

ANGUS COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE – 27 MAY 2014

ANGUS COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME – PROPOSED CHANGES TO CRITERIA

REPORT BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

ABSTRACT

This Report makes a recommendation for the introduction of amended criteria following review by the Member / Officer Group (Angus Council community Grant Scheme).

1. RECOMMENDATION

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) approves amended criteria as of 28 May 2014.

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

2.1 This report contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2016:

- Angus is a good place to live in, work in and visit.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Reference is made to Article 7 of the minute of meeting of the Development and Enterprise Committee of 4 March 2014, which agreed that the Member/Officer Group (Angus Council Community Grant Scheme) be reconvened to monitor the changes to the Scheme criteria as adopted in October 2013, and to consider further changes if required.

3.2 The Group duly met on 16 April 2014.

4. PROPOSALS

4.1 The proposed new criteria are as follow

- Re-introduce the exclusion of groups with “closed membership” e.g. proposing and seconding or restricted membership. Groups whose membership is not open to all will not be able to apply for funding from ACCGS.

4.2 Changes to “what we can’t fund

- Any activities or projects linked to or related to another, where Angus Council has already provided funding from any other council budget at any time.
- Any project or activity where there is another identified source of funding available to fund it.

4.3 Assessment and Reporting

- Assessors will be provided with a past history of grants awarded to a group that has had funding previously for a different project or projects and include this in the committee report.

4.4 Sharing good practice and success

- The external funding team will produce case studies highlighting the impact and success of a project as a result of receiving a grant and consider ways to encourage groups to “mentor” or assist other groups including sharing their experiences at events. Contact details of groups will also be added to the list of grants awarded on line to encourage groups to make contact with other organisations in the area. A programme of visits to successful grant recipients will also be introduced on regular basis.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

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NOTE: The following 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.

Article 3 of the minute of meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee of 7 May 1996; Article 11 of the minute of meeting of the Strategic Policy Committee of 21 June 2005; Article 16 of the Resources Central Services Committee of 4 May 2006; Article 16 of the Corporate Services Committee of 12 March 2009; Article 8 of the Angus Council Committee of 17 September 2009 and Article 4 of the minute of meeting of the Infrastructure Services Committee of 5 March 2013. Reference is also made to Article 19 of the minute of meeting of the Angus Council Committee of 22 March 2012; Article 14 of the Infrastructure Services Committee of 14 June 2012; Article 4 of the minute of meeting of the Infrastructure Services Committee of 5 March 2013; Article 5 of the minute of meeting of the Infrastructure Services Committee of 20 August 2013.and Article 6 of the minute of the meeting of the Infrastructure Services Committee of 1 October 2013.

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