



Subject:	Integrated Advice Partnership Fun
Date:	6th May 2025
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Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues								
1.1	The purpose of this report is to advise members that following the decision by P&C committee in April, the Integrated Advice Partnership Fund has been fully allocated.								
2.0	Recommendation								
2.1	Members are asked to note the contents of the report.								
3.0	Main Report								
3.1	Background information Members will recall that at April P&C committee they considered the outcome of a second call for applications to the Integrated Advice Partnership Fund and approved the funding of the bids received from the providers/organisations within the existing advice consortia.								
3.2	The committee also agreed, in principle, that any in-year underspend would be redistributed equally across the four providers/organisations identified within the report, subject to officers ascertaining that capacity existed within the aforesaid organisations to deliver the proposed service in 2025/26. Officers have now consulted with all delivery partners and they have confirmed that they have the capacity to deliver services with the additional allocation.								
3.3	Officers will allocate the remaining £46,103.75 equally across the 4 applicants; which will mean an additional allocation of £11,525.94 to each organisation. The final allocations are listed below: <table><tr><td>Upper Springfield Development Trust</td><td>£57,448.94</td></tr><tr><td>The Vine Centre</td><td>£60,392.94</td></tr><tr><td>South City Resource and Development Centre</td><td>£36,389.94</td></tr><tr><td>Advice Space</td><td>£94,022.94</td></tr></table>	Upper Springfield Development Trust	£57,448.94	The Vine Centre	£60,392.94	South City Resource and Development Centre	£36,389.94	Advice Space	£94,022.94
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3.4	Financial and Resource Implications The administration of this fund will be carried out by existing staff, there is no financial impact for council as 100% funding is being provided by DfC. The allocation for Belfast is as listed below. <table><tr><td>24/25</td><td>25/26</td><td>Total</td></tr><tr><td>£160,804.82</td><td>£87,448.66</td><td>£248,253.48</td></tr></table> DfC have advised that any underspends in 24/25 can be carried forward to 25/26. Members should note that this is temporary funding which ends in March 26.	24/25	25/26	Total	£160,804.82	£87,448.66	£248,253.48		
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3.5	Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment Belfast City Council is developing a screening and rural needs assessment for this fund.								
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached								
4.1	N/A								