

ANGUS COUNCIL

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 2 FEBRUARY 2021

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. RECOMMENDATION

1.1. It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) approve the requested funding for various 2020/2021 projects from Forfar 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 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.

Common Good Fund	Actual Revenue Balance as at 01/04/20 (£)	Estimated Outturn Revenue Balance as at 31/03/21 (£)	Additional 2020/21 Cost per this Report (£)	Updated Estimated Outturn Revenue Balance as at 31/03/21 (£)	Minimum Revenue Account Balance (£)
Forfar	752,010	643,465	85,000	558,465	300,000

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 Funding requests has been received for 2020/21 totalling £85,000 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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FORFAR COMMON GOOD FUND

Project Name 1	Pitch at Station Park
Organisation	Station Park Community Trust, Forfar
Value	£50,000 with a potential £10,000 for contingency towards £180,000 project
Description	Replacement of pitch
Status	Agreed by 3 ward members; 1 ward member declared an interest

Project Name 2	Toilet provision, Forfar Loch
Organisation	Angus Council: Infrastructure
Value	£25,000
Description	Part funding toward the provision of new toilet block at Forfar Loch *£37,700 already approved/committed from Forfar Common Good Fund *£20,000 already committed from Town Centre Fund Total budget available £82,700
Status	Agreed by all four ward members

Total funding requested Forfar Common Good Fund 2020/21 – £85,000
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