

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

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2022/23 PLACE-BASED INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

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ABSTRACT

This report seeks approval of the applications recommended for approval through the 2022/23 Scottish Government Capital Place-Based Investment Programme (PBIP)

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee: -

- (i) agree to approve the projects recommended by the Angus Council officer panel, listed in Appendix 2, for use of the Scottish Government Place-Based Investment allocation of £624,000 for 2022/23;

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE COUNCIL PLAN

Economy: We want Angus to be a 'go-to' area for business

- spend Council money locally where we can help to grow our local economy
- support the creation of local, paid, and lasting job opportunities for our citizens
- make Angus a low-carbon, sustainable area
- support business and economic growth by improving the physical and digital infrastructure

People: We want to maximise inclusion and reduce inequalities

- work collaboratively for and with our citizens to keep them safe in resilient communities
- reduce social isolation and loneliness
- offer our citizens a range of opportunities to help them achieve their potential and to reduce poverty

Place: We want our communities to be strong, resilient, and led by citizens

- continue to reduce the council's carbon footprint to reduce our net carbon emissions to zero by 2045
- engage with citizens and communities to deliver the right services in the right place at the right time

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The 2020-21 Scottish Government Programme for Government announced the creation of a Place-Based Investment Programme (PBIP) with £275million of funding to support place-based working. The PBIP aims to ensure that all place-based investments are shaped by the needs and aspirations of local communities and accelerate ambitions for place-making, 20-minute neighbourhoods, town centre revitalisation, community-led regeneration, inclusive growth, local resilience, community wealth building and should work towards Net Zero targets.

3.2 The PBIP is expected to be a 5-year financial commitment of capital funding from the Scottish Government. Angus received £720,000 in 2021/22 and £624,000 has been allocated for 2022/23.

3.3 At its meeting of 10th March 2022 (Report No 107/22) Angus Council:

- Agreed the process for the distribution of funds

- Agreed the scoring criteria for the distribution of the Scottish Government Place-Based Investment Programme 2021/2022
- Delegated authority to the Director of Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth to approve any necessary emergency decisions for funding from the Scottish Government Place-Based Investment Programme 2022/23 following consultation with an Approval Board made up of the Leader of the Council, Convenor and Vice Convenor of Communities Committee and Leader of the Non-Administration.
- Instructed officers to collate the relevant data and evidence of need and to begin a consultation process with the communities of Angus, reporting back to Angus Council Committee with a Place Strategy proposal which will align to the PBIP.

4. CURRENT POSITION

4.1 The target outcomes for the Place-Based Investment Programme are:

- Local Resilience: creating, in every place, relevant choices for better futures, with the capacity to continue to influence, adapt and benefit from these as things change.
- Inclusive Growth: growing the right environment for local economic resilience, tackling inequality, creating opportunities for all, and distributing the benefits fairly.
- Low Carbon; contributing towards a net-zero carbon Scotland and responding locally to the climate change emergency.
- Community Wealth: reshaping local relationships and infrastructures to ensure local wellbeing and local benefits flow from the commercial, public, and social economies.

4.2 In addition to addressing a strategic risk at a local level and contributing to overarching national policy outcomes, the PBIP has three specific objectives:

- Enable more partnering across sectors – by establishing a network of anchor collaborations, each acting as a focus for local resilience, service reform, net-zero carbon, and community wealth building.
- Retain and attract people and businesses to once vibrant places – through supporting ambitious local change programmes which embed collective leadership across services and sectors and apply the Place Principle to the use of all assets.
- Increase footfall, social interaction, and economic activity in our Town Centres – by proactively clustering services and purpose in the right places and applying the Town Centre First Principle.

4.3 Officers are in the process of collating the relevant data and evidence of need and have begun an engagement process to gather more local data, this will inform the PBIP in future years.

4.4 To ensure there were enough suitable projects for this year's fund. Consultation and engagement with community groups and Angus Council services were conducted through a light-touch expression of interest process which opened on 7 April 22 and closed on 25 April 2022. launched in April 2022. This was undertaken to understand the aspirations of services, third sector organisations and, community groups for the next four years. Projects that matched the criteria of the fund and evidenced delivery within the tight timescales were then invited to submit a full application.

4.5 10 applications were received, totalling £2,086,683. An internal panel made up of 3 officers from Planning, Economic Development, and Development Planning, Environment and Climate Change, assessed the projects and scored them based on the set criteria. Combined scores from the officer group are provided in the table at the end of this report, along with the funding requested by the individual projects. A summary report (Appendix 2) and officer recommendation for each project is attached to this paper in Appendix 3, additional information on each project for background information is attached in Appendix 4.

4.6 All applications received were well planned and most were ready for delivery, however with limited resources, not all projects can be supported. The Vibrant Communities team along with the council's Funding and Projects Officer will work with the applicants that are unsuccessful for the 2022/23 Place Based Investment Fund and will assist in developing the projects further, assisting to source external funding or preparing the application for the 2023/24 round of the

fund. Staff will also support successful applicants where projects require additional development and source external funding where required.

4.7 The scoring criteria used by Angus Council officers is as follows:

Criteria	Maximum Score per assessor
Impact	15
Deliverability within the timescales set	15
Sustainability	10
Place-based evidence of need	10
Leverage	5
Carbon reduction	5
Total	60

4.8 Members of the committee are asked to consider the officer recommendations on the allocation of £624,000 towards submitted applications by considering each project and to arrive at a decision on each to:

- Approve
- Approve with conditions
- Decline
- Decline, but place on a reserve list in the event that funding becomes available.

