

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 1 MAY 2018**

**COMMON GOOD FUNDS – PROJECT APPROVALS**

**REPORT BY THE HEAD OF INFRASTRUCTURE**

**ABSTRACT**

This report seeks Committee approval for 2018/19 Common Good funded projects.

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) approve the requested funding for various 2018/198 projects from Arbroath, Brechin, & Forfar Common Good Funds as detailed in **Appendix 1**.

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

**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. Relevant Members views where sought during February-April 2018 regarding the proposed projects.
- 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 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	Estimated Revenue Balance as at 01/04/18 (£)	Estimated Outturn Revenue Balance as at 31/03/19 (£)	Additional 2018/19 Cost per this Report (£)	Updated Estimated Outturn Revenue Balance as at 31/03/19 (£)	Minimum Revenue Account Balance (£)
Arbroath	601,827	581,649	150,000	431,649	300,000
Brechin	587,157	492,263	120,000	372,263	200,000
Forfar	619,981	607,381	85,000	522,381	300,000

- 5.2 The Council's 2017/18 annual accounts process is currently ongoing; consequently, the 01/04/2018 revenue balance amount is an unaudited estimated figure, albeit it accounts for all known commitments at this time.

## 6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 Funding requests has been received in 2018/19 totalling: £150,000 from the Arbroath Common Good Fund, £120,000 from the Brechin Common Good Fund and £85,000 from the Forfar 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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**ARBROATH COMMON GOOD FUND**

<b>Project Name 1</b>	<b>Old Kirk</b>
Organisation	Angus Council: Infrastructure
Value	<b>£30,000</b>
Description	Steeple repairs - additional funding request on top of base budget £37,750 previously approved from Arbroath Common Good Fund
Status	Agreed by 6 from 7 ward members

<b>Project Name 2</b>	<b>Arbroath Golf Course - Sprinklers</b>
Organisation	Arbroath Golf Links Management
Value	<b>£20,000 funding</b>
Description	Contribution towards renewal of sprinkler system
Status	Agreed by 6 from 7 ward members

<b>Project Name 3</b>	<b>Arbroath Golf Course - Sprinklers</b>
Organisation	Arbroath Golf Links Management
Value	<b>£20,000 LOAN</b>
Description	Loan contribution towards renewal of sprinkler system
Status	Agreed by 6 from 7 ward members

<b>Project Name 4</b>	<b>West Links Crazy Golf</b>
Organisation	Angus Council: Environmental Management: Parks & Gardens Service
Value	<b>£60,000 maximum</b>
Description	Maximum funding contribution c. 50% total cost of renewal of facilities
Status	Agreed by 6 from 7 ward members

<b>Project Name 5</b>	<b>Angus Alive</b>
Organisation	Angus Alive Leisure Trust
Value	<b>£10,000 LOAN</b>
Description	Redevelopment of two cottages: Signal Tower Museum - Spotlight on Arbroath's Fishing Heritage
Status	Agreed by 6 from 7 ward members

<b>Project Name 6</b>	<b>Angus Alive</b>
Organisation	Angus Alive Leisure Trust
Value	<b>£10,000 funding</b>
Description	Redevelopment of two cottages: Signal Tower Museum - Spotlight on Arbroath's Fishing Heritage
Status	Agreed by 6 from 7 ward members

<b>Total funding requested Arbroath Common Good Fund 2018/19 – £150,000.</b>
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**BRECHIN COMMON GOOD FUND**

<b>Project Name 1</b>	<b>City Hall</b>
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Organisation	Angus Council: Infrastructure
Value	<b>£42,000</b>
Description	Window refurbishment – additional funding request on top of base budget £70,618 previously approved from Brechin Common Good Fund
Status	Agreed by all 3 ward members

<b>Project Name 2</b>	<b>City Hall</b>
Organisation	Angus Council: Infrastructure
Value	<b>£38,000</b>
Description	Upgrade works to internal lighting, rigging, flooring, boilers and LED lights
Status	Agreed by all 3 ward members

<b>Project Name 3</b>	<b>Town House &amp; Museum</b>
Organisation	Angus Council: Infrastructure
Value	<b>£5,000</b>
Description	External repairs & repaint
Status	Agreed by all 3 ward members

<b>Project Name 2</b>	<b>Public Park</b>
Organisation	Angus Council: Communities
Value	<b>£35,000</b>
Description	Installation of vehicle access barriers
Status	Agreed by all 3 ward members

**Total funding requested Brechin Common Good Fund 2018/19 – £120,000.**

#### **FORFAR COMMON GOOD FUND**

<b>Project Name 1</b>	<b>Provision of toilet facilities at Forfar Loch</b>
Organisation	All four local members
Value	<b>£40,000</b>
Description	Provision of toilets for public use adjacent to the Rangers' Centre and maintained by AngusAlive staff.
Status	Agreed by 3 ward members; 1 ward member agreed to 50% of the funding from Forfar Common Good

<b>Project Name 2</b>	<b>Municipal Buildings</b>
Organisation	Angus Council: Infrastructure
Value	<b>£45,000</b>
Description	Window refurbishment and installation of secondary glazing
Status	Agreed by 4 ward members

**Total funding requested Forfar Common Good Fund 2018/19 – £85,000.**