

ITEM No ...7.....

REPORT TO: CITY GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE - 20 APRIL 2026

REPORT ON: PRIDE IN PLACE IMPACT FUND

REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

REPORT NO: 96-2026

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide an update on the allocation of UK Government (UKG) funding from its Pride in Place Programme to Dundee City Council and to seek approval in principle to engage with communities on proposals to utilise the allocation for improvements to Camperdown Park.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that committee notes the allocation of this funding and agrees for officers to engage with communities in relation to the proposed project at Camperdown Park, as outlined at Section 5.
- 2.2 Delegates the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to progress the proposals in line with the Pride in Place Programme funding criteria and bring forward a further tender report to Committee in early 2027, seeking approval once consultation and designs have been finalised, including an updated master plan for Camperdown Park.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

4. Background

- 4.1 In September 2025, the UK Government (Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government) announced a tranche of new funding to support communities in 350 places across the UK, including 95 areas selected for the Pride in Place Fund. Dundee City Council has been awarded £1.5m from the fund to support improvements to community and public spaces through capital investment.

4.2 Funding criteria

- 4.2.1 The Executive Director of Corporate Services has received confirmation from the UK Government, of capital funding to Dundee City Council to the value of £750,000 per year in 2025/26 and 2026/27, awarded through the Pride in Place Programme. Allocation of this funding is subject to compliance with the programme's community engagement and reporting requirements. All funding must be committed by 31st March 2027, in line with the award conditions.
- 4.2.2 The Pride in Place Programme is aimed at revitalising communities across the UK through long-term, locally driven investment. Underpinning the funding are three core objectives: -
- a. Community spaces: creating, extending, improving or refurbishing existing community facilities and enabling community organisations to take control or ownership of underused but valued local assets.

- b. Public spaces: enhancing the physical environment in public spaces – new or improved e.g. green spaces, public realm, outdoor play, sports and leisure spaces, street furniture, signage.
 - c. High Streets and town centre revitalisation: making these areas more attractive and welcoming places where people congregate and which encourage economic growth.
- 4.2.3 The funding conditions confirm that there is no requirement to spend monies across all three strands if one or two strands are more pertinent to an area.
- 4.2.4 Strong evidence of community involvement in shaping proposals is required, with funding dependent on meaningful engagement.

5 Proposal

- 5.1 It is proposed to utilise the fund to deliver a significant investment in Camperdown Park, the city's largest and most iconic green space, which will support the development of an updated masterplan for Camperdown Park. Spanning 400 acres, Camperdown serves as an essential recreational, historical and ecological asset for residents and visitors alike. The developing programme directly aligns with the fund's objectives to enhance community spaces and improve public realm infrastructure. Improvements to Camperdown Park directly support Dundee City Council's strategic priorities by tackling inequality through inclusive access, improving health and wellbeing, strengthening climate resilience and biodiversity, enhancing place and civic pride through improvements to a key city asset.
- 5.2 The project proposes a comprehensive revitalisation of Camperdown's main visitor areas, including: -
- Comprehensive renewal of the park's main play zones, including installation of a landmark feature and equipment suitable for all abilities.
 - Improvements to park entrances, with new signage and wayfinding to help both local people and visitors to access and easily navigate the park and key facilities.
 - Futureproofing of infrastructure, with potential upgrades to utilities, connectivity, and access routes to support community events and long-term park sustainability.
- 5.3 Dundee-themed concepts currently being initially considered include maritime heritage, industrial Dundee, and woodland storytelling inspired by Mary Shelley. These themes aim to enhance both place and identity and will be offered as options as part of the community consultation.

6 Planned Community Engagement

- 6.1 The Communities Service will lead on a comprehensive programme of community engagement identifying effective engagement methods, which are creative and rooted in local contexts ensuring there is meaningful input from a range of stakeholders into the process.
- 6.2 The Lochee and Strathmartine Local Community Planning Partnerships will play a key role in the engagement, being able to engage with those communities who border the park, however, all citizens in Dundee will have the opportunity to participate in the engagement and shape the improvements. The engagement will reflect the status of Camperdown as a local resource for surrounding communities, also highlighting the Park's value as a city-wide asset, ensuring access for all residents.

- 6.3 Community engagement will also involve park users, local community groups of interest as well as groups with specific knowledge and interest in park related matters such as Park Run, Campy Growers and, 'The Yard' to ensure that the views of otherwise underrepresented groups are considered.
- 6.4 Communities Service Youth Workers and schools will facilitate the engagement of young people to seek their views. In accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024, we will ensure young people have their voice heard.
- 6.5 Collated engagement results will be fed back into the design process ensuring the final product reflects citizens' vision of Camperdown and Dundee more widely.