4.9 Should monies become available due to approved projects being unable to proceed, due to project underspends or decommitments, or due to further capital becoming available to Local Authorities from the Scottish Government Place-Based Investment Programme, it is recommended that the projects on the reserve lists are reviewed in the first instance to ensure that they remain deliverable or whether they can be advanced. If they are then, if members agree, projects will be awarded funding without being brought back to the committee for agreement. Following this, and subject to any funds remaining available, those projects deemed unsuccessful originally will be considered for funding from this round rather than re-opening the fund to new applications.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Whilst there are no direct financial implications as all proposals are contained within the allocated funding, there are indirect financial implications of officer time to support the preparation and/or delivery of projects and administration of the fund.

6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

An Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out and is attached.

7. CONSULTATION (IF APPLICABLE)

The Director of Finance and Director of Legal and Democratic Services were consulted in the preparation of this report.

NOTE: The background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) which were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report are:

The Scottish Government Grant Award Letter

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List of Appendices:

Appendix 1 - Equality Impact Assessment

Appendix 2 – List of PBIP scored projects

Appendix 3 – Project summary sheets with officer recommendations

Appendix 4 – Additional information on each project



Equality Impact/Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment Form

Step 1

Name of Proposal (includes e. g. budget savings, committee reports, strategies, policies, procedures, service reviews, functions): **Place-Based Investment Programme (PBIP)**

Step 2

Is this only a **screening** Equality Impact Assessment

No

(A) If Yes, please choose from the following options **all** reasons why a full EIA/FSD is not required:

(i) It does not impact on people

No

(ii) It is a percentage increase in fees which has no differential impact on protected characteristics

No

(iii) It is for information only

No

(iv) It is reflective e.g. of budget spend over a financial year

No

(v) It is technical

No

If you have answered yes to any of points above, please go to **Step 16**, and sign off the Assessment.

(B) If you have answered No to the above, please indicate the following:

Is this a full Equality Impact Assessment

Yes

Is this a Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment

No

If you have answered Yes to either or both of the above, continue with Step 3.

If your proposal is a **strategy**, please ensure you complete Step 13 which is the Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment.

Step 3

(i)Lead Directorate/Service: Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth

(ii)Are there any **relevant** statutory requirements affecting this proposal? If so, please describe.

No

(iii)What is the aim of the proposal? Please give full details.

To seek approval for the distribution of the Place Based Investment Fund

(iv)Is it a new proposal? **Yes** Please indicate OR

Is it a review of e.g. an existing budget saving, report, strategy, policy, service review, procedure or function? No Please indicate

Step 4: Which people does your proposal involve or have consequences for?

Please indicate all which apply:

Employees **No**

Job Applicants **No**

Service users **No**

Members of the public **Yes**

Step 5: List the evidence/data/research that has been used in this assessment (links to data sources, information etc which you may find useful are in the Guidance). This could include:

Internal data (e.g. customer satisfaction surveys; equality monitoring data; customer complaints). **N/A**

Internal consultation (e.g. with staff, trade unions and any other services affected).

A full Expression of Interest engagement procedure was adopted with all front-facing services.

External data (e.g. Census, equality reports, equality evidence finder, performance reports, research, available statistics)

N/A

External consultation (e.g. partner organisations, national organisations, community groups, other councils).

A full ‘Expression of Interest’ engagement procedure was adopted with community groups and third sector organisations, this was widely circulated through Elected Members, on all Angus Council Communications platforms, and sent to all groups and organisations that have been officers in discussions with officers.

Other (general information as appropriate).

Step 6: Evidence Gaps.

Are there any gaps in the equality information you currently hold? **No**

If yes, please state what they are, and what measures you will take to obtain the evidence you need.

Step 7: Are there potential differential impacts on protected characteristic groups?
Please complete for each group, including details of the potential impact on those affected.
Please remember to take into account any particular impact resulting from **Covid-19**.

Please state if there is a potentially positive, negative, neutral or unknown impact for each group. Please state the reason(s) why.

See Table below:

Step 8: Consultation with any of the groups potentially affected

If you have consulted with any group potentially affected, please give details of how this was done and what the results were.

Each applicant has included detailed information in their PBIP application.

If you have not consulted with any group potentially affected, how have you ensured that you can make an informed decision about mitigating action of any negative impact (Step 9)?

Step 9: What mitigating steps will be taken to remove or reduce potentially negative impacts?

No Negative impacts have been identified.

Step 10: If a potentially negative impact has been identified, please state below the justification.

No negative impacts have been identified

Step 11: In what way does this proposal contribute to any or all of the public sector equality duty to: eliminate unlawful discrimination; advance equality of opportunity; and foster good relations between people of different protected characteristics?

Elements of the PBIP has been developed to include the reduction of inequality, all projects are inclusive and many involve or will benefit the wider community including all Protected Characteristic Groups.

Step 12: Is there any action which could be taken to advance equalities in relation to this proposal?

In future years we could consider adding an additional criteria to the fund.

Step 13: FAIRER SCOTLAND DUTY

This step is only applicable to **strategies** which are key, high level decisions. If your proposal is **not** a strategy, please leave this Step blank, and go to Step 14.

