

The Highland Council

Resources Committee

18 February 2008

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| Agenda Item | |
| Report No | |

Tain Common Good Fund application – Tain Rose Garden

Report by Caithness, Sutherland & Easter Ross Corporate Manager

Summary

This report follows an application in the Committee on 3 December 2008 which approved £26,000 from the Tain Common Good Fund towards developing the Tain Rose Garden. Due to a change in circumstances the Committee is asked to approve a further £27,658 because of increased costs.

1. Background

- 1.1 Applications over £10,000 to the Tain Common Good Fund are required to be considered by the Resources Committee.
- 1.2 An application has been received from the Tain Initiative Group for a further £27,658 from the Tain Common Good Fund towards their project to take a barren area of land within Tain Town Centre and transform it to create a centre piece garden for the use of all the community and visitors to the area.

2. Project changes

- 2.1 The project was originally costed at £82,000 and an initial application to the Tain Common Good fund in December requested £26,000 towards the project. Since December the full £82,000 was secured. However due to a change in circumstances of the original contractor who quoted for the work and now cannot tender and the need to go with the latest lowest tender the project now has a shortfall of £27,658.
- 2.2 Work was originally programmed to start at the end of the year to meet the filming deadlines of the Beechgrove Garden but without finding the extra funding to allow work to begin immediately the project is in jeopardy.
- 2.3 The amount requested is the maximum required, The Tain Initiative Group will be working with the contractor to identify any possible savings without compromising the original brief drawn up in consultation with the community and partners. The Tain Initiative Group is also working to identify other sources of funding to help meet this amount. Therefore, the full amount requested may not be completely drawn down.

2.4 The Tain Common Good fund has sufficient reserves to fund this application and no other applications, current or pending, will be affected by approving this amount.

3. Recommendation

3.1 That the Resources Committee approves the additional sum up to a maximum of the £27,658 applied for by the Tain Initiative Group for the Rose Garden Project.

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