

# The Highland Council

## Inverness City Committee – 8 June 2009

### Common Good Fund – Funding Requests from 09/10 Budget

Agenda Item	13.4
Report No	ICC 47/09

### Report by Inverness City Manager

#### SUMMARY

This report details requests for funding from the Inverness Common Good Fund from the 2009/10 budget. There is also circulated to Members only, a copy of supporting documentation. Members are invited to give consideration to the applications.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 If successful, funding for these applications will be drawn against revenue balances as is normal when the sums approved exceed £5,000.

#### 1.2 Competency of Applications

A further supporting factor to any application is confirmation as to whether or not other funding sources have been investigated. The objects of the Trust require Members to have regard to the interests of the residents of the former Burgh. This means that so long as Members believe that the applicants have provided sufficient information confirming to Members, acting reasonably, that the sum applied for, if awarded, would be spent efficiently and effectively and benefit a broad cross section of the city's residents, including residents of the former Burgh, then it can be deemed competent.

#### 2. APPLICATION DETAILS

##### 2.1 Inverness Tattoo Committee

£6,000 sought towards the cost of the annual Inverness Tattoo in August 2009. The Donations Working Group recommended that the organisation be **granted £4000** towards this year's event.

##### 2.2 Relationship Counselling Highland

£11,000 sought towards the core costs of the organisation.

**Deferred** – the Donations Working Group requested clarification of the organisation's current financial situation further to updated information having been received from Social Work.

##### 2.3 Inverness & District Friends of ARMS Ltd (Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre)

£25,000 sought towards the core costs of the organisation.

**Deferred** – the Donations Working Group recognised the excellent work carried out at the Centre but requested current financial information ie.

accounts for year ending December 2008, and a Business Plan, clearly showing sustainability in future years without the support of the Common Good Fund.

### 3. **Bught Park – Infrastructure Investment**

The City of Inverness Highland Games are due to take place in July. It has become apparent that work is required to restore an area of ground adjacent to the Grandstand. 2 quotes have been received for the resurfacing work required, with the lowest in the sum of £16,408.80. This request has been circulated to the Donations Working Group. In consequence Members are invited to agree to draw down the contract sum from the City Events and Promotions budget within the Common Good Fund Revenue Budget for 09/10. Although the park is not owned by the Common Good Fund it lies within the Burgh and such expenditure is competent. The Games have become an annual event and regularly brings in significant economic benefit to the City.

### 4. **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 *If Members were to give approval to these applications any sums of £5,000 or below would be drawn from the Grants and Donations budget; those in excess would be set against revenue balances.*

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Members are invited to give consideration to the above applications (noting the accompanying documentation supplied to Members only).

Signature:

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Background Papers: Application relevant to the above circulated to Members only.