

SG Place Based Investment Programme (Angus)

Summary and Recommendations Report

Project Name:	Signal Space Community Garden & Courtyard Cafe		
Project Applicant:	ANGUSAlive		
Location:	Arbroath		
Funding Request (£)	£235,000		
Brief Project Description:			
Signal Space community garden and courtyard is a project that developed through a successful application to the National Lottery Community Fund Steps to Sustainability initiative in January 2020.			
ANGUSAlive identified, through visitor feedback and an appraisal, by Studioarc Museum Consultants, that Signal Tower Museum has the potential to become the 'must see' visitor experience in Arbroath and achieve higher levels of footfall to the Arbroath Harbour area which falls within the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation. Identifying the need for community partnership and the incredible opportunity to use the design process for wellbeing ANGUSAlive partnered with Reach Across, a registered charity located near the Signal Tower Museum who provide help and support for those experiencing mental health issues. This collaboration consisted of designer led workshops which allowed the individuals from the community to become designers through coaching and support of the group meetings. The designs focus on creating a unique community garden and courtyard café activity space at Signal Tower Museum offering the opportunity for the outdoor space to tell the story of the building and its place in the maritime history of Arbroath.			
Programme Criteria	Max. Score Per Assessor	Max. Score Combined	Total Officer Panel Score
Impact (leading to transformational change)	15	60	39
Deliverability within timescales (31 March 2024)	15	60	47
Sustainability of project	10	40	24
Place-based evidence of need	10	40	25
Leverage	5	20	10
Carbon Reduction (Towards Net Zero)	5	20	6
Total	60	240	151

General Comments The project scored fairly high in most of the criteria and would see the delivery of a project which enhances the visitor experience at the Signal Tower museum and link to wider initiatives in this area.

However the development of the community garden also aligns with the criteria of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF). In discussion with the applicant, they identified that a smaller award would allow this element to be delivered with them contributing the balance.

1. Recommendation to Angus Council Communities Committee:

Approve		Approve with conditions	x	Decline		Place on Reserve list	
Reason for Recommendation:							
It is recommended that this project is funded to a lesser amount of £143,540 from Intervention S4 of the UKSPF given the deliverability of the project and contribution to design and management of the built environment with no award from PBIF.							

Project Name:	Replacement Roof Coverings at Arbroath Community Centre		
Project Applicant:	Angus Council		
Location:	Arbroath		
Funding Request (£)	443,000		
Brief Project Description: This application is to fund the replacement of the Arbroath Community Centre roof and look to lower the roof to make it more energy efficient. This is a proactive measure to ensure, should a community group take over the building, that the building is wind and water-tight.			
Programme Criteria	Max. Score Per Assessor	Max. Score Combined	Total Officer Panel Score
Impact (leading to transformational change)	15	60	30
Deliverability within timescales (31 March 2024)	15	60	45
Sustainability of project	10	40	22
Place-based evidence of need	10	40	25
Leverage	5	20	13
Carbon Reduction (Towards Net Zero)	5	20	9
Total	60	240	144

1. General Comments

A community feasibility study is being carried out to determine uses for the property and interest from a range of community groups to actively use the facility. Should the building end on the open market, the upgrade to the roof will ensure the building is in a sellable state. The aim of this proactive measure is to ensure that we can find an end-use for the property and that it does not end up vacant and derelict, causing issues in years to come.

2. Place-based Rationale for support

Although there are other community facilities in Arbroath the gap seems to be around larger indoor sports and activities. The building has a significant level of water ingress, and a new roof will be required. Fixing this element will potentially lead to the building being occupied which will provide a hub of activity bringing footfall into the area and due to the natural use of the building will most likely lead to supporting health and wellbeing and will hopefully be a proactive measure in ensuring we are not left with a vacant and derelict property.

3. Deliverability/Sustainability of project

The project requires a drone survey to assess the full damage. Once results are back the project can be delivered.

4. Impact/Net Zero Targets

When fixing the roof, an opportunity would be taken to insulate the roof making the building more energy efficient and reducing fuel costs for any group utilising the building, helping meet net zero targets.

5. Recommendation to Angus Council Communities Committee:

Approve	X	Approve with conditions		Decline		Place on Reserve list	
Reason for Recommendation:							
It is recommended that £243,000 be funded from the Place Based Investment fund and an award of £200,000 from Intervention S1 of the UKSPF given the deliverability of the project and contribution to regeneration.							

Project Name:	Brechin Station Footbridge and Access Improvement		
Project Applicant:	Caledonian Railway Brechin Ltd		
Location:	Brechin		
Funding Request (£)	108,500		
<p>1. Brief Project Description: This project will see the modification and construction of a 'new' footbridge that will allow access to wheelchair and wheelers. It will be compliant between the timber yard access and the station platform providing safe direct access to the station.</p>			
Programme Criteria	Max. Score Per Assessor	Max. Score Combined	Total Officer Panel Score
Impact (leading to transformational change)	15	60	37
Deliverability within timescales (31 March 2024)	10	60	47
Sustainability of project	15	40	33
Place-based evidence of need	10	40	30
Leverage	5	20	15
Carbon Reduction (Towards Net Zero)	5	20	12
Total	60	240	174

1. General Comments: This would allow larger volumes of visitors access directly to the Caledonian Railway

2. Place-based Rationale for support:

The application demonstrates the benefit to the local community group and explains how the creation of this town centre asset will add value.

3. Deliverability/Sustainability of project

The bridge has already been purchased and is ready to be modified. No permissions are required. A robust project plan with contingencies has been developed to include a risk assessment. All engineering designs are in place.

4. Impact/Net Zero Targets

Active Travel assessments of the project identify improvements to health, journey quality and mode shift.

5. Recommendation to Angus Council Communities Committee:

Approve		Approve with conditions		Decline	X	Place on Reserve list	
<p>Reason for Recommendation: Whilst this project scored high, it is not recommended for funding as there are more appropriate sources of funding available and may be considered as part of a bid for Levelling Up.</p>							