7.0 Programme and Governance

Proposed key milestones include: -

March 26	Initial project conception and development of consultation plan
April 26	Committee approval
May-Sept 26	Consultation and design with ongoing stakeholder engagement
October 26	Final Design & Tenders prepared
November 26	Procurement
February 27	Tender Approval
Feb to June 27	Project implementation
June 27	Programme Completion

- 7.1 A working group, chaired by the Head of Environment, has been established to manage and monitor the key project milestones. This will ensure also that regular updates will be provided to the UK Government in line with funding requirements, with a further tender report being brought back to Committee, seeking approval in early 2027.

8.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 This report has been subject to an Integrated Impact Assessment to identify impacts on Equality & Diversity, Fairness & Poverty, Environment and Corporate Risk. An impact, positive or negative, on one or more of these issues was identified. An appropriate senior manager has checked and agreed with this assessment. A copy of the Integrated Impact Assessment showing the impacts and accompanying benefits of / mitigating factors for them is included as an Appendix to this report.

9.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 9.1 The Council Leadership Team have been consulted on the preparation of this report.

10.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 None.

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Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

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Integrated Impact Assessment

Committee Report Number: 96-2026

Document Title: Pride in Place Impact Fund

Document Type: Service Description:

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Intended Outcome:

To gain approval in principle to engage with communities on proposals.

Period Covered: 20/04/2026 to 31/03/2027

Monitoring:

A working group has been established to manage and monitor key milestones. This group will oversee required reporting the UK Government in line with the funding requirements. A further tender report detailing final proposals will be brought to committee, seeking approval in early 2027.

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Equality, Diversity and Human Rights

Impacts & Implications

Age: Positive

Investment in inclusive play facilities and targeted engagement with children and young people supports their health, wellbeing and right to participate in decisions affecting them. Improvements to access, wayfinding and public realm infrastructure will also benefit older people by improving accessibility, safety and opportunities for social connection within a key city-wide green space.

Disability: Positive

Universal design principles will guide the project including accessible play equipment, improved path networks, inclusive signage and better wayfinding supporting people with mobility, sensory and cognitive disabilities. Investment in inclusive play provision, improved access, wayfinding and public realm infrastructure will enhance accessibility for people with physical, sensory and cognitive impairments. Engagement with specialist and under-represented groups will help ensure that accessibility needs are reflected in the final design, supporting equitable access to a key city-wide green space.

Gender Reassignment: No Impact

Marriage & Civil Partnership: No Impact

Pregnancy & Maternity: Positive

Improved pathways, seating areas and accessible play spaces will support families with young children, prams and carers.

Race / Ethnicity: Positive

Improved public realm and inclusive engagement will encourage participation from diverse communities and support equitable access to high quality public space.

Religion or Belief: No Impact

Sex: No Impact

Sexual Orientation: No Impact

Are any Human Rights not covered by the Equalities questions above impacted by this report?

No

Fairness & Poverty

Geographic Impacts & Implications

Strathmartine:	Positive
Lochee:	Positive
Coldside:	Unknown
Maryfield:	Unknown
North East:	Unknown

East End:	Unknown
The Ferry:	Unknown
West End:	Unknown

Camperdown sits within the Strathmartine ward and borders areas within Ardler, which are in the highest Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) quintile for deprivation. The park also sits on the border of the Lochee ward and borders areas in Charleston and Dryburgh which are within the highest SIMD quintile for deprivation. This development will have a positive impact on children and families in these communities.

Although exact impacts on all Dundee Wards are unknown, it is hoped that the proposals will positively affect residents across Dundee by enhancing Camperdown Park as a key city-wide destination, improving inclusive access, play facilities, signage and public realm infrastructure within the city's largest and most significant green space. As Camperdown Park serves residents from all neighbourhoods, the investment will support health and wellbeing, social connection, civic pride and equality of access, with engagement open to all citizens to help shape improvements that reflect city-wide needs. Community engagement will promote available active and sustainable travel options to ensure accessibility for all.

Household Group Impacts and Implications

Looked After Children & Care Leavers: Unknown

Carers: Positive

The proposals are expected to have a positive impact on carers by improving accessibility, inclusive play provision and public realm infrastructure within a key city-wide green space. These improvements will support carers in accompanying those they care for and provide opportunities for respite, wellbeing and social connection.

Lone Parent Families: Positive

The proposals will benefit families by improving inclusive play provision, accessibility and navigation within Camperdown Park, providing free and welcoming opportunities for family activity, wellbeing and social connection, shaped through city-wide community engagement.

Single Female Households with Children: Positive

The proposals will benefit families by improving inclusive play provision, accessibility and navigation within Camperdown Park, providing free and welcoming opportunities for family activity, wellbeing and social connection, shaped through city-wide community engagement.

