

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>DfC Social Supermarket Support Fund – The Glens DEA</b>
<b>Committee Report Submitted To:</b>	<b>Leisure and Development</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> January 2025</b>
<b>For Decision or For Information</b>	<b>For Decision</b>
<b>To be discussed In Committee YES/NO</b>	<b>NO</b>

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)</b>	
Strategic Theme	Healthy, Active & Engaged Communities
Outcome	The Borough comprises cohesive and stable communities which work collaboratively with a range of stakeholders to address issues and deliver on opportunities
Lead Officer	Head of Community & Culture; Community Development Manager

<b>Estimated Timescale for Completion</b>	
Date to be Completed	March 2025

<b>Budgetary Considerations</b>	
Cost of Proposal	n/a 100% external funding
Included in Current Year Estimates	<b>YES/NO</b>
Capital/Revenue	Revenue
Code	1059
Staffing Costs	n/a

<b>Legal Considerations</b>	
Input of Legal Services Required	<b>NO</b>
Legal Opinion Obtained	<b>NO</b>

<b>Screening Requirements</b>	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	<u>Yes/No</u>	Date:06/11/23
	EQIA Required and Completed:	<u>Yes/No</u>	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	<u>Yes/No</u>	Date: 10/11/23
	RNA Required and Completed:	<u>Yes/No</u>	Date:
Data Protection Impact	Screening Completed:	<b>Yes/No</b>	Date:10/11/23

Assessment (DPIA)	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/ <u>No</u>	Date:
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## 1. **Purpose of Report**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval for an amendment in the award of Social Supermarket Support Fund (SSMSF) monies received from the Department for Communities (DfC) for 2024-25 for The Glens DEA.

## 2.0 **Background**

2.1 In September 2023 Council agreed to invite expressions of interest from organisations that might be interested in exploring and setting up a social supermarket model to cover the areas where gaps were identified in The Glens DEA. St Vincent DePaul (SVP) Cushendall/ Glenariff submitted an expression of interest.

2.2 Officers worked with SVP Cushendall to explore the social supermarket model and support the establishment of a social supermarket to be based in Cushendall that will cover the lower half of The Glens DEA.

2.3 In September 2024 Council approved the award of DfC SSMSF monies allocated on a DEA basis as Direct Award Contracts. Council approved the award of a contract to St Vincent DePaul Cushendall (SVP) to a value of **£10,642** to work with 30 households initially.

2.4 As a result of the support of Council Officers and external mentor guidance, SVP Cushendall then decided to set up a separate entity to operate the social supermarket as a stand-alone project. Glens Social Supermarket Ltd was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024 with members of SVP Cushendall as directors. A bank account has been set up and policies, procedures and insurance are all now in place. A hold was put on award of the contract until the new organisation was formed. Council is now being asked to award the contract to Glens Social Supermarket Ltd as the new entity operating the project, instead of SVP Cushendall.

## 3.0 **Recommendation:**

3.1 It is recommended to Council that approval is granted to allocate the DfC Social Supermarket Support Programme contract of £10,642 for the lower The Glens DEA to Glens Social Supermarket Ltd as the new entity that has been set up to deliver the project.