Links to data sources, information etc which you may find useful are in the Guidance.

Step 13(A) What evidence do you have about any socio-economic disadvantage/inequalities of outcome in relation to this strategic issue?

Step 13(B) Please state if there are any gaps in socio-economic evidence for this strategy and how you will take measures to gather the evidence you need.

Step 13(C) Are there any potential impacts this strategy may have specifically on the undernoted groupings? Please remember to take into account any particular impact resulting from Covid-19.

Please state if there is a potentially positive, negative, neutral or unknown impact for each grouping.

Low and/or No Wealth (e.g. those with enough money to meet basic living costs and pay bills but have no savings to deal with any unexpected spends and no provision for the future.

Impact

Material Deprivation (i.e. those unable to access basic goods and services e.g. repair/replace broken electrical goods, warm home, leisure and hobbies).

Impact

Area Deprivation (i.e. where people live (e.g. rural areas), or where they work (e.g. accessibility of transport).

Impact

Socio-economic Background i.e. social class including parents' education, people's employment and income.

Impact

Other – please indicate

Step 13(D) Please state below if there are measures which could be taken to reduce socio-economic disadvantage/inequalities of outcome.

Step 14: What arrangements will be put in place to monitor and review the Equality Impact/Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment?

EIA will be reviewed in line with any developments

Step 15: Where will this Equality Impact/Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment be published?

Within the Committees portal on Angus Council's website.

Step 16: Sign off and Authorisation. Please state name, post, and date for each:

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Reviewed by: Doreen Philips, Equalities Officer

Approved by: Alison Smith, Director of Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth
8 August 2022

NB. There are several worked examples of separate EIA and FSD Assessments in the Guidance which may be of use to you.

Appendix 2 to Report 193/22

Project	Place	Impact on Place	Deliverability	Sustainability of project	Place Based Evidence	Leverage	Carbon Reduction	Total	PBIP Request £	TPV £	Officer Panel Decision
		Max (45)	Max (45)	Max (30)	Max (30)	Max (15)	Max (15)	Max (180)			
Arbroath Community Astroturf Project	Arbroath	35	39	24	25	13	11	147	106,000	295,773	Recommend for approval
Arbroath Courthouse Community Facility	Arbroath	37	32	23	24	12	11	139	281,000	3,186,652	Recommend for approval
The Jars Project	Brechin	35	35	21	24	11	10	136	66,500	145,000	Recommend for approval
Brechin Station Canopy Project	Brechin	32	37	23	21	10	9	132	170,500	18,000,000	Recommend for approval
TOTAL									624,000	21,627,425	
Monifieth Community Centre	Monifieth	40	34	15	24	11	11	135	280,000	1,230,000	Recommend for next year's fund
RESERVE LIST											
Community Access Initiative	Forfar	29	36	23	21	10	9	128	60,000	114,000	Add to reserve list
Securing The Old Ropey for GEMS & Montrose Community	Montrose	29	37	24	18	11	9	128	71,000	91,552	Add to reserve list
Hospitalfield's Future Plan phase 2	Arbroath	32	24	26	23	12	10	127	425,000	3,645,000	Add to reserve list

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Securing The Old Ropey for GEMS & Montrose Community	Montrose	29	37	24	18	11	9	128	71,000	91,552	Add to reserve list
Sustainable Letham	Letham	31	28	24	19	8	11	121	19,058	49,058	Add to reserve list
Forfar Lochside Destination Park	Forfar	33	23	23	20	9	9	117	500,000	600,000	Add to reserve list

SG Place Based Investment Programme (Angus)

Summary and Recommendations Report

Project Name:	Arbroath Community Astroturf Project		
Project Applicant:	Skilz Academy		
Location:	Arbroath		
Funding Request (£)	£106,000	Total Project Value (£)	£295,773

Brief Project Description:

When complete this project will provide the community of Arbroath and surrounding rural areas with the town's first ever 3G astroturf facility, with floodlights and enclosed fencing. It will be inclusive to the whole community and will operate 8.00am-10.00pm 7 days per week, with a projected 4800 participants in Year One. The project will provide local volunteering and employability pathways, will tackle inequalities with the group working in partnership to deliver collaborative projects for Arbroath.

Programme Criteria	Max. Score Per Assessor	Max. Score Combined	Total Officer Panel Score
Impact (leading to transformational change)	15	45	39
Deliverability within timescales (31 March 2022)	15	45	35
Sustainability of project	10	30	25
Place-based evidence of need	10	30	24
Leverage	5	15	13
Carbon Reduction (Towards Net Zero)	5	15	11
Total	60	180	147

1. General Comments:

This project applied to the 2021/22 PBIP fund and due to the competitive process was unsuccessful. The group are a strong organisation that has been continuing to develop its plans and fundraise and is delivering on a number of social outcomes for Arbroath.

2. Place-based Rationale for support:

The work carried out by Skilz Academy contributes to many local plans including the Community Planning Partnership Plan. Two steering groups operate around people and clubs and one for Partnership Organisations which allows a joined-up approach to the delivery.

3. Deliverability/Sustainability of project

This project scored fairly high in deliverability and sustainability. There is a 99-year lease for the facility. No planning permissions is required for any aspect of this project. The project will be completed within two weeks of the start date. All other funding is in place, quotes are in place and communication has been kept between potential local contractors. Contracts will be in place well before the 31st March 2023 and monies claimed before 30th September 2023. If approved this project will be delivered and up and running before December 2022. This is a robust organisation, that are delivering a wider plan to tackle social inequalities.

