

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 9 OCTOBER 2018**

**COMMON GOOD FUNDS – PROJECT APPROVALS**

**REPORT BY THE HEAD OF INFRASTRUCTURE**

**ABSTRACT**

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

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) homologate the decision by the Brechin local Members to fund a replacement cooker in Brechin City Halls as detailed in **Appendix 1**; and
- (ii) approve the reduced funding for projects 1 and 2 from Arbroath Common Good Funds as detailed in **Appendix 1**;
- (iii) approve the funding for project 1 from Forfar Common Good Funds as detailed in **Appendix 1**; and
- (iv) refuse the funding for project 3 from Arbroath Common Good Funds and project 2 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 are contained in **Appendix 1** in this report. Relevant Members views were sought regarding the proposed projects and are recorded against each project.

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 confirm all of the projects at the funding level supported by local Members. Financial implications may change if Committee do not agree with the local Members' recommendations:

Common Good Fund	Actual Revenue Balance as at 01/04/18 (£)	Estimated Outturn Revenue Balance as at 31/03/19 (£)	Potential Additional 2018/19 Cost per this Report (£)	Updated Estimated Outturn Revenue Balance as at 31/03/19 (£)	Minimum Revenue Account Balance (£)
Arbroath	606,475	444,297	46,279	398,018	300,000
Brechin	551,791	347,967	5,000	342,967	200,000
Forfar	621,375	558,325	7,000	551,325	300,000

#### 6. CONCLUSION

6.1 Funding requests have been received in 2018/19 totalling:£56,439 from the Arbroath Common Good Fund of which £46,279 were supported by local Members, up to £5,000 from the Brechin Common Good Fund and a request for £36,909 from the Forfar Common Good Fund, with £7,000 supported by local Members.

**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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List of Appendices – Appendix 1 Common Good Fund Requests

**COMMON GOOD FUND REQUESTS****ARBROATH COMMON GOOD FUND**

<b>Project Name 1</b>	<b>Water supply to Keptie Pond</b>
Organisation	Friends of Keptie Pond
Value	<b>£49,696.24 requested; £43,279.24 recommended; one off</b>
Description	Providing a water supply via a borehole to the pond
Status	Agreed by 6 ward members at <b>£43,279.24</b> ; not agreed by 1 ward member

<b>Project Name 2</b>	<b>Market stalls</b>
Organisation	Refreshing Arbroath
Value	<b>£6015.60 one off</b>
Description	Purchase of additional stalls to extend growing demand for market
Status	Award of <b>£3,000</b> agreed by 7 ward members

<b>Project Name 3</b>	<b>Art Sessions – rental for property</b>
Organisation	Art & Soul
Value	<b>£728 for 1 year</b>
Description	Rental of property to deliver art classes
Status	Refused by 6 ward members; supported by 1 ward member

<b>Total funding requested Arbroath Common Good Fund 2018/19 – £56,439.84; AMOUNT SUPPORTED BY MAJORITY OF MEMBERS £46,279.24</b>
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**BRECHIN COMMON GOOD FUND**

<b>Project Name 1</b>	<b>Replacement of Cooker at Brechin</b>
Organisation	Angus Council
Value	<b>Up to £5000</b>
Description	Replacement of commercial range cooker which has failed gas testing requirements with an electric range and associated power supply.
Status	<b>Agreed by 2 ward members as a matter of urgency to allow the Halls to continue with bookings; no response from third Member; for homologation</b>

<b>Total funding requested Brechin Common Good Fund 2018/19 – £5,000</b>
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**FORFAR COMMON GOOD FUND**

<b>Project Name 1</b>	<b>Contribution to Building Construction</b>
Organisation	Forfar Men's Shed
Value	<b>£7,000</b>
Description	Contribution to £10,000 costs of a new building for Men's shed to allow them to move out of existing Angus Council rented property
Status	Agreed by all 4 ward members

<b>Project Name 2</b>	<b>Lift for access</b>
Organisation	East & Old Parish Church
Value	<b>£ 29,909</b>
Description	Provision of lift within the building to improve accessibility
Status	Refused by 2 ward members; 2 ward members declared an interest

<b>Total funding requested Forfar Common Good Fund 2018/19 – £36,909 AMOUNT SUPPORTED BY MAJORITY OF MEMBERS £7,000</b>
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