

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 29 AUGUST 2017**

**COMMON GOOD FUNDS – PROJECT APPROVALS**

**REPORT BY THE HEAD OF TECHNICAL & PROPERTY SERVICES**

**ABSTRACT**

This report seeks Committee approval for 2017/18 Common Good funded projects.

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) approve the requested funding for a 2017/18 project from Montrose Common Good Fund as detailed in **Appendix 1**; and
- (ii) homologate the requested funding for Forfar Horticultural Society's Flower Show previously agreed by all the Forfar Members; with early payment to facilitate the event being agreed by Head of Corporate Finance and Head of Technical & Property Services in consultation with the Convenor of Policy and Resources Committee.

**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 administers the five individual Common Good funds:

- Arbroath
- Brechin
- Forfar
- Kirriemuir
- Montrose

3.2 As part of the budget cycle council services have the opportunity to submit bids for Common Good funds and this is particularly prevalent where the bids are for the maintenance of the Common Good asset for repairs and maintenance which is a liability on the Common Good funds. Other organisations may make bids for funding from Common Good funds in accordance with the application process and guidance notes.

3.3. The process for approval of Common Good fund bids is set out in the council's Financial Regulations.

**4. PROPOSALS**

4.1 Details of the individual projects for which formal approval is sought are contained in **Appendix 1** in this report.

4.2 Further reports will be presented to Committee, if further project approvals are sought during the financial year.

## 5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 A summary of the financial implications are outlined below:

| <b>Common Good Fund</b> | <b>Actual Revenue Balance as at 01/04/17 (£)</b> | <b>Estimated Outturn Revenue Balance as at 31/03/18 (£)</b> | <b>Additional 2017/18 Cost per this Report (£)</b> | <b>Updated Estimated Outturn Revenue Balance as at 31/03/18 (£)</b> | <b>Minimum Revenue Account Balance (£)</b> |
|-------------------------|--|---|--|---|--|
| <b>Forfar</b>           | <b>631,193</b>                                   | <b>593,881</b>  | <b>800</b>   | <b>593,081</b>  | <b>300,000</b>                             |
| <b>Montrose</b>         | <b>440,533</b>                                   | <b>394,071</b>  | <b>1000</b>  | <b>393,071</b>  | <b>100,000</b>                             |

## 6. CONCLUSION

6.1 Funding requests has been received in 2017/18 totalling: £800 from the Forfar Common Good Fund, and £1,000 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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Appendices – APPENDIX 1 – Common Good Applications

**FORFAR COMMON GOOD FUND**

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| <b>Project Name 1</b> | <b>Forfar Horticultural Society</b>  |
| Organisation          | Forfar Horticultural Society   |
| Value                 | <b>£800 one off</b>  |
| Description           | Contribution to Flower Show  |
| Status                | For homologation; agreed by all four members; and payment progressed in agreement by Head of Corporate Finance and Head of Technical & Property Services in consultation with the Convenor of Policy and Resources Committee |

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| <b>Total funding requested Forfar Common Good Fund 2017/18 – £800</b> |
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**MONTROSE COMMON GOOD FUND**

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| <b>Project Name 1</b> | <b>Coop/Closes Cleaning</b>                                 |
| Organisation          | Angus Council – Waste                                       |
| Value                 | <b>£1,000 per annum for five years</b>                      |
| Description           | Cleaning and litter picking in unadopted close and car park |
| Status                | All four members agreed.                                    |

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| <b>Total funding requested Montrose Common Good Fund 2017/18 – £1000 pa for 5 years</b> |
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