4. Impact/Net Zero Targets

The project scored 35 out of 45 for impact. The delivery of this project will impact the community of Arbroath socially and will generate additional footfall in Arbroath. Skilz Academy has embedded a Community Wealth Building approach to all that they do, using local contractors, and local partnerships to support the local community.

5. Recommendation to Angus Council Communities Committee:

Approve	x	Approve with conditions		Decline		Place on Reserve list	
<p>Reason for Recommendation: The panel scored this project the highest out of all the applications. It matches all target outcomes and objectives of the fund. This project will build local resilience, tackle inequality, increase community health and well-being, and will create opportunities for all. The project will be delivered with a network of partners and there are plans to develop further initiatives that will benefit the community. There are economic benefits through increased footfall. Therefore, it is recommended that the Communities Committee approve this project for funding from the 2022/23 Place-Based Investment Fund.</p>							

**SG Place Based Investment Programme (Angus)
Summary and Recommendations Report**

Project Name:	Arbroath Court House Redevelopment		
Project Applicant:	Arbroath Court House Community Trust		
Location:	Arbroath		
Funding Request (£)	£281,000	Total Project Value (£)	£3,186,652

Brief Project Description: The vision for the former Court house created by the Trust in consultation with the community is to create a community owned, community run centre which follows the principles of sustainable development. The intention is to develop an accessible, flexible multi-purpose facility that caters for all age groups. It would provide opportunities for social engagement, volunteering, reducing isolation, learning and skills development. Talks are underway with the college to potentially use part of the space as a training facility. There is interest in the two shop fronts in the lower part of the building. As well as this it secures two listed, at risk, historic prominent buildings. This application is the first phase with the aim to make the building wind and water tight and is part of a more ambitious project, where a bid is being prepared to the 2023 SG Regeneration Capital Grant

Programme Criteria	Max. Score Per Assessor	Max. Score Combined	Total Officer Panel Score
Impact (leading to transformational change)	15	45	37
Deliverability within timescales (31 March 2022)	15	45	32
Sustainability of project	10	30	23
Place-based evidence of need	10	30	24
Leverage	5	15	12
Carbon Reduction (Towards Net Zero)	5	15	11
Total	60	180	139

- 1. General Comments:** This project scored high in all categories, the Trust have been working to redevelop this building for many years and has a strong business plan in place. Business Gateway are supporting the group and new connections have been made with Development Trusts from other areas in Scotland. The project meets all criteria and objectives of the fund and will draw in substantial leverage for Arbroath once complete.
- 2. Place-based Rationale for support**
The Trust are working in collaboration with other local partners including Hospitalfield and the college. This project aligns to the council's priorities, the CPP Plan, it supports Community Wealth Building and was a key project identified in the Arbroath Charrette.
- 3. Deliverability/Sustainability of project**
This project is the first phase of the larger ambitious project. This phase is a match fund to the Historic Environment Scotland Fund, planning permission is currently being processed and the decision will be imminent. This project will be delivered within the tight timescale of the fund and will allow the project to

move forward to stage two which will see the building re-furnished into a sustainable asset.

4. Impact/Net Zero Targets

The project will bring two prominent vacant properties back into productive use, improve the built environment, create jobs and it aligns to social priorities. It will increase footfall to the town centre and provide a hub for the community. The information provided demonstrates significant community engagement and support. This project will be a great exemplar of Community Wealth Building, it follows the Town Centre First and the Place Principle.

In the Business Plan there is a built in factor on an annual basis for maintenance to the fabric. In an upgraded facility as proposed this will be carefully monitored over the first few years of use.

The Trust commissioned an energy audit for both buildings recognizing the age of both buildings. HES guidelines will be followed, and the use of best practice incorporated when dealing with net zero targets.

5. Recommendation to Angus Council Communities Committee:

Approve	x	Approve with conditions		Decline		Place on Reserve list	
Reason for Recommendation: The assessment of this project has led to a high score as it matches all criteria and objectives of the fund. There is a risk that if this phase of the building works is not completed it could lead to further deterioration of the building. It is therefore recommended that the communities Committee approve funding from the 2022/23 Place-Based Investment Fund which will allow for immediate repairs to the building to be carried out, while the group finalise plans for a bid to the Scottish Government Regeneration Capital Grant Fund in 2023.							

SG Place Based Investment Programme (Angus) Summary and Recommendations Report

Project Name:	Monifieth Community Resource Group		
Project Applicant:	Monifieth Community Centre		
Location:	Monifieth		
Funding Request (£)	£280,000	Total Project Value (£)	1,230,000

Brief Project Description:

This application is for funds to cover a financial gap in the project to build a new community centre in Monifieth. Due to various delays in delivering the project and the recent extraordinary inflationary impact of materials costs and supply issues, additional monies are now required for the project to go ahead.

