The Highland Council

Agenda Item	**4**
Report No	**BSAC/19/26**

Committee: **Badenoch and Strathspey**

Date: **2 November 2026**

Report Title: **Kingussie and Grantown on Spey Common Good Parking Income**

Report By: **Assistant Chief Executive - Place**

1 Purpose/Executive Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members on income generated through Invitation to Pay parking arrangements within Ardvonie Carpark, Kingussie and the Village Carpark, Grantown on Spey which have both been identified as Common Good assets. The report will include the appropriate income to be coded to the Common Good Funds.

1.2 The operational management costs to deliver the Invitation to Pay Scheme at the two sites must be considered and approved by this Committee before being recharged against the Kingussie and Grantown on Spey Common Good Funds.

2 Recommendations

2.1 Members are asked to:-

i. **Note** the income of £7,319 for the Kingussie Common Good Fund;
ii. **Note** the income of £8,137 for the Grantown on Spey Common Good Fund;
iii. **Agree** that £3,777 costs incurred by the Council's Parking Enforcement Team to operate the invitation to pay parking scheme at the Kingussie Common Good sites is charged against the Kingussie Common Good Fund;
iv. **Agree** that £3,202 costs incurred by the Council's Parking Enforcement Team to operate the invitation to pay parking scheme at the Grantown on Spey Common Good sites is charged against the Grantown on Spey Common Good Fund;
v. **Note** the £224 adjustment to the earmarked balance for Badenoch and Strathspey; and
vi. **Note** that decisions taken in respect of any Common Good Fund income generated from invitation to pay parking at car parks on Common Good land will be taken at Area Committee in line with the Scheme of Delegation.

3 Implications

3.1 **Resource** - Financial implications are as outlined in this report. There are costs incurred by the Parking Enforcement Team in running the Invitation to Pay scheme at these sites on behalf of the Common Good Fund. These costs should be borne by the Common Good Fund.

3.2 **Legal** - This application of Common Good funds will fall within the competency guidelines set out both in statute and in common law in relation to Common Good Funds.

3.3 **Risk** - Minimum income requirements must be achieved to cover committed costs.

3.4 **Health and Safety (risks arising from changes to plant, equipment, process, or people)** – No Implications.

3.5 **Gaelic** - No Implications.

4 Impacts

4.1 In Highland, all policies, strategies or service changes are subject to an integrated screening for impact for Equalities, Poverty and Human Rights, Children's Rights and Wellbeing, Climate Change, Islands and Mainland Rural Communities, and Data Protection. Where identified as required, a full impact assessment will be undertaken.

4.2 Considering impacts is a core part of the decision-making process and needs to inform the decision-making process. When taking any decision, Members must give due regard to the findings of any assessment.

4.3 This is a monitoring and update report and therefore an impact assessment is not required.

5 Grantown on Spey and Ardvonie Carpark background

5.1 It was identified late in the financial year 2025/26 that both Ardvonie and Grantown on Spey carparks where in fact on Common Good land. This has meant an adjustment of the car parking finances is required as Common Good carparks income should be paid directly to the common good fund.

6 Income generated to date Ardvonie Carpark, Kingussie

6.1 The following table updates Members on income for the Ardvonie Carpark, Kingussie:-

Ardvonie Car Park				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	Total
Gross income	£ 1,650	£ 2,495	£ 3,174	£ 7,319

7 Costs to be recharged Ardvonie Carpark, Kingussie

7.1 The costs incurred by the Parking Enforcement Team in respect of the operation and maintenance of the Kingussie Common Good Fund invitation to pay parking are as follows:-

Ardvonie Car Park				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	Total
Gross income	£ 1,650	£ 2,495	£ 3,174	£ 7,319
Transaction fees	£ 104	£ 167	£ 286	£ 557
Tims	£ 333	£ 400	£ 400	£ 1,133
Staff Costs	£ 574	£ 742	£ 771	£ 2,087
Total Costs	£ 1,011	£ 1,309	£ 1,457	£ 3,777
Common Good	£ 639	£ 1,186	£ 1,717	**£ 3,541**

The 2023/24 costs have been calculated based on the 10 months as this carpark became operational in June 2023.

7.2 Tims costs are the costs associated with ticket machine consumables and service level agreement. Staff costs cover first line maintenance and time associated with banking and managing the parking payment. This does not include enforcement activity.

8 Income generated to date Village Carpark, Grantown on Spey

8.1 The following Table updates Members on income for the Village Carpark, Grantown on Spey:-

GoS Village Car Park				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	Total
Gross income	£ 210	£ 3,270	£ 4,657	£ 8,137

9 Costs to be recharged Village Carpark, Grantown on Spey

9.1 The costs incurred by the Parking Enforcement Team in respect of the operation and maintenance of the Grantown on Spey Common Good Fund invitation to pay parking are as follows:-

GoS Village Car Park				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	Total
Gross income	£ 210	£ 3,270	£ 4,657	£ 8,137
Transaction fees	£ 12	£ 201	£ 314	£ 527
Tims	£ 133	£ 400	£ 400	£ 933
Staff Costs	£ 230	£ 742	£ 771	£ 1,742
Total Costs	£ 375	£ 1,342	£ 1,485	£ 3,202
Common Good	-£ 165	£ 1,928	£ 3,172	**£ 4,935**

The 2023/24 costs have been calculated based on the 4 months as this carpark became operational in December 2023.

10 Badenoch and Strathspey Earmarked Balance impact

10.1 Both Ardvonie carpark and the Village carpark Grantown on Spey had previously had an impact on the earmarked balances for Badenoch and Strathspey. The following table outlines the earmarked balance impact from both carparks which has resulted in a negative impact on the Earmarked balance of £224. This £224 will be paid to the Badenoch and Strathspey Earmarked balance from the parking service budget.

Carpark	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	Total
Ardvonie	-£ 752	-£ 361	£ 69	-£ 1,044
Village G on S	-£ 896	£ 539	£ 1,177	£ 820
				-£ 224

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Background Papers: The Highland Council Parking Policy 2018 – 2023
Off-street Car Parking Policy Review

Appendices: None