ANGUS COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 14 MARCH 2017

ANGUS ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST

ABSTRACT

This report advises the Committee of the grants awarded in 2016/17 from the Angus Environmental Trust (AET) and provides an update on the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund (SLCF) implemented from 1 April 2015

1. BACKGROUND - ANGUS ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST

- 1.1 The Landfill Tax Regulations 1996 and Landfill Tax (Amendment) Regulations 1999 established the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme which was then renamed the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) in 2015. Since October 1996 operators have been liable for the payment of landfill tax based on the tonnage of material sent to landfill. At the same time operators have the option of off-setting part of the tax by making payments to environmental bodies.
- 1.2 Angus Environmental Trust, a company limited by guarantee, was incorporated in August 1997 and enrolled with Entrust, the regulator of the scheme under the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme in September 1997. Angus Council as landfill operator has since availed itself of this alternative course of action by making payments to Angus Environmental Trust.
- 1.3 The Trust entered into a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Angus Council in 1997 to support the programme and this has continued on an annual basis. In accordance with the requirements of the SLA, a copy of the Annual Report and Audited Accounts has been submitted annually to members for information. It may be noted that the there are no procurement implications arising from the SLA as this grant arrangement has been verified to be outwith the scope of public procurement rules.

2. 2016/17 PROJECTS APPROVED

Project Reference	Project Name
122043.118	Recovery of Greater Rattle, East Haven
122043.119	Forfar Dramatic Society, Forfar
122043.120	East Haven Bio Blitz, East Haven, ineligible
122043.121	DD8 Music, Kirriemuir
122043.122	Lochlands Bowling Club, Arbroath

2.2 All remaining monies currently held by Angus Environmental Trust under the existing scheme have been fully committed and all projects completed. The Landfill Communities Fund will cease on 31 March 2017

3. SCOTTISH LANDFILL COMMUNITIES FUND

2016/17 PROJECTS APPROVED

Project Reference	Project Name	Location
SLCF/AB/014.001	Cameron House	Dunbartonshire
SLCF/AB/014.002	Easthaven Bioblitz	Angus
SLCF/AB/014.003	ENKCA	Angus
SLCF/AB/014.004	Collace PS	Perthshire
SLCF/AB/014.005	Birkhill Millenium Hall	Angus
SLCF/AB/014.006	Broomhouse Hub	Edinburgh
SLCF/AB/014.007	Keptie Friends	Angus
SLCF/AB/014.008	Forfar in Flower	Angus
SLCF/AB/014.009	Angus Cycle Hub	Angus
SLCF/AB/014.010	Balgavies - SWT	Angus
SLCF/AB/014.011	Inch Maintenance & Preservation Society	Angus

- 3.1 The Scottish Landfill Communities Fund (SLCF) commenced on 1 April 2015 and builds on the established Landfill Communities Fund.
- 3.2 The Service Level Agreement with Angus Council, revised 1 April 2016, will continue and the administration of the Trust will be led by Economic Development officers with support from officers from Corporate Improvement & Finance and the Legal & Democratic Services Divisions. The Trust contributes to these staff costs.
- 3.3 A copy of the 2016/17 annual report and accounts will be available in the Members' Lounge.

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