

ANGUS COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 10 DECEMBER 2024

BRECHIN COMMON GOOD FUND – FUNDING APPLICATION

REPORT BY GRAEME DAILLY, DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENT

1. ABSTRACT

- 1.1 This report advises members on a Common Good funding application that has been received and seeks Committee approval to award funding to the City of Brechin Pipe Band to cover the cost of replacement uniforms.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICIES

- 2.1 This report aligns with the Council Plan 2023-2028 priorities as follows.

Caring for our Place:

- We will engage with communities to support their ambitions to deliver on local aspirations
- We will maximise funding opportunities and grants to the Third Sector and communities to support their ambitions to deliver services.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee approves the application from the City of Brechin Pipe band, as detailed in **Appendix 1**, from the Brechin Common Good Fund.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Council administers the five individual Common Good funds:

- Arbroath
- Brechin
- Forfar
- Kirriemuir
- Montrose

- 4.2 The process for approval of Common Good fund bids is set out in the council's Financial Regulations. Members for wards which have Common Good funds are consulted on applications for the use of the funds either for management of the Common Good properties or where funding is requested by communities or Angus Council services. Reports on such applications are submitted to Policy & Resources Committee for approval.

- 4.3 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.

5. CURRENT POSITION

- 5.1 Report [84/24](#) to Policy & Resources Committee on 12 March 2024 set out the annual Common Good Funds budget and provided indicative budgets of income and expenditure (including asset maintenance schedules) projections for the following two years.

6. PROPOSALS

- 6.1 The Common Good funding request from the City of Brechin Pipe band is for £6,825 to cover the cost of new uniforms, in particular jackets and waistcoats, that will enhance the presence of the Pipe Band at events. Further details on the funding request are contained in **Appendix 1**. Local elected members views were sought regarding the funding application and the responses are noted in **Appendix 1**.
- 6.2 The process for accessing Common Good Funds for any further one-off projects was followed and after assessment of the application, and consideration of local elected members' views, it is proposed that the application is approved in full.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 At the Council meeting on 12 March 2024, Report [84/24](#) set out the provisional revenue budget and estimated revenue balances for future financial years for each of the Common Good funds.
- 7.2 A summary of the financial implications are outlined below if the Committee are minded to agree the proposed funding of the project set out in **Appendix 1**.

Common Good Fund	Audited Revenue Balance as at 01/04/24 (£)	Estimated Revenue Balance as at 31/03/25 (£)	Additional 2024/25 Cost per this Report (£)	Updated Estimated Revenue Balance as at 31/03/25 (£)
Brechin	533,303	410,665	6,825	403,840

8. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no direct environmental implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

9. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT, HUMAN RIGHTS AND FAIRER SCOTLAND DUTY

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

10. CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND WELLBEING IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 10.1 A Childrens Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment has been undertaken and a full assessment is not required as the "General Principles" do not apply to this proposal.

11. CONSULTATION

- 11.1 The Director of Finance and Director of Legal, Governance and Change 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:

- Report [84/24](#) to Policy & Resources Committee on 12 March 2024

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List of Appendices:

Appendix 1 – City of Brechin Pipe Band Project Application.
Appendix 2 – Equality Impact Assessment.

Appendix 1

BRECHIN COMMON GOOD FUND APPLICATION

Project Name	City of Brechin Pipe Band Replacement Uniforms
Organisation	City of Brechin Pipe Band
Value	£6,825
Description	<p>The City of Brechin Pipe Band is made up of volunteer members from all age groups and abilities and is widely known on the local and national Pipe Band circuit. They are the oldest recorded Civilian Pipe Band in the country and as such take pride in representing Brechin and Angus at many events.</p> <p>The pipe band regularly support the local community playing at local events like the Armistice Day parade, Brechin Pageant, local agricultural shows and regularly take part in major competitions like the Scottish, European and World Pipe Band Championships (the Worlds). The Worlds draws competitors from National and International pipe bands along with visitors from around the world.</p> <p>Members are keen to promote the band and County with well turned-out participants. The current uniforms are 20 years old and the purchase of new uniforms, in particular, jackets and waistcoats will enhance their presence at these events. 21 members of the City of Brechin Pipe Band will be provided with new uniforms.</p> <p>All our uniforms stay the property of the Pipe Band with each member having to sign for what kit they need so if they leave or can no longer participate in the main band kit can be collected back and passed to new members.</p>
Elected member consultation	All three elected members for the Brechin and Edzell ward were consulted and all conveyed their support of the funding application.