Greater number of children and/or young children: Positive

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Pensioners - single / couple: Positive

Improvements to access, wayfinding and public realm infrastructure will also benefit older people by improving accessibility, safety and opportunities for social connection within a key city-wide green space.

Unskilled workers or unemployed: Positive

The proposals will benefit families by improving inclusive play provision, accessibility and navigation within Camperdown Park, providing free and welcoming opportunities for family activity, wellbeing and social connection, shaped through city-wide community engagement. Improvements to access, wayfinding and public realm infrastructure will also improve accessibility, safety and opportunities for social connection within a key city-wide green space.

Serious & enduring mental health problems: No Impact

Improvements to access, wayfinding and public realm infrastructure will also improve accessibility, safety and opportunities for social connection within a key city-wide green space.

Homeless: No Impact

Drug and/or alcohol problems: No Impact

Offenders & Ex-offenders: No Impact

Socio Economic Disadvantage Impacts & Implications

Employment Status: No Impact

Education & Skills: No Impact

Income: No Impact

Caring Responsibilities (including Childcare): Positive

The proposals will benefit families by improving inclusive play provision, accessibility and navigation within Camperdown Park, providing free and welcoming opportunities for family activity, wellbeing and social connection, shaped through city-wide community engagement.

Affordability and accessibility of services: Positive

The proposals will benefit families by improving inclusive play provision, accessibility and navigation within Camperdown Park, providing free and welcoming opportunities for family activity, wellbeing and social connection, shaped through city-wide community engagement.

Fuel Poverty: No Impact

Cost of Living / Poverty Premium: Positive

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Connectivity / Internet Access: No Impact

Income / Benefit Advice / Income Maximisation: No Impact

Employment Opportunities: No Impact

Education: No Impact

Health: Positive

Enhanced opportunities to access quality open spaces will improve all aspects of health, particularly for neighbouring communities.

Life Expectancy: No Impact

Mental Health: Positive

Enhanced opportunities to access quality open spaces will improve all aspects of health, particularly for neighbouring communities.

Overweight / Obesity: Positive

Enhanced opportunities to access quality open spaces will improve all aspects of health, particularly for neighbouring communities.

Child Health: Positive

Enhanced opportunities to access quality open spaces will improve all aspects of health, particularly for neighbouring communities.

Neighbourhood Satisfaction: Positive

Enhanced opportunities to access quality open spaces will improve all aspects of health, particularly for neighbouring communities.

Transport: No Impact

Environment

Climate Change Impacts

Mitigating Greenhouse Gases: Positive

By enhancing green infrastructure, supporting active travel and providing the opportunity to embed low-carbon principles through design and delivery, the project has the potential to contribute indirectly to the Council's climate change objectives.

Adapting to the effects of climate change: Positive

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Resource Use Impacts

Energy efficiency & consumption: No Impact

Prevention, reduction, re-use, recovery or recycling of waste: Positive

Any waste from the project will be reused or recycled as much as practicable, keeping as much waste as possible on site.

Sustainable Procurement: Positive

The project will follow sustainable procurement framework procedures to embed to embed future low-carbon design principles, sustainable materials and construction approaches.

Transport Impacts

Accessible transport provision: Positive

Community engagement will promote available active and sustainable travel options to ensure accessibility for all.

Sustainable modes of transport: Positive

Community engagement will promote available active and sustainable travel options to ensure accessibility for all.

Natural Environment Impacts

Air, land & water quality: Positive

Positive improvement to greenspace

Biodiversity: Positive

Additional planting for biodiversity will be considered in the soft landscaping of the project

Open & green spaces: Positive

Positive improvement to greenspace

Built Environment Impacts

Built Heritage: No Impact

Housing: No Impact

Is the proposal subject to a Strategic Environment Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005.

No further action is required as it does not qualify as a Plan, Programme or Strategy as defined by the Environmental Assessment (SEA)

Corporate Risk

Corporate Risk Impacts

Political Reputational Risk: No Impact

Economic/Financial Sustainability / Security & Equipment: No impact

Social Impact / Safety of Staff & Clients: No impact

Technological / Business or Service Interruption: No Impact

Environmental: No Impact

Legal / Statutory Obligations: No Impact

Organisational / Staffing & Competence: No Impact

Corporate Risk Implications & Mitigation:

The risk implications associated with the subject matter of this report are "business as normal" risks and any increase to the level of risk to the Council is minimal. This is due either to the risk being inherently low or as a result of the risk being transferred in full or in part to another party on a fair and equitable basis. The subject matter is routine and has happened many times before without significant impact.