

ANGUS COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 29 JANUARY 2019

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) note the change of location for the previously approved project funded from Forfar Common Good fund as detailed in **Appendix 1**;
- (ii) approve the requested funding for the 2018/19 project from Forfar Common Good Fund as detailed in **Appendix 1**; and
- (iii) refuse the requested funding for the 2018/19 project from Forfar Common Good Fund as detailed in **Appendix 1**.

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

ECONOMY

- An inclusive and sustainable economy
- A skilled and adaptable workforce
- Attractive employment opportunities

PEOPLE

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

PLACE

- Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities
- A reduced carbon footprint
- 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 (£)
Forfar	621,375	551,325	1,450	549,875	300,000

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 New funding requests have been received in 2018/19 totalling £17,950 from the Forfar Common Good Fund of which £1,450 was supported by local Members. Committee is also asked to note the change of location for a previously approved request.

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

FORFAR COMMON GOOD FUND

Project Name 1	Contribution to Building Construction
Organisation	Forfar Men's Shed
Value	£7,000 Previous agreed in Report 321/18
Description	Contribution to £10,000 costs of a new building for Men's shed – CHANGE OF LOCATION TO ORCHARDBANK HOUSE– for noting only
Status	Previously agreed by all 4 ward members and P&R Committee

Project Name 2	Contribution to rent of premises
Organisation	Angus Upcycling Project
Value	£16,500
Description	Contribution to rent (69%) for project to provide affordable furniture to those who are disadvantaged, repair and reuse of items destined for landfill, and education/training opportunities
Status	Refused by 3 ward members; deferred for more information by 1 ward member

Project Name 3	Repairs to Heating System
Organisation	Forfar Guide Hall
Value	£1450
Description	Contribution to replacement cost of £1700 for repairs to heating system for Guide Hall
Status	Agreed by all 4 ward members

Total funding requested Forfar Common Good Fund 2018/19 – £1450 (new requests agreed by Members)
