
Report to: Council

Date of Meeting: 18 May, 2023

Subject: The Lens Investment 2 Programme in Clackmannanshire

Report by: Strategic Director (People)

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1. This report provides the Council, with an update on the conclusion of the second Lens Investment programme in Clackmannanshire.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Council:
- 2.1. Note the process undertaken and the Investment decisions reached,
- 2.2. Note that the LENS will be providing an evaluation of this second programme to the Family Wellbeing Partnership (FWP) Board.

3.0 Considerations

- 3.1. As part of the SIP investment in 2021/22, the FWP and What Matters to you teams in Dundee and East Ayrshire were funded by the Social Innovation Partnership (SIP) to run a test of change with the Lens Perspectives ('The Lens'). The SIP is a collaboration between the Scottish Government and the Hunter Foundation.
- 3.2. The first programme and event were seen as a real success in Clackmannanshire, with the Council keen to run a second investment programme to help the FWP broaden its reach and develop even more ideas rooted in the voice of local people.
- 3.3. The Council agreed in August 2022, to provide an investment fund of £75,000 to develop and support community ideas. With the verdicts on the investment decisions delegated from Council to the LENS investment judges, selected from the local community representation.
- 3.4. The second programme of activity, which incorporated a series of development workshops and business case development as part of the LENS Intrapreneurship Programme. This was again funded by the SIP, with sponsorship obtained by Clackmannanshire Tenants & Residents Federation (CTRF) and Kingdom Housing Association to meet the costs of the Investment Day Event. This second Intrapreneurship Programme, sought to

find and develop innovative ideas that would help families access the right support at the right time, enabling them to thrive and avoid crisis, as well as to increase opportunities to enhance community voice and develop capabilities.

- 3.5. On the 27th April, Clackmannanshire Council and the Family Wellbeing Partnership hosted their second Investment Day in partnership with The Lens.
- 3.6. On the day, nine ideas were presented to the Investment Team, all of which secured investment. From support services for refugees living in Clackmannanshire to support for Forth Valley Sensory Centre, the ideas presented were broad-ranging and inspiring.
- 3.7. Forth Valley Sensory centre has been invited by The National Lottery community fund to apply for match funding. In addition, two bidders Parachute and Team Park obtained additional funding of £5k from Council services via delegated decision making.
- 3.8. Now, for those who participated in the Programme, they will begin the next phase of their journey, turning their ideas into action with mentoring and post Intrapreneurship support from delivery partners The Lens.
- 3.9. The Lens will be providing a full evaluation report to the FWP Board, which is scheduled to meet on 13th of July 2023.
- 3.10. Attached for information for members at Appendix A – is the list of the bids and the outcome awarded. Further information on of each of the bids has been shared in member rooms.
- 3.11. Awards will be issued by budget transfer to any awards made to internal staffing leads/groups and by Daily Payment Voucher (DPV) process via BACS transfer to external groups from the council.

3.12. Conclusion

- 3.13. The FWP work with the lens has been crucial in terms of enhancing the image of the FWP, getting our message across, and getting funding out to ideas to make a real difference in the community.

4.0 Sustainability Implications

- 4.1. The selection criteria for the Lens investment explored how those bidding for investment had taken cognisance of Environmental and Sustainability Implications.

5.0 Resource Implications

5.1. Financial Details

- 5.2. The full financial implications of the recommendations are set out in the report. This includes a reference to full life cycle costs where appropriate.

5.3. Staffing

- 5.4. None.

6.0 Exempt Reports

6.1. Is this report exempt? Yes (please detail the reasons for exemption below) No

7.0 Declarations

The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

(1) **Our Priorities** (Please click on the check box)

Clackmannanshire will be attractive to businesses and people and ensure fair opportunities for all

Our families, children and young people will have the best possible start in life.

Women and girls will be confident and aspirational, and achieve their full potential

Our communities will be resilient and empowered so that they can thrive and flourish

(2) **Council Policies** (Please detail)

7.1. Have you undertaken the required equalities impact assessment to ensure that no groups are adversely affected by the recommendations?
Yes No

8.0 Legality

8.1. It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes

9.0 Appendices

9.1. Please list any appendices attached to this report. If there are no appendices, please state "none".

9.2. *Appendix A - Lens Investment Day 2 Decisions*

10.0 Background Papers

Have you used other documents to compile your report? (All documents must be kept available by the author for public inspection for four years from the date of meeting at which the report is considered).


Yes X

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CLACKS 2 INVESTMENT DAY DECISIONS – 27th April 2023

No.	Idea Name	Team Members	Decision	Feedback / Additional Support
1	Forth Valley Sensory Centre Wee County Hub	Lindsay Stocks Laura Cluxton	£16,930	6 month trial / collaborate on utilities and rental. Invitation to apply for match funding from National Lottery.
2	Parachute	Nicola Moriarty Fraser Reynolds Kasia Learnmonth	£6,000	£5k additional support from the Child Wellbeing Project to collaborate.
3	Staying Connected	Joyce Bisio Kate Gibney	£8,230	Support from CTSi to develop idea.
4	Year Round School Uniform Bank	Liz Hinchliffe Alisha Thomson	£5,000	Fund co-ordinator for 6 months to research and develop system to amplify voice of communities.
5	Shoulder to Shoulder	Shelley Anne Aitken Danni Batchelor	£3,400	To train 2 Independent Domestic Abuse Advocates (IDAA) . Collaborate with the Violence Against Women Partnership / Scott McDonald to ensure strategic alignment.
6	Connecting New Spaces	Michael John Hilton Maryk Malkiewicz Olivia Spence	£7,440	Fund a part time youth worker for a year and one month's rent.
7	Common Ground	Lucy Shanks Hannah Richardson Dylan	£8,000	Fund a 6 month pilot - £4k for staff and £4k for equipment, Support from CTSi – recruitment and training of volunteers
8	Team Park	Marion Geoffray Yvonne Green Jill Burdett Paul Hart 4 Park Pupils	£5,000	Additional £5k support from the Housing Revenue Account / Iain McDonald.
9	Alloa Community Empowerment	Dr Janet Adam Sharon Cummings Sam Docherty Selda Hasdemi James McGillivray Zakia Malyh Marie Sherry Susan Wallace	£15,000	Support from the Alloa Academy Parent Council to develop new funding streams.
			£75,000	

