

Agenda Item	3.b
Report No	BSAC/07/23

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: **Badenoch & Strathspey Area Committee (Special Meeting)**

Date: **13 February 2023**

Report Title: **Badenoch & Strathspey Repurposing Place Based Investment Fund Proposals**

Report By: **Executive Chief Officer, Communities and Place**

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1** Highland Council agreed in March 2021 that a £100,000 Place Based Investment Fund was allocated to each ward for the 2021/22 financial year. Funding allocations for Ward 20 were subsequently approved at this Committee.

Members are now asked to allocate previously approved Ward 20 Place Based Investment Funds from an identified project underspend as outlined in this report.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** Members are also asked to agree allocation of Ward 20 Place Based Investment Funds towards the following project:

Kingussie Camanachd Club - Market Stance Playing Field Upgrade Phase 2 - £10,000

3. Implications

- 3.1** Resource implications – The resource implications are set out in this report.
- 3.2** Legal implications – Funding will be made to external groups and/or other Council services in line with the Scheme of Delegation and grant guidance.
- 3.3** Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural) impacts – The allocation of funding proposed targets a range of projects which specifically address improved access of outdoor spaces and pursuits to encourage greater use and promote mental wellbeing.
- 3.4** Climate Change / Carbon Clever implications – There are no specific climate change implications.
- 3.5** Risk implications – There are no specific risk implications, and grants will be made following established grant making procedures to minimise risk of project failure.

3.6 Gaelic implications – There are no specific Gaelic implications.

4 Place Based Investment Fund Proposed Allocations

4.1 Committee previously agreed Ward PBIF funding allocations on 15 February 2022, it has now been identified that there is a projected PBIF underspend across previously approved allocations. Committee are asked to approve the following and reallocate that underspend.

4.2 Kingussie Camanachd Club - Market Stance Playing Field Upgrade Phase 2

The Market Stance Playing Fields will regenerate the sporting activities of groups in Kingussie, and the increased physical activity will have a clear positive improvement on people's "wellbeing" both physically and socially. This multipurpose Playing Field will be used for a wide range of sports and by people of all ages for walking, recreation and physical activity and therefore has a clear link to addressing the four harms of covid.

Phase 1 of the project at the Market Stance was to carry out substantial ground works and grass seeding and construct a rabbit proof fence. Phase 1 was completed in the summer of 2021.

This proposed funding allocation is for phase 2 of the Market Stance Playing Fields to erect high sports fencing around the boundary perimeter and install sports floodlighting. The purchase of a second-hand sit on mower is also part of this Phase 2 project.

The proposed £10,00 allocation towards this project from the Ward's PBIF monies contributes to a total Phase 2 project cost of £173,259. This Phase 2 project total has been raised from a range of sources including Sportscotland, Community Ownership Fund, Community and Club Fundraising and the Highland Council Place Based Investment Programme.

It is proposed to allocate £10,000 from the Wards PBIF monies to Kingussie Camanachd Club contributing towards Phase 2 of the works at the Market Stance Playing Field.

This funding award will be subject to the Council's normal grant conditions.

6. Background Papers

Badenoch & Strathspey Area Committee 15 February 2022 (Items 7 & 8)

https://www.highland.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/4580/badenoch_and_strathspey_area_committee

Badenoch & Strathspey Area Committee 6 February 2023 (item 8)

https://www.highland.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/4738/badenoch_and_strathspey_area_committee

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