

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 4 JUNE 2019**

**COMMON GOOD FUNDS – PROJECT APPROVALS**

**REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE**

**ABSTRACT**

This report seeks Committee approval for 2019/20 Common Good funded projects.

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) approve the requested funding for various 2019/2020 projects from Arbroath, Forfar and Montrose 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 were sought regarding the proposed projects and the responses are noted in Appendix 1.
- 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 01/04/19 (£)	Estimated Outturn Revenue Balance as at 31/03/20 (£)	Additional 2019/20 Cost per this Report (£)	Updated Estimated Outturn Revenue Balance as at 31/03/20 (£)	Minimum Revenue Account Balance (£)
Arbroath	389,114	412,514	46,000	366,514	300,000
Forfar	549,875	614,775	450	614,325	300,000
Montrose	300,083	344,933	18,000	326,933	100,000

The Council's 2018/19 annual accounts process is currently ongoing; consequently, the 01/04/2019 revenue balance amount is an unaudited estimated figure, albeit it accounts for all known commitments at this time.

#### 6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 Funding requests have been received in 2019/20 totalling: £46,000 from the Arbroath Common Good Fund, £450 from Forfar Common Good Fund and £18,000 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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**ARBROATH COMMON GOOD FUND**

<b>Project Name 1</b>	<b>The Webster Memorial Theatre</b>
Organisation	Angus Council: Infrastructure
Value	<b>£18,000 one off</b>
Description	Replace 7 No Dormer Windows & Surrounds
Status	Agreed by 4 ward members

<b>Project Name 2</b>	<b>The Webster Memorial Theatre</b>
Organisation	Angus Council: Infrastructure
Value	<b>£18,000 one off</b>
Description	External Paint & Repairs to All Previously Painted Surfaces
Status	Agreed by 4 ward members

<b>Project Name 3</b>	<b>Cricket Pavilion</b>
Organisation	Arbroath United Cricket Club
Value	<b>£10,000</b> towards a £36,476 project.
Description	Conversion of building to provide female changing facilities and disabled access
Status	Agreed by 2 ward member; 3 ward members approve £5,000; 1 ward member supports a 10 year loan; 1 ward member did not support

<b>Total funding requested Arbroath Common Good Fund 2019/20 – £46,000.</b>
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**FORFAR COMMON GOOD FUND**

<b>Project Name 1</b>	<b>Forfar Flower Show</b>
Organisation	Forfar Horticultural Society
Value	<b>£450</b>
Description	Hall fees
Status	Agreed by 3 ward members

<b>Total funding requested Forfar Common Good Fund 2019/20 – £450.</b>
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**MONTROSE COMMON GOOD FUND**

<b>Project Name 1</b>	<b>Marine Avenue</b>
Organisation	Angus Council: Parks & Burial Grounds
Value	<b>£18,000</b>
Description	Vehicle and pedestrian barrier, gates and bollards
Status	Agreed by all ward members

<b>Total funding requested Montrose Common Good Fund 2019/20 – £18,000.</b>
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