the approach

- iii. There has been a power shift and power balance from professionals to young people which emphasises the importance of relationships at all levels of the project
 - iv. The evaluation of the project is an ongoing process and learning is being shared
- 6.4 The Chair thanked the team from IAP for their interesting presentation and highlighted that it was great to see everyone's enthusiasm for the project come across.

7 IMPACT STRATEGY: DEVELOPMENT & ENGAGEMENT (SCOTLAND COMMITTEE P24/35)

- 7.1 The Chair welcomed Rob and Iona to the meeting.
- 7.2 Rob introduced the paper highlighting the following:
- i. The progress that has been made developing the Fund's Impact Strategy
 - ii. The plans for engaging with Board, Country Committees, colleagues, grant holders and stakeholders
 - iii. The proposed focus of the strategy
- 7.3 During discussion the main points raised were:
- i. The Committee are supportive of the need to fund better utilising research and insight to shape work going forward and help communities we serve across the four missions
 - ii. The development of the Impact Strategy has been a real cross Fund effort
 - iii. There should be better understanding of those not applying and who are not successful and what does that mean and does it have unintended consequences
 - iv. The language used in the organisational strategy may require some refinement to make it more relevant to rural communities
 - v. Poverty disadvantage means different things in different parts of the UK
 - vi. Consideration should be given to how the impact strategy listens to those furthest from power; it is important to listen to beneficiaries as well as grant holders
 - vii. The language around empowerment in each of the four missions is not so clear for children and young people
 - viii. There should be more support for grant holders to share their stories and a percentage of the grant to allow them to think about dissemination of learning to others and us
- 7.4 The Chair thanked Rob for sharing this exciting piece of work and it will be interesting to see how it develops.

8 NEW PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE (SCOTLAND COMMITTEE P24/36)

- 8.1 The Chair welcomed the New Portfolio Development (NPD) team to the meeting.
- 8.2 Beatrice and Susan introduced the paper highlighting the following:
- i. The work is on track for the launch of the two responsive programmes at the end of November

- ii. The test and learn programme - Strengthening Organisations - is on track for launch in January 2025
 - iii. The team have been working on the development of the strategic funding offer which it is suggested will have three strands - an open funding stream focussing on health inequalities and two targeted strategic investments - environment retrofit and grantholder support
 - iv. The team would like to get the Committee's view on the strategic funding offer proposal
- 8.3 During discussion the main points raised were:
- i. It is important that the language used to describe the responsive programmes resonates and is relatable to rural communities
 - ii. The ability to fund projects relating to or involving elements of legal advice
 - iii. We will address these two issues in the comms and guidance notes, for example by giving illustrations of how rural projects fit the programmes
 - iv. Disadvantaged communities also often face health inequalities
 - v. Health inequalities seems to be right as a focus of the strategic programme but it is important for it to have more of a focus supported by our research and knowledge
 - vi. It is important to consider how the impact of this programme will be measured
- 8.4 The Committee agreed with the proposal of focussing on health inequalities as an initial theme of the strategic funding programme.
- 8.5 The Chair thanked the NPD team for their useful update and their hard work enabling the launch of the new programmes to happen on schedule in November.

9 DORMANT ASSETS EXPANSION UPDATE (SCOTLAND COMMITTEE P24/37)

- 9.1 David introduced the paper highlighting the following:
- i. The Dormant accounts scheme has been expanded to include additional financial assets across the insurance and pensions, investment, wealth management, and securities sector
 - ii. In light of the expanded dormant assets scheme, the Scottish Government has indicated its intention to refresh the policy directions
 - iii. Discussions with Officials are ongoing and we are at the stage of reviewing and inputting to the development of draft directions
 - iv. The management team Scotland (MTS) will consider and provide feedback to the Scottish Government on the draft policy directions
 - v. Young Start continues to relate directly to the first policy direction and will be further shaped over the coming year by the ongoing work of the development team
 - vi. Scottish Government is aware that we are currently focused on launching our new funding programmes aligned with the new strategy, and that a new programme build for dormant assets would have a lead time and require build slots to be secured with Service Design
- 9.2 During discussion the main points raised were:
- i. The proposed expanded policy directions are quite open to interpretation

- ii. Another significant area, often connected with poverty and isolation, would be a focus on supporting the elderly population in Scotland
- iii. The policy directions will be narrowed down in agreement with the Scottish Government

9.3 The Committee noted the update and that further updates will be provided in due course.

10 COMMUNICATIONS REPORT (SCOTLAND COMMITTEE P24/38)

10.1 Landa introduced the paper highlighting the following:

- i. The new programme launch will take place on Wednesday 27th November at the Kinning Park Complex
- ii. An email with further details about the event will be sent to Members
ACTION, Fiona Grant/Landa Sullivan

10.2 The Chair thanked Landa for the good report which shows the energy and effort of the team.

11 DIRECTOR'S UPDATE (SCOTLAND COMMITTEE P24/39)

11.1 The Committee noted the Director's Update.

12 PLACE UPDATE (SCOTLAND COMMITTEE P24/40)

12.1 The Committee noted the place update and noted that it is interesting to find out what projects other place teams are supporting.

13 OVERVIEW PAPER (SCOTLAND COMMITTEE P24/41)

13.1 Roddy introduced the paper highlighting the following:

- i. The current budget position
- ii. The pipeline for Supporting Great Ideas

14 SUPPORTING GREAT IDEAS - THE INNOVATION UNIT

14.1 The decision on this application is in Annex A to these minutes.

15 UPLIFT REQUESTS (SCOTLAND COMMITTEE P24/42)

15.1 The Committee approved three uplift requests - Scottish Throughcare and Aftercare (£33,892); SHRUB Co-operative (£37,972); Glasgow and Clyde Rape Crisis (£27,536).

16. IMPROVING LIVES & COMMUNITY LED PROGRAMME CLOSURE UPDATE (SCOTLAND COMMITTEE P24/43)

16.1 Roddy introduced the paper highlighting the following:

- i. In preparation for the launch of our new funding programme later this year our standard programmes closed to applications in August
- ii. The proposed changes to increase the Improving Lives budget in response to the demand at programme closure

16.2 During discussion the main points raised were:

- i. The explanation in the paper was clear

16.3 The Committee approved the budget changes set out at 3.4 in the paper.

17. FUTURE YEARS BUDGETS FOR NEW PROGRAMMES (SCOTLAND COMMITTEE P24/44)

17.1 Roddy introduced the paper highlighting the following:

- i. In preparation for the launch of our new standard funding programmes in late November, we have reviewed the future years' budgets to support future decision making
- ii. In response to stakeholder, customer and Committee feedback our new funding offer will mean an increase in award size and we expect a significant proportion of grant holders to be interested
- iii. We have been in discussions with Finance and there are indications that more income will become available for future years
- iv. We have reviewed the spread of our future years' budgets and the proposed changes

17.2 During discussion the main points raised were:

- i. A paper about bringing forward additional funds from National Lottery balances will be presented at the UK Board meeting in December
- ii. This approach is the right thing to do to ensure that communities are getting the support they need

17.3 The Committee agreed the proposed future years' budget changes set out at 2.5 in the paper.

17.4 The Chair thanked the team for the work that had gone into the paper.

18. AOB

18.1 There were no items for AOB.

19. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

19.1 The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th November at a central Glasgow location.

20. FINISH

20.1 There being no further business the meeting finished at 3.10pm.