Programme Criteria	Max. Score Per Assessor	Max. Score Combined	Total Officer Panel Score
Impact (leading to transformational change)	15	45	40
Deliverability within timescales (31 March 2022)	15	45	34
Sustainability of project	10	30	15
Place-based evidence of need	10	30	24
Leverage	5	15	11
Carbon Reduction (Towards Net Zero)	5	15	11
Total	60	180	135

1. General Comments

The Monifieth Community Centre has been under development for twelve years, following significant Community Consultation and engagement. The new purpose-built centre will provide a focal point for social interaction and service provision in the town. The facility will house a range of services, including opportunities for training and volunteering. The facility will also accommodate a wide variety of clubs and groups and host many services in conjunction with the local medical practice and VAA including a fitness suite. The pricing structure will ensure access for all.

2. Place-based Rationale for support

This project fits the criteria of the fund, aligns to the Place Principle, and will offer services and facilities not currently available in the area – supporting the 20 Minute Neighbourhood and Community Wealth Building.

3. Deliverability/Sustainability of project

£450,000 has been allocated to this project from the 2021/22 fund. The project has a projected start date of Q2 2023 and all monies from both the 2021/22/23 fund is required to be fully claimed before September 2023, therefore there are concerns for the deliverability of this project under the short timescales of this fund. A strong business plan is in place, and project figures shows sustainability for the project.

4. Impact/Net Zero target

Significant impact will be delivered once the new centre is build and the project starts to deliver:

- 1) The community will have improved access to vital facilities, social support, and leisure and recreational facilities.
- 2) Adults and children will increase their potential through opportunities for learning, volunteering and employment.
- 3) Residents, including disadvantaged groups, the elderly and children will have access to improved physical and mental health and wellbeing, enhanced life opportunities and a reduction in social isolation; all contributing to a reduction in inequality and disadvantage across the community.

The project will meet Net Zero targets through the building design, construction methods and material choices, which will ensure maximum sustainability long term for the site and usage.

5. Recommendation to Angus Council Communities Committee:

Approve		Approve with conditions		Decline		Place on Reserve list	x
Reason for Recommendation: Although this project has been scored high, due to the tight timelines of the fund and the significant monies committed from Angus Council towards this project, the panel recommend that the Communities Committee place this project for funding on the reserve list from the 2022/23 Place-Based Investment Fund and would ask the group to re-apply for the 2023/24 fund once there is an update on the funding gap and status of the project. Funding support will be given to the group and all external funding routes explored.							

**SG Place Based Investment Programme (Angus)
Summary and Recommendations Report**

Project Name:	The Jars Project		
Project Applicant:	Brechin Community Football Trust		
Location:	Brechin		
Funding Request (£)	£66,500	Total Project Value (£)	£120,620

Brief Project Description: Brechin Community Football Trust have ambitious plans to renovate a former nightclub and snooker hall into a community health and well-being hub along with a café, social supermarket, community launderette and community space. This will bring social benefit not just to the area known as Brechin East where the project is based but everyone living in the Brechin and surrounding area.

Programme Criteria	Max. Score Per Assessor	Max. Score Combined	Total Officer Panel Score
Deliverability within timescales (31 March 2022)	15	45	35
Place-based evidence of need	15	45	35
Impact (leading to transformational change)	10	30	21
Sustainability of project	10	30	24
Leverage	5	15	11
Carbon Reduction (Towards Net Zero)	5	15	10
Total	60	180	136

1. General Comments

The panel scored this project high as it matches all criteria and the key objectives of the fund, it will see a key derelict and vacant property in the heart of Brechin Town Centre brought back into use. This will be a cross partnership project which will support those that need the help the most, it will support mental health and wellbeing; provide accessible and easy signposting to services (some of which will work from the building on a weekly basis) the key aim is to increase footfall, to help reduce poverty and inequalities.

2. Place-based Rationale for support:

A key action in the 2015 Brechin Charrette Action Plan, there is a lack of service delivery and space to do so in Brechin, and no room for satellite sites. This project will offer community facilities that are open to everyone. This project aligns to the Scottish Government Community Wealth Building agenda, 20 Minute Neighbourhoods, the Town Centre First Principle, and the Place Principle.

3. Deliverability/Sustainability of project

The building is on a long-term lease, and although planning is required it is for change of use and will not . No internal redevelopment will be done to the building. Monies has already been secured to make the property wind and watertight. The Brechin Community Football Trust have a bank of volunteers who are willing to support the refurbishment of the building. Local contractors will be hired where contracted work is required. The project can start as soon as approved and will be completed once planning permission is in place. A café, social supermarket, and community launderette all provide independent income to the project along with meeting spaces that can be rented out by individuals or groups. The trust has demonstrated the sustainability of the project.

4. Impact/Net Zero Targets

The Brechin Community Football Trust have consulted and engaged with the community of Brechin and has a significant amount of data highlighting where the needs are. This project will impact the community of Brechin greatly as there has been a lack of local service provision and activity due to the lack of community space.

5. Recommendation to Angus Council Communities Committee:

Approve	x	Approve with conditions		Decline		Place on Reserve list	
Reason for Recommendation: This project meets all criteria and objectives of the fund it can demonstrate sustainability, a place-based need. This project will build local resilience, tackle inequality, increase community health and well-being and can be delivered within the tight timescale of the fund. Therefore, it is recommended to the Communities committee that this project is approved funding from the 2022/23 Place Based Investment Fund.							

