

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 10 MARCH 2020**

**COMMON GOOD FUNDS – PROJECT APPROVALS**

**REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE**

**ABSTRACT**

This report seeks Committee approval for 2020/21 Common Good funded projects.

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- i) approve the requested funding for various 2020/2021 projects from Arbroath, Brechin, and 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 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:

<b>Common Good Fund</b>	<b>Estimated Revenue Balance as at 01/04/20 (£)</b>	<b>Estimated Outturn Revenue Balance as at 31/03/21 (£)</b>	<b>Additional 2020/21 Cost per this Report (£)</b>	<b>Updated Estimated Outturn Revenue Balance as at 31/03/21 (£)</b>	<b>Minimum Revenue Account Balance (£)</b>
<b>Arbroath</b>	<b>377,239</b>	<b>397,278</b>	<b>7,000</b>	<b>390,278</b>	<b>300,000</b>
<b>Brechin</b>	<b>273,183</b>	<b>327,608</b>	<b>19,300</b>	<b>308,308</b>	<b>200,000</b>
<b>Forfar</b>	<b>614,084</b>	<b>697,809</b>	<b>13,000</b>	<b>684,809</b>	<b>300,000</b>

#### 6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 Funding requests have been received for 2020/21 totalling £7,000 from the Arbroath Common Good Fund, £19,300 from the Brechin Common Good Fund; and £13,000 from 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>Steeple Old Kirk</b>
Organisation	Angus Council: Infrastructure
Value	<b>£1,000 one off</b>
Description	Inspection survey of steeple
Status	Agreed by all ward members

<b>Project Name 2</b>	<b>'Dress the Town'</b>
Organisation	Arbroath 2020
Value	<b>£6,000 one off</b>
Description	Banners and decoration of Arbroath for the 2020 celebrations and annually thereafter
Status	Agreed by 6 ward members; 1 ward member suggested 50%

<b>Total funding requested Arbroath Common Good Fund 2020/21 – £7,000</b>
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**BRECHIN COMMON GOOD FUND**

<b>Project Name 1</b>	<b>Shop, 50A High Street, Brechin</b>
Organisation	Angus Council: Infrastructure
Value	<b>£800</b>
Description	External Paint & Repairs
Status	Agreed by all three ward members

<b>Project Name 2</b>	<b>Store, 50 High Street, Brechin</b>
Organisation	Angus Council: Infrastructure
Value	<b>£500</b>
Description	External Paint & Repairs
Status	Agreed by all three ward members

<b>Project Name 3</b>	<b>Mechanics Institute</b>
Organisation	Angus Council: Infrastructure
Value	<b>£18,000</b>
Description	Community Project assistants and Health professionals to support academy
Status	Agreed by all three ward members

<b>Total funding requested Brechin Common Good Fund 2020/21 – £19,300</b>
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**FORFAR COMMON GOOD FUND**

<b>Project Name 1</b>	<b>Forfar Loch Country Park</b>
Organisation	Angus Council: Infrastructure
Value	<b>£10,000</b>
Description	Resurface North Loch Road Car Park & Infill Potholes on adjacent roadway
Status	Agreed by 3 ward members

<b>Project Name 2</b>	<b>Balmashanner Monument &amp; Shelter</b>
Organisation	Angus Council: Infrastructure
Value	<b>£3,000</b>
Description	External Paint & Repairs to Monument Doors, Internal Steps, Handrails, Roof Door & Shelter, include Roof, Direction Indicator & Railings
Status	Agreed by 3 ward members

<b>Total funding requested Forfar Common Good Fund 2020/21 – £13,000</b>
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