Equality Impact Assessment: City of Brechin Pipe Band Common Good Funding Application

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Date of Submission : 12/11/2024 - EIA-661915656

Is this proposal a high-level strategy? No

Type of proposal : other;

What type of assessment is required? full

Overview

Directorate or service. If the proposal involves more than one directorate or service, name the lead one : Infrastructure & Environment

Give details of any legislation relevant to this proposal : None directly applicable.

What is being proposed? Common Good funding to the City of Brechin Pipe Band to cover the cost of replacement uniforms.

Is this a new other or a review of an existing other? New proposal -

Impact

All the group(s) of people your proposal involves or affects : Members of the public

What internal data, such as customer satisfaction surveys, equality monitoring data and customer complaints, have you gathered to discover what impact (positive or negative) your proposal will have on people? Information gathered from the funding application submitted by the group.

What internal consultation, for example with staff, trade unions and affected services, have you gathered to discover what impact (positive or negative) your proposal will have on people? Panel of council officers assessed the information provided in the funding application.

What external data, such as census data, equality reports, equality evidence finder, performance reports, research and statistics have you gathered to discover what impact (positive or negative) your proposal will have on people? It was not considered necessary to gather any additional data and that the funding application was sufficient.

What external consultation have you done, with partner organisations, national

organisations, other councils, community groups and others, to discover what impact (positive or negative) your proposal will have on people? It was not considered necessary to carry out any further external consultation.

What other consultation (if any) has been conducted that was not included above? None

Gaps

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

Groups

Are there potential differential impacts on particular age groups? Neutral

Reason(s) for your answer : The Pipe Band supports all ages.

Are there potential differential impacts on people with a disability? Neutral

Reason(s) for your answer : There are no differential impacts.

Are there potential differential impacts on people with a gender reassignment? Neutral

Reason(s) for your answer : There are no differential impacts.

Are there potential differential impacts on people with a marriage or civil partnership status? Neutral

Reason(s) for your answer : There are no differential impacts.

Are there potential differential impacts on people due to their race? Neutral

Reason(s) for your answer : There are no differential impacts.

Are there potential differential impacts on people due to their sex? Neutral

Reason(s) for your answer : There are no differential impacts.

Are there potential differential impacts on people due to pregnancy/maternity? Neutral

Reason(s) for your answer : There are no differential impacts.

Are there potential differential impacts on people due to religion or belief? Neutral

Reason(s) for your answer : There are no differential impacts.

Are potential differential impacts on people due to their sexual orientation? Neutral

Reason(s) for your answer : There are no differential impacts.

UNCRC

Which of the general principles apply to your proposal? None ;

Consultation

Have you consulted with any of the protected characteristic groups who are potentially negatively affected by the proposal? No

What are your reasons for not consulting with any of the protected characteristic groups who are potentially negatively affected by the proposal?

How did you do this?

What were the results?

Negative Impacts

What steps will you take to reduce or remove potentially negative impacts? There are no negative impacts.

Justification

If your proposal will have a negative impact, what is your justification for taking it forward? N/A

Public Sector Equality Duty

Does this proposal contribute to any, or all, of the public sector equality duty to? No

We need to know how your proposal does this :

Is there anything that could be done to advance equalities in relation to this proposal?
Nothing directly.

Fairer Scotland Duty: Not Applicable

Monitoring

How will you monitor and review your assessment in line with your proposal? No additional monitoring require beyond existing arrangements for monitoring of Common Good funding awards.

Will this equality impact/fairer Scotland Duty/Children's Rights assessment be included with a committee report? Published with committee report

Approvers

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