**SG Place Based Investment Programme (Angus)
Summary and Recommendations Report**

Project Name:	Brechin Station Canopy Project		
Project Applicant:	Brechin Caledonian Railway LTD		
Location:	Brechin		
Funding Request (£)	£171,000	Total Project Value (£)	£18 Million

Brief Project Description: Prior to the full closure of the railway by British Rail in 1981, the station concourse canopy was removed. The railway recently completed the first phase of reinstatement of this canopy. This project was completed on time and on-budget, with support from the local community, the National Lottery and railway funds around place-based principles.

This project will reinstate the remainder of the original canopy. It will not only protect an incredibly valuable local heritage asset for future generations, but also provide increased inclusion of local businesses and charities, and improved accessibility for the local community and excluded minorities. It will provide further essential services within the centre of Brechin (20-minute neighbourhood).

Programme Criteria	Max. Score Per Assessor	Max. Score Combined	Total Officer Panel Score
Impact (leading to transformational change)	15	45	37
Deliverability within timescales (31 March 2022)	15	45	32
Sustainability of project	10	30	23
Place-based evidence of need	10	30	24
Leverage	5	15	12
Carbon Reduction (Towards Net Zero)	5	15	11
Total	60	180	139

1. General Comments

The project scored fairly high in most of the criteria, the funding package is in place for this phase of the project, and the group are preparing an ambitious funding bid which will pull in significant investment to the area. The project is on track to deliver within the tight timescales of the fund, it contributes to Net Zero targets. There is great potential to increase the visitor economy for Brechin.

2. Place-based Rationale for support:

This project contributes to the Scottish Government's Community Wealth building agenda, Town Centre First Principle, Place Principle and to the 20 Minute Neighbourhood. The project will support a range of local employment opportunities including apprenticeships and programmes to supporting additional needs. The project expects to increase footfall for the town centre of Brechin, increase passenger numbers at major events, improve the attraction of Brechin as a place.

3. Deliverability/Sustainability of project

The work will be managed by the railway Board through the Management Team who have extensive design, contract and project management experience from leading technical and management volunteers who operate in senior commercial roles in their 'day job'. The first part of this project was delivered on time and on budget and has dramatically improved the look and feel of Brechin Station concourse as well as significantly improving the customer experience.

The project will be delivered by a combination of local businesses (consumables) and volunteer resource. These activities have all been planned and budgeted with all delivery timescales being within the project delivery requirements. There is also contingency in the project to allow for delays and all activities are managed through standard construction contract management protocols including risk registers, QA etc.

4. Impact/Net Zero Targets

An environmentally friendly approach has been included within the designs of the project, including rainwater recovery, providing water for our steam locomotives. It will also provide an area to showcase the R&D application work being performed with local academia and industry to develop green energy solutions for rail transport and other associated industries helping to further support the deprived (SIMD) communities of Brechin and surrounding areas.

5. Recommendation to Angus Council Communities Committee:

Approve		Approve with conditions	x	Decline		Place on Reserve list	
Reason for Recommendation: This project meets all the criteria and key objectives of the fund; it will bring in additional economic wealth for the Town Centre of Brechin. . Therefore, the panel recommend that the Communities Committee approve the sum of £171,000 from the 2022/23 Place-Based Investment Fund.							

**SG Place Based Investment Programme (Angus)
Summary and Recommendations Report**

Project Name:	Community Access Initiative		
Project Applicant:	Strathmore Cricket Club		
Location:	Forfar		
Funding Request (£)	£62,000	Total Project Value (£)	£114,000

Brief Project Description: This application is to allow the facilities at the Strathmore Cricket Club at Lochside Park fully accessible, by reconfiguring the two pedestrian entrance areas to allow full wheelchair access and adding a fully accessible toilet to the existing provision. The physical works will install ramps to door entrance level and create a raised area that facilitates access to both buildings and allows ease of movement between them. They will also provide a ramp from street level to the grass playing area. This will make it possible for people of all ages and abilities to benefit from activities at the ground. It will also improve the outward appearance of the park on to Graham Crescent.

Programme Criteria	Max. Score Per Assessor	Max. Score Combined	Total Officer Panel Score
Impact (leading to transformational change)	15	45	29
Deliverability within timescales (31 March 2022)	15	45	36
Sustainability of project	10	30	23
Place-based evidence of need	10	30	21
Leverage	5	15	10
Carbon Reduction (Towards Net Zero)	5	15	9
Total	60	180	128

1. General Comments

This project will create many opportunities for the health and well-being of the people in Forfar. There are positive social impacts on people living with dementia. People living with disabilities (including long term medical conditions) will have improved access to opportunities and enjoy better health and wellbeing. The activities taking place at Lochside Park will be more accessible and inclusive. More members of the local community will benefit from sporting, health, and wellbeing activities at Lochside Park (including access to the green space for recreational walking).

2. Place-based Rationale for support

There is less evidence for the place-based rationale than other applications.

3. Deliverability/Sustainability of project

Planning permission has been applied for. Should no further information be required, and no objections and the tender process is successful, delivery of the project should be complete within the tight timescales of the fund. There could be timing risk with this project, should the planning permissions require

more information or if suitable contractors do not submit to the tender process.

Lochside Connections Meeting Centre will be more sustainable, ensuring that people living with dementia in Forfar have local access to an important service and improved dementia (care) pathway. It will also provide sustainable employment for a minimum of four people.

