

ANGUS COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 30 JANUARY 2018

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. RECOMMENDATION

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) approve the requested funding for a 2017/18 project as detailed in **Appendix 1**.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN/CORPORATE PLAN

Projects delivered through the applications contribute to the following local outcomes contained within the Angus Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and Locality Plans:

ECONOMY

- 1. An inclusive and sustainable economy
- 2. A skilled and adaptable workforce
- 3. Attractive employment opportunities

PEOPLE

- 4. The best start in life for children
- 5. More opportunities for people to achieve success
- 6. Improved physical, mental and emotional health and well-being

PLACE

- 7. Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities
- 8. A reduced carbon footprint
- 9. An enhanced, protected and enjoyed natural and built environment

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 Members will recall that Report 350/17 presented to Policy & Resources Committee on 10 October 2017 included a request from Angus Cycle Hub CIC, for a total of £69,929 which included staff salaries (2 No.). At that time, none of the Arbroath local members supported the staff costs, with 3 local members supporting the rental costs and qualification costs only (£18,875) for the project. The report was deferred to allow finance officers to undertake due diligence on the viability of the project and given that the proposed project is Angus-wide, to explore alternative sources of funding.
- In January 2018, a revised bid was received from Angus Cycle Hub which reduced the funding request to £50,775: Staff (1 No.) £27,500 and building improvement, rental and qualification costs £23,275
- 4.3 The outcome of this review is attached in Appendix 2 in this report. In addition, Appendix 3 details "Supporting Documentation" received from Angus Cycle Hub CIC in relation to their revised funding application received January 2018.
- 4.4 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 if the Committee are minded to agree all the proposed projects. Financial implications may be reduced if not all projects are approved:

Common Good Fund	Actual Revenue Balance as at 01/04/17 (£)	Estimated Outturn Revenue Balance as at 31/03/18 (£)	Additional 2017/18 Cost per this Report (£)	Updated Estimated Outturn Revenue Balance as at 31/03/18 (£)	Minimum Revenue Account Balance (£)
Arbroath	651,276	615,152	50,775	564,377	300,000
Brechin	590,694	583,931	5,000	578,931	200,000
Montrose	440,533	380,678	6,710	373,968	100,000

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 Funding requests has been received in 2017/18 as set out in **Appendix 1**

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
APPENDIX 2 – Angus Cycle Hub financial review
APPENDIX 3 – Angus Cycle Hub Supporting Documentation

ARBROATH COMMON GOOD FUND

Project Name	Education and Training, a Community Cycle Hub, Recycling Project and Bike Loan Scheme
Organisation	Angus Cycle Hub CIC
Value	Revised bid value £50,575 one off, initial bid £69,929 amended
Description	Revised Salary costs for Project & Educational Manager, building improvements, SQA centre setup costs and premises rent costs Summary details of the bid are provided in Appendix 2 and "Supporting Documentation" received from Angus Cycle Hub is attached in Appendix 3, and Committee is asked to determine this application
Status	Initial Bid (£69,929) 3 Members did not support the salary element of the application and this reduces the application to £18,875. 3 Members did not support the bid.

Total funding request 2017/18 from Arbroath Common Good Fund £50,775

BRECHIN COMMON GOOD FUND

Project Name 1	Rugby pitch; training area; floodlights
Organisation	Brechin Rugby Football Club
Value	£5,000 one off towards a £83,230 project
Description	Part costs of project infrastructure
Status	Agreed by 2 ward members (1 declaration of interest);

Total funding request 2017/18 from Brechin Common Good Fund £5,000

MONTROSE COMMON GOOD FUND

Project Name 1	Loft conversion for 2 carpet bowls mats
Organisation	Montrose Bowling Club
Value	£6,710 one off towards a £46,242 project
Description	Cost conversion of loft/carpet
Status	Agreed by 3 ward members; Declined by 1 ward member

Total funding request 2017/18 from Montrose Common Good Fund £6,710