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HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: City of Inverness Area Committee

Date: 22nd February 2018

Report Title: Inverness Common Good Fund Grants and Capital Projects

Report By: Inverness City Area Manager

Purpose/Executive Summary

This report sets out the funds available for allocation from the Grants and Conference Funding Budgets and the current status of capital projects.

Recommendations

Members are asked to:

- i. Note the funds available for allocation; and
- ii. Scrutinise the current status of capital projects

2. Grants and Capital Projects

2.1 The current summary of funds available following the Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee meeting on 29 January 2018 is set out in **Appendix 1**.

2.3 **Appendix 2** details the current status of capital projects.

3. Implications

3.1 Resource – Funding is provided by the Inverness Common Good Fund Grants budget for 2017/18

Legal - There are no Legal implications as a result of this report

Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural) - Applications are considered on merit which includes compliance with Council Policies. The need to ensure

that the residents of the former Burgh of Inverness are the main beneficiaries is paramount

Climate Change/Carbon Clever - Consideration is given to ensuring that applications meet reasonable expectations in respect of climate change and carbon clever targets

Risk – There are no known risk implications in respect of this report

Gaelic - Applications if successful will be required to meet expectations set by Council Policy in this regard.

Designation: Inverness City Area Manager, Principal Project Manager

Date: 1 February 2018

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Background Papers:

APPENDIX 1

Inverness Common Good Fund
Available Resource for Allocation

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Budget Balance Available - Grants	315,000
Underspend from 2016/17	253,655
	568,655

Committee Date	Category	Award	Total for meeting	
(Committed from previous financial years)	Grants < £10k	138,194		
	Grants > £10k	115,461	<u>253,655</u>	315,000
27/03/17 Grants Sub Committee	Grants < £10k	40,461	<u>40,461</u>	274,539
19/06/17 City of Inverness Area Committee	Grants > £10k	20,000	<u>20,000</u>	254,539
21/08/17 Grants Sub Committee	Grants < £10k	45,040	<u>45,040</u>	209,499
14/09/17 City of Inverness Area Committee	Grants < £10k	7,900	<u>7,900</u>	201,599
06/11/17 Grants Sub Committee	Grants <£10k	24,730	<u>24,730</u>	176,869
30/11/17 City of Inverness Area Committee	Grants <£10k	4,700		
	Grants >£10k	54,200	<u>58,900</u>	117,969
29/01/18 Grants Sub Committee	Grants <£10k	79,096	<u>79,096</u>	38,873

Budget Balance Available - Conference Funding	40,000
Underspend from 2016/17	12,330
	52,330

Committee Date	Category	Award	Total for meeting	
(Committed from previous financial years)	Convention		<u>12,330</u>	40,000
27/03/17 Grants Sub Committee	Grants < £10k	9,500	<u>9,500</u>	30,500
21/08/17 Grants Sub Committee	Grants <£10k	6,500	<u>6,500</u>	24,000

Capital Projects Funded by Inverness Common Good Fund

1 General

- 1.1 This appendix provides project status information for current key capital projects funded by the Inverness Common Good Fund, including financial progress details, as of 31 January 2018.

2 Capital Programme Update

- 2.1 The current status of each individual project is summarised below.

2.2 Conservation of External Fabric Phase 2, Town House, Inverness

- 2.2.1 The project was approved at City of Inverness Committee on the 3 December 2015. The contractor was then accepted on the 8th January 2016.

The total cost of the three additional items discussed at a previous City Committee at a cost of £150,800 has been instructed. At this stage of the project we still have contingency sums available to cover the majority of these costs but advise that we have used £46,000 of contingencies over course of the project has progressed The worst case scenario still remains in place that additional funding for the full amount might be required but at this stage we are only forecasting the figure below.

You will see that the agreed total council funding has increased from the last report which now takes into account the additional funding for the internal/ external lighting and internal redecoration. The lighting elements of the project is due for completion mid-February 2018.

The project had practical completion on Friday 10 November 2017.

The final account is currently being drawn up and will be reported at the next committee.

Agreed Total Council Funding	£2,097,908
Anticipated Final Account	£2,143,908

2.4 Conservation of External Fabric Phase 3, Town House, Inverness

- 2.4.1 The project was approved at Full Council Committee on the 21 June 2017.

Detailed planning and working methods have commenced. It is programmed to submit listed Building Consent and issue tenders in February 2018. We are looking potential on site commencement date of May/June 2018.

Agreed Total Council Funding	£2,300,000
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2.5 New Starter Unit, Lotland Street, Inverness

- 2.5.1 A design team has been appointed and the first design team meeting has taken place several different surveys has been discussed and are currently being undertaken.

There is concern that after the surveys are complete it may not be possible to undertake this project, a further report will be taken to the next committee to explain the survey results and way forward.

Agreed Budget

£175,000

3. Governance

- 3.1 These projects are funded by the Inverness Common Good Fund and monthly Contract Monitoring reports will be issued to the Inverness City Manager, in line with governance arrangements.