4. Impact/Net Zero Targets

The development of new social and recreational programmes is prevented due to the lack of accessibility at the centre, therefore improving the physical access will remove this barrier and contribute to the successful achievement of several outcomes. The activities taking place at Lochside Park will be more accessible and inclusive, allowing more members of the local community to benefit from sporting, health, and wellbeing activities (including access to the green space for recreational walking). This project will offer more inclusive volunteering opportunities.

There is little evidence of any Net Zero Targets.

5. Recommendation to Angus Council Communities Committee:

Approve		Approve with conditions		Decline		Place on Reserve list	x
<p>Reason for Recommendation: This is a well-planned project and will make a difference to the health and well-being of Forfar, however, the project has not scored as high as other projects due to the risk of deliverability and lack of Place-Based and Net Zero evidence. Therefore, it is recommended that this project is placed on a reserve list, should any of the approved applications withdraw or have issues with delivery. In the meantime, the Vibrant Communities team work along with the funding officer will work with the group to explore other external funding opportunities.</p> <p>NB Following the assessment process the project has since confirmed that planning consent is now in place and the timeline for tendering and implementation for the project is deliverable.</p>							

**SG Place Based Investment Programme (Angus)
Summary and Recommendations Report**

Project Name:	Securing The Old Ropey for GEMS & Montrose Community		
Project Applicant:	GEMS (Gable Endies Men's Shed)		
Location:	Montrose		
Funding Request (£)	£71,000	Total Project Value (£)	£91,552

Brief Project Description: This application is for monies to purchase the Old Ropey building in Montrose to secure the sustainability of the Gable Endies Men Shed.

Programme Criteria	Max. Score Per Assessor	Max. Score Combined	Total Officer Panel Score
Impact (leading to transformational change)	15	45	29
Deliverability within timescales (31 March 2022)	10	30	37
Sustainability of project	15	45	24
Place-based evidence of need	10	30	18
Leverage	5	15	11
Carbon Reduction (Towards Net Zero)	5	15	9
Total	60	180	128

1. General Comments

The purchase of the building will enable the group to create long-term plans to continue their support for a large number of community groups, schools, and businesses that GEMS have supported with their various projects to enable Montrose to continue to be a vibrant and attractive town for residents, workers, and visitors. There are also opportunities to explore around the Circular Economy and recycling/upcycling.

2. Place-Based Rationale for support:

The application lacks evidence of Place-Based Rationale, however, there are potential links which can be supported in the future including a connection with Montrose Academy and Angus Council with the opportunity of supporting young people not engaging with school to learn new skills and knowledge and provide opportunities of youth achievement awards.

3. Deliverability/Sustainability of project

Purchasing the building will enable GEMS to create a plan of works to identify improvements with a priority of establishing and improving the first floor. In doing this the first floor can be let to community groups for various activities. It will also bring in an income that will be put back into the maintenance and further development of the building.

4. Impact/Net Zero Targets

The project scored lower than other projects on the Impact criteria.

The plan of works will also include reducing the carbon footprint and will seek to extend the conversion of existing lighting to LED units and investigate the use of solar panels, ground source heating etc.

5. Recommendation to Angus Council Communities Committee:

Approve		Approve with conditions		Decline		Place on Reserve list	x
<p>Reason for Recommendation: Although a good project with lots of potential links, the project scored lower overall than other applications. It is therefore recommended that the Communities Committee place this project on the reserve list for the 2022/23 Place Based Investment Fund. There are currently other funds open such as the community Ownership Fund. The Vibrant Communities team and the funding officer will work closely with the group to explore other links and to assist in developing the project and sourcing external funding for the project.</p>							

SG Place Based Investment Programme (Angus) Summary and Recommendations Report

Project Name:	Hospitalfield's Future Plan phase 2		
Project Applicant:	Hospitalfield Trust		
Location:	Arbroath		
Funding Request (£)	£425,000	Total Project Value (£)	£3,645,000

Brief Project Description: Hospitalfield, one of Scotland's most important historic country houses, has been invested in heavily since 2012. The Trust have created a transformational vision for Hospitalfield, with the aim of establishing a mixed-use visitor destination with the narrative of place and the cultural heritage defining the vision. The capital programme (£11.5m) and corresponding organisational change will be delivered in four-phases; This application is for Phase 2 of the project – The studios and Guesthouse.

Phase 2 The Studios and Guesthouse, benefitting:-

The restoration of the most at risk and listed heritage on the site, new build design meeting BREAM excellence and the creation of a new 23 bed guest house.

Programme Criteria	Max. Score Per Assessor	Max. Score Combined	Total Officer Panel Score
Impact (leading to transformational change)	15	45	32
Deliverability within timescales (31 March 2022)	10	30	24
Sustainability of project	15	45	26
Place-based evidence of need	10	30	23
Leverage	5	15	12
Carbon Reduction (Towards Net Zero)	5	15	10
Total	60	180	127

1. General Comments:

This project is part of a wider ambitious project for Hospitalfield with significant economic benefits to the area. The project is ready to start, however, the panel were cautious of the risks involved, regarding rising costs and pressures on contractors.

2. Place-based Rationale for support:

This project aligns with the Scottish Governments Community Wealth Building agenda, Place Principle, and the Tay Cities Regional Deal.

3. Deliverability/Sustainability of project

This project is on target to be started before the 31st March 2023 and should the project management of the build stay on track, will be fully claimed by September 2023.

