The Highland Council

Agenda Item 11d Report SRC/044/14

Skye, Ross and Cromarty Area Committee 19 November 2014

Invergordon Common Good – Annual Report and Quarter 2 Monitoring Report

Joint Report by the Head of Policy and Reform and Director of Finance

Summary

This report invites Members to note the: Invergordon Common Good Fund – Annual Report 2013/14 Invergordon Common Good Fund - Second Quarter Monitoring Statement

1. Annual Report

- 1.1 Appendix I of this report shows the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet in respect of the Invergordon Common Good Fund (ICGF) for Financial Year 2013/14.
- 1.2 The bulk of the spend in 2013/14 relates to the cost of a survey and options appraisal carried out on the Invergordon Town Hall which is in poor condition. This does result in a small deficit over the year but the appraisal is being used to inform work around the potential future use of the building, which may in turn help to identify external funding sources to support necessary refurbishment work.
- 1.3 In the accounts the classification of all non-current assets is subject to de minimis level of £6,000 for vehicles, plant and machinery and £20,000 for all other assets. Consequently some assets belonging to the Common Good, with smaller value, may not be included in the figure reported in the accounts.
- 1.4 Members are requested to note changes to the reserves reported in the audited accounts. This is as a result of adjustments provided by Audit Scotland to the Common Good accounts.
- 1.5 The underlying concept is that each category of asset in the top half of the balance sheet has an equivalent reserve in the bottom half of the balance sheet.
- 1.6 Unusable Reserves comprise the Revaluation Reserve and the Capital Adjustment Account, and these are matched with the non-current assets. Usable reserves comprise Revenue Funds and represent the actual funds available (£59,902). They are represented by short term deposits net of sundry creditors at the year end.

- 1.7 The usable reserves of the Common Good Funds have increased due to the reallocation of items which in previous years had been identified as unusable reserves.
- 1.8 The Revaluation Reserve represents the value of heritage assets held by the Common Good which are over the de minimis level. The amount has decreased as a result of the removal of the Bouchardon bust from the heritable assets, as approved by members at the April 2014 Area Committee, in the light of evidence that the bust is owned by the Council rather than the ICGF.
- 1.9 The effect of the amendments on each reserve was as follows:

Invergordon Common Good 31/03/2014 Usable and Unusable Reserves

	Audited £	Unaudited £	Movement £
Usable Reserves			
Revenue Fund	59,902	50,975	8,926
	59,902	50,975	8,926
Unusable Reserves			
Revaluation Reserve Capital Fund Capital Adjustment	85,000	177,500 9,926	-92,500 -9,926
Account	93,500		93,500
	178,500	187,426	-8,926
Total Reserves	238,402	238,402	0

2. Monitoring Statement to September 2014

2.1 A monitoring statement showing transactions against budget to the end of September 2014 against budget is attached as Appendix 2.

3. Expenditure

3.1 The expenditure of £798 previously reported relates to essential external repairs and is within the budget set.

4. Income

4.1 The rental income of £3,000 for the Invergordon Town Hall from Highlife Highland has now been received.

5. Implications

5.1 The expenditure to date is within budget and there are no Resource or Financial Implications. There are no known Equalities, Climate Change/Carbon Clever, Legal, Risk, Gaelic or Rural Implications.

Recommendation

The Committee is invited to note:

- i. the Invergordon Common Good Fund Annual Report for 2013/14; and
- ii. the position of the Invergordon Common Good Fund as shown in the Quarter 2 Monitoring Statement against budget.

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STATEMENT OF AUDITED ACCOUNTS 2013-14 Invergordon Common Good Fund Income and Expenditure Account

	2013/14	2012/13
Expenditure	£	£
Property costs	248	-
Consultants Fees	4,197	-
Administration charges	34	32
Total expenditure	4,479	32
Income		
Rents	3,000	3,000
Interest and investment income	294	337
Total income	3,294	3,337
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(1,185)	3,305
Unrealised gains on investments	(200,000)	17,500
Total comprehensive income and expenditure	(201,185)	20,805

Balance Sheet	31/03/14 £	31/03/13 £
Non current assets	-	-
Investment properties	93,500	93,500
Heritage	85,000	285,000
Current assets	178,500	378,500
Loans fund deposits	64,099	61,086
Current liabilities Sundry Creditors	(4,197)	
Total assets	238,402	439,586
Total assets Usable reserves	238,402	439,586
	238,402 59,902	439,586 61,086
Usable reserves		
Usable reserves Revenue funds		
Usable reserves Revenue funds Unusable reserves	59,902	61,086
Usable reserves Revenue funds Unusable reserves Revaluation reserve	59,902 85,000	61,086 285,000

Appendix Two

Invergordon Common Good Fund – Quarter 2 Monitoring Statement 2014/15

	2014-2015 Budget	Actual year to date
Expenditure		
Property Costs	1,000	798
Administration charges	100	0
Total expenditure	1,100	798
Income		
Rents	3,000	3,000
Interest and investment income Total income	300 3,300	3,000
Surplus/(Deficit)	2,200	(2,202)