**INVERGORDON COMMON GOOD**

**CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL TO DISPOSE, BY SALE, OF THE BUST OF**

**SIR JOHN GORDON BY EDMÉ BOUCHARDON**

**DECISION**

On 13 May 2024 the Black Isle and Easter Ross Area Committee considered the outcome of the public consultation conducted pursuant to section 104 Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 in respect of the proposal detailed above.

Members considered the analysis of the outcome of the consultation, had regard to all representations received and debated all options fully. Members noted that, as the value of the Bust exceeded 10% of the Invergordon Common Good fund, governance provided that they could make recommendations but that the final decision rested with full Council.

The outcome of the aforementioned Black Isle and Easter Ross Area Committee was as follows:

1. NOTED the outcome of the consultation process undertaken as contained in the analysis at Appendix 1 of the report to Area Committee;
2. APPROVED the responses to the representations received within the consultation period for publication on the Council’s website as contained in the document at Appendix 2 of the report to Area Committee;
3. NOTED consider and balance the representations received together with the responsibilities for the Invergordon Common Good fund; and
4. following consideration of the representations received and best interests of the Invergordon Common Good Fund:
5. AGREED to recommend to full Council that the proposal to dispose of the bust of Sir John Gordon by sale should go ahead;
6. AGREED that the disposal should proceed by way of private sale:
7. AGREED that a museum quality replica be commissioned;
8. AGREED that, if the bust is re-sold for a sum in excess of the sale price that 20% of the increase will be payable to Invergordon Common Good Fund; and
9. NOTED that, if approval is recommended, it will be necessary to seek Sheriff Court consent because the bust is considered to be inalienable

**Decision of full Council**

The outcome and recommendations came before full Council on 27 June 2024 for final decision. The recommendations and a proposed amendment were debated in the Council chamber and a vote was taken. The decision of full Council approved the recommendations of the Black Isle and Easter Ross Area Committee subject to the removal of recommendation iv. d) as it was legally unenforceable.