

ANGUS COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 27 NOVEMBER 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. RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) homologate the decision by the Montrose local Members to fund a tribute in memory of World War One as detailed in **Appendix 1**; and
- (ii) approve the requested funding for various 2018/19 projects from Arbroath Common Good Fund and Montrose Common Good fund 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 were sought 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	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	398,018	9,325	388,693	300,000
Montrose	370,295	307,783	7,700	300,083	100,000

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 Funding requests have been received in 2018/19 totalling £9,325 from the Arbroath Common Good Fund; and up to £7,700 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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List of Appendices – Appendix 1 Common Good Fund Requests

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

Project Name 1	Alterations to property
Organisation	The Learning Tree Partnership
Value	£9,325.27
Description	Providing signage, automatic door; shelving and fittings
Status	Agreed by 4 ward members; not agreed by 3 ward members

Total funding requested Arbroath Common Good Fund 2018/19 – £9,325.27
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MONTROSE COMMON GOOD FUND

Project Name 1	Contribution to tribute in memory of World War One at Montrose War Memorial
Organisation	Elected Members
Value	£200
Description	Contribution to £750 costs of a silhouette of soldier, in time for Remembrance Day
Status	Agreed by all 4 ward members; for homologation by Committee

Project Name 2	Repairs to Steps at Bridge Street
Organisation	Elected Members
Value	Up to £7,500 (subject to tenders)
Description	Repairs to steps on footway route on Common Good land
Status	Agreed by 3 ward members; declined by 1 ward member

Total funding requested Montrose Common Good Fund 2018/19 – £7,700
