



Subject:	Physical Programmes SEUPB Grant Funding Increase Request for Additional Activity
Date:	Friday 21 st August 2026
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Restricted Reports

Is this report restricted?

Yes

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No

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If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?

After Committee Decision

After Council Decision

Sometime in the future

Never

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Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in?

Yes

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No

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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Committee to make a grant funding increase request for additional activity.

2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to: (i) Approve the grant funding increase request to SEUPB for 26/27 monies.
3.0	Main Report
	<u>Grant Funding Increase Request for Additional Activity</u> 3.1 Council have been approached by the Urban Villages (UV) team within The Executive Office (TEO) to make a request for grant funding increase to SEUPB for the Ballysillan Redevelopment project that is currently on site. 3.2 The funding request relates to the Council's Letter of Offer which is in place for the Local Action Plan (LAP) and, if successful, the Council would receive additional monies through this Letter of Offer to be spent (or claimed back from spend) on the Ballysillan project (which is being delivered in partnership with UV). 3.3 Discussion on this matter took place at the Shared City Partnership meeting on 12th August and the minute of the Partnership and its recommendation form a separate item on the Committee's agenda. <u>Application Process</u> 3.4 Members will note that SP&R agreed in April 2026, for proposals to be submitted to SEUPB for additional funding in the region of £2-3m. This application (included the Fleadh and Forthmeadow Greenway signage) was considered in July 2026 by SEUPB as "not sufficiently meeting the selection criteria". 3.5 SEUPB have since advised that they will accept a new application relating to the Ballysillan Project as outlined above. The application deadline has been extended to Tuesday 18th August and is due to be assessed on Thursday 20th August at a special panel. We understand the deadline cannot be extended further. 3.6 As advised at the Party Group Leaders Consultative Forum meeting of 13th August 2026, the application will need to be submitted by officers under delegated authority, in advance of committee, owing to the immovable deadline restriction. We will maintain the right to withdraw the application if it is not subsequently ratified. 3.7 The grant funding increase request will focus primarily on a 3G pitch, event space and programming. The application (including programming) is for approx. £1.4m. The grant funding must be spent / claimed by the end of September at the latest and the entire claim process completed within the 2026 calendar year. For this reason, it is not feasible to submit other projects.

	<u>Financial and Resources Implications</u>
3.8	In line with the established Local Action Plan Letter of Offer arrangements with SEUPB, if successful, Council will receive additional funding up to £1.4m.
	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.9	None associated with this report.
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
	None