

Agenda Item	14c
Report No	CIA/13/19

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: City of Inverness Area Committee

Date: 21 February 2019

Report Title: Inverness Common Good Fund
Grants and Capital Projects

Report By: Inverness City Area Manager

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out the current applications for grant funding to be determined and the current status of capital projects.

2. Recommendations

2.1 Members are asked to:

- i. Consider the applications for funding
- ii. Consider the applications from Inverness BID
- iii. Scrutinise the current status of capital projects

3. Grants and Capital Projects

- 3.1 The current summary of funds available following the Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee meeting on 28 January 2019 is set out in **Appendix 1**.
- 3.2 **Booklet A** includes details of current grant applications for more than £10,000. Members are invited to consider the following applications:

1. **Loch Ness Knit Fest:** The Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee recommend approval of a grant of £15,000 (£7,500 from the Grants Budget and £7,500 from the Conference Support Budget) towards the Loch Ness Knit Fest 2019. If approved this will come from the 2019/20 Grants/Conference Support Budgets

- 3.3 **Partnership Working – Inverness BID:** Members are asked to consider the applications submitted by Inverness BID.

1. Coach Ambassador 2019 £9,750
2. Operation Respect Task Team Easter/Summer 2019 £5,575
3. Inverness Gull Project 2019 £12,000
4. Inverness Community Safety Partnership 2018 £9,000

The Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee recommends approval of these applications from the Partnership Working Budget for 2019/20..

- 3.4 **Appendix 2** details the current status of capital projects.

4. Implications

- 4.1 Resource - Funding is provided by the Inverness Common Good Fund budget for 2018/19. Funding for the Lochness Knit Fest and for Partnership Projects are dependent on a budget for 2019/20 being agreed by this Committee.
- 4.2 Legal - There are no Legal implications as a result of this report
- 4.3 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
- 4.4 Climate Change / Carbon Clever - Consideration is given to ensuring that applications meet reasonable expectations in respect of climate change and carbon clever targets
- 4.5 Risk – There are no known risk implications in respect of this report
- 4.6 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: 7 February 2019

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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 2017/18	203,289
	518,289

Committee Date	Category	Award	Total for meeting	
(Committed from previous financial years)	Grants < £10k	141,981		
	Grants > £10k	61,308	<u>203,289</u>	315,000
14/05/18 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee	Grants < £10k	42,682	<u>42,682</u>	272,318
31/05/18 City of Inverness Area Committee	Grants >£10k	20,000	<u>20,000</u>	252,318
06/08/18 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee	Grants < £10k	55,259	<u>55,259</u>	197,059
30/08/18 City of Inverness Area Committee	Grants < £10k	5,250		
	Grants >£10k	90,500	<u>95,750</u>	101,309
29/10/18 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee	Grants < £10k	39,641	<u>39,641</u>	61,668
22/11/18 City of Inverness Area Committee	Grants > £10k	44,200	<u>44,200</u>	17,468
22/11/2018 City of Inverness Area Committee	Transfer of Funds from the Conference Support Budget	35,250	<u>35,250</u>	52,718
28/01/2019 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee	Grants < £10k	52,882	52,882	-164

Budget Balance Available - Conference Funding	40,000
Underspend from 2017/18	8,180
	48,180

Committee Date	Category	Award	Total for meeting	
(Committed from previous financial years)	Convention		<u>8,180</u>	40,000
14/05/18 Grants Sub Committee	Grants < £10k	4,750	<u>4,750</u>	35,250
22/11/2018 City of Inverness Area Committee	Transfer of Funds to the Grants Budget	35250	<u>35250</u>	0

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 6 February 2019.

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 external works contract was completed on the 10 November 2017 and the internal refurbishment and lighting works was completed 9 February 2018. The defects period will end on the 10 February 2019.

It should be noted that through cost savings and careful management of resources throughout the contract we have managed to pay for the three additional items at a cost of £150,800 mentioned in previous committee reports within the existing budget.

The final account has been agreed.

Agreed Total Council Funding	£2,097,908
Final Account	£2,083,054

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

- 2.4.1 Acceptance letter issued on the 23 July 2018. Work commenced on site on 10 September 2018 and the completion date for is 11 September 2020.

Works are progressing well and on programme.

Decant arrangements have been agreed and the first 22 staff members have been decanted for a six month period.

Agreed Total Council Funding	£3,204,083.57
Anticipated Final Account	£3,204,083.57

2.5 Victorian Market, Academy Street Entrance Upgrade

- 2.5.1 It has been agreed that the stonework repairs to the front façade will be undertaken first. The replacement of the inner doors has come in over budget and an alternative scheme is being investigated and will be reported to a future Committee.

A third party grant for £31,000.00 from the Academy Street Project has been awarded. This means the total outlay for the Inverness Common Good Fund will be £12,000.00.

The Stonework repairs will commence on site at the end of March and will take approximately eight weeks to complete.

Agreed Total Council Funding	£43,000.00
Anticipated Final Account	£43,000.00

2.6 Civic Floor Male Toilet Refurbishment, Inverness Town House

2.6.1 Refurbishment drawings and tender documentation has been completed, tender costs are currently being arranged. Once costs have been agreed discussions with Civic Officer will be held to arrange an appropriate time for the works to take place as the toilets will be out of use for a period of four to six weeks.

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 Area Manager, in line with governance arrangements.