

ANGUS COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 26 APRIL 2016

COMMON GOOD FUNDS – PROJECTS APPROVAL

REPORT BY THE HEAD OF TECHNICAL & PROPERTY SERVICES

ABSTRACT

This report seeks Committee approval for Common Good funded projects.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) approve the requested funding for a project from Forfar Common Good Fund (contribution to running costs of a therapeutic garden in Forfar) as set out in this report, and;
- (ii) approve the requested funding for projects from Montrose Common Good Fund (Litter picking of Closes; contribution to running costs of Trust activities) as set out in this report.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN / SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT / CORPORATE PLAN

2.1 This report contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2013-16:

- Angus is a good place to live in, work in and visit;
- Individuals are involved in their communities.

3. CURRENT POSITION

3.1 The Council approved its budget for 2015/16 in February 2015. The 2015/16 Final Budget Volume includes a final budget for each of the five Common Good Funds. The funds concerned are outlined below:

- Arbroath
- Brechin
- Forfar
- Kirriemuir
- Montrose

4. PROPOSALS

4.1 Details of the individual projects for which formal approval is sought are contained in Appendix 1 in this report. Further reports will be presented to Committee as and when necessary.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 A summary of the financial implications are outlined below:

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Common Good Fund	Estimated Revenue Balance as at 01/04/16 (£)	Estimated Outturn Revenue Balance as at 31/03/17 (£)	Additional 2016/17 Cost per this Report (£)	Estimated Outturn Revenue Balance as at 31/03/17 (£)	Minimum Revenue Account Balance (£)
Forfar	516,265	429,255	(9,000)	420,255	300,000
Montrose	387,069	438,809	(6,000)	432,809	100,000

5.2 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

An EIA has been prepared noting there is a positive impact for people with disabilities in respect of the therapeutic garden.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 Additional funding requests has been received in 2016/17 totalling £9,000 from the Forfar Common Good Fund and £6,000 from the Montrose Common Good Fund

NOTE: No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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FORFAR COMMON GOOD FUND

Project Name 1	Forfar Open Garden Scheme
Organisation	Forfar in Flower
Value	£9,000 p.a. for 3 years
Description	Funding for running costs of a therapeutic garden with a number of health benefits
Status	Submission agreed with all local members.

Total additional funding request Forfar Common Good Fund 2016/17 – £9,000p.a.
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MONTROSE COMMON GOOD FUND

Project Name 1	Closes and the Car Park behind the Coop in Montrose
Client Department	-
Value	£1,000 p.a.
Description	Litter picking of areas in high use by residents and visitors
Status	Submission agreed with 3 out of 4 of the local members; 1 member does not support the proposal

Project Name 2	Closure of steps at Bridge Street Montrose
Organisation	Links Park Community Trust
Value	£5,000 p.a. for up to 10 years
Description	Contribution to the Trust's running costs, with a number of health and educational benefits
Status	Submission agreed with all local members.

Total additional funding request Montrose Common Good Fund 2016/17 – £6,000 p.a.