A robust five-year business plan is in place. The Future Plan represents carefully considered investment in the heritage asset and new well designed, additional

facilities. This is planned at a scale that will enhance the heritage and establish a viable financial future.

The business plan has been carefully set out to present variables between levels of occupancy and overheads. The Trust is confident that the additional 23 beds plus the cottage, alongside the other vastly improved facilities, will provide a sustainable hospitality business that will provide income to support the charitable aims, contribute to the local infrastructure for arts and culture and will contribute to the local economy in attracting visitors and increasing dwell time in the region.

4. Impact/Net Zero Targets

This project will bring transformational change to the area of Arbroath, attracting visitors, and increasing footfall. There will be opportunities for employment.

Every aspect of the design brief requires the design to use current sustainable technologies in the restoration of existing buildings and the development of new. Appointed excellent architects to lead the design team, with a world class international following, Caruso St John. The Trust have appointed a renowned garden designer with a considerable influence in the field of sustainable horticulture – Nigel Dunnett

5. Recommendation to Angus Council Communities Committee:

Approve		Approve with conditions		Decline		Place on Reserve list	x
<p>Reason for Recommendation: Although a strong project, there is nervousness around the deliverability within the tight timescales of the fund. Due to the small allocation of the Place-Based Investment Fund for Angus, this project would not leave much allocation for other projects, therefore it is recommended that the Communities committee place this project on the reserve list from the 2022/23 Place-Based Investment Fund. Officers will work with Trust to source additional funding for the project.</p>							

SG Place-Based Investment Programme (Angus) Summary and Recommendations Report

Project Name:	Sustainable Letham		
Project Applicant:	Letham & District Community Council		
Location:	Letham		
Funding Request (£)	£19,058	Total Project Value (£)	£49,058

Brief Project Description:

Letham has increased in population greatly in recent years and many of the new residents are unaware of the extensive network of green footpaths and the open areas that are available to them in and around Letham. Letham and District Community Council intend to record and mapping these routes which will also help with the recruitment of new volunteers to continue with the maintenance of them.

Programme Criteria	Max. Score Per Assessor	Max. Score Combined	Total Officer Panel Score
Impact (leading to transformational change)	15	45	31
Deliverability within timescales (31 March 2022)	10	30	28
Sustainability of project	15	45	24
Place-based evidence of need	10	30	19
Leverage	5	15	8
Carbon Reduction (Towards Net Zero)	5	15	11
Total	60	180	121

1. General Comments

This is a great project for tracking and understanding the green infrastructure in Letham, the project scored lower than the other projects and perhaps there are better suited funds for this project.

2. Place-Based Rationale for support

The project has shown little evidence for the Placed-Based Rationale

3. Deliverability/Sustainability of project

No permissions are required, and the project will be delivered within the tight timeline of the fund.

It is hoped that through a wider understanding of the benefits of our green spaces that more of the community will offer to be involved with caring for it and join the team of volunteers.

There are longer-term plans for the area including the development of the disused toilet block at Auldbar road into a maintenance hub and a focus on growing edible plants in the area.

4. Impact/Net Zero Targets

There is no evidence within the application for transformational impact, however, any project which encourages walking and cycling is contributing to Net Zero Targets.

5. Recommendation to Angus Council Communities Committee:

Approve		Approve with conditions		Decline		Place on Reserve list	x
<p>Reason for Recommendation: This project scored fairly low in some of the criteria compared to other projects, therefore it is recommended that the Communities committee place this project on the reserve list from the 2022/23 Place-Based Investment Fund. Officers will work with the Letham and District Community Council to source external funds for this project.</p>							

**SG Place Based Investment Programme (Angus)
Summary and Recommendations Report**

Project Name:	Forfar Lochside Destination Park		
Project Applicant:	Angus Council		
Location:	Forfar		
Funding Request (£)	500,000	Total Project Value (£)	£600,000

Brief Project Description: This application is for the design and development of a new play park at the Forfar Lochside Destination Park.

Programme Criteria	Max. Score Per Assessor	Max. Score Combined	Total Officer Panel Score
Impact (leading to transformational change)	15	45	33
Deliverability within timescales (31 March 2022)	10	30	23
Sustainability of project	15	45	23
Place-based evidence of need	10	30	20
Leverage	5	15	9
Carbon Reduction (Towards Net Zero)	5	15	9
Total	60	180	117

1. General Comments:

Due to the location and nature of the project, this project does not align to all the criteria and key objectives of the fund.

2. Place-based Rationale for support:

The application does not evidence much Place-Based Rationale

3. Deliverability/Sustainability of project

This project will be required to be delivered in consultation with the community, before, during and after the design phase and a tender process will have to be undertaken, the panel are not confident that this will all be complete and contracts in place for March 2023.

The sustainability of the project will come down to maintenance from Angus Council.

4. Impact/Net Zero Targets

There is very little evidence of transformational impact to Forfar or to show how Net Zero Targets will be met.

5. Recommendation to Angus Council Communities Committee:

Approve	Approve with conditions	Decline	Place on Reserve list	x
Reason for Recommendation: Due to lack of evidence of Place-Based Rationale, how Net Zero Targets will be met, and how the project will impact the area it is				

recommended that the Communities Committee place this project on the reserve list from the 2022/23 Place-Based Investment Fund. Vibrant Communities Officers will work with the Angus Council Park Service to carry out engagement and consultation on the project and assist along with the funding officer to seek external funds.