

# Report

Report to: **South Lanarkshire Council**  
Date of Meeting: **31 January 2024**  
Report by: **Chief Executive**

Subject: **Touch a Life, Make a Difference Initiative**

## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ seek approval to launch a “Touch a Life, Make a Difference” initiative within South Lanarkshire which is intended to encourage and recognise the work of local fundraisers who raise money for local good causes and benefit people within their community

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Council is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the launch of the “Touch a Life, Make a Difference” initiative to encourage local organisations, community groups, local people and schoolchildren to raise money for good causes within their own and the wider South Lanarkshire area for the benefit of people be approved;
- (2) that it be approved that Kilbryde Hospice be promoted as the beneficiary of fundraising initiatives in 2024; and
- (3) that a Provost Charitable Award and South Lanarkshire Council Roll of Honour for Local Fundraising is established to honour local fundraisers and ensure that they receive the publicity they deserve.

## 3. Background

- 3.1. The Provost suggested that a new approach be taken within the Council to encourage local businesses, groups, organisations and schoolchildren to fundraise for local good causes which benefit people within their communities or within the wider South Lanarkshire Council area.
- 3.2. The “Touch a Life, Make a Difference” initiative has been developed to reach out to local people, schoolchildren, groups, businesses and other organisations to encourage fundraising or fundraising events and activities for local good causes operating within their own area or the wider South Lanarkshire area. Each year one beneficiary will be recommended as the recipient of fundraising activities, although individuals, groups etc will be free to choose their own good cause. Kilbryde Hospice has been suggested as the beneficiary in 2024.

## 4. South Lanarkshire Council Roll of Honour for Local Fundraising

- 4.1. It is proposed that a South Lanarkshire Council Roll of Honour for Local Fundraising and Provost Charitable Award is established to recognise the hard work of local fundraisers who raise much needed funds for the benefit of local good causes and to give them the publicity they deserve. Ward councillors would be invited to submit

names of individuals, groups etc for inclusion in the Roll of Honour and to be recipients of the Provost Charitable Award.

- 4.2. It is proposed that a civic reception is held at the end of the calendar year to honour local fundraisers included in the Roll of Honour.

## **5. Employee Implications**

- 5.1. None.

## **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1. The costs of the proposed Provost Charitable Award and civic reception will be met from existing budgets.

## **7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

- 7.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.

## **8. Other Implications**

- 8.1. None.

## **9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

- 9.1. There is no requirement to carry out an Equality Impact Assessment or consultation in terms of the proposals contained in this report.

**Paul Manning**  
**Chief Executive**

17 January 2024

## **Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes**

- ◆ Focused on people and their needs

## **Previous References**

- ◆ None

## **List of Background Papers**

- ◆ None

## **Contact for Further Information**

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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