

Governance, as it relates to the authorisation of expenditure from the Garioch Area Committee budget.

4 Implications and Risk

- 4.1 An equality impact assessment is not required because the recommendations contained within this report do not have a differential impact on any of the protected characteristics.
- 4.2 There are no staffing implications as a result of this report. The financial implications are outlined in paragraph 2.3.
- 4.3 No risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate or Directorate Level.

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GARIOCH AREA INITIATIVE FUND CRITERIA

The Garioch Area Initiative Fund for 2019/20 has been set at £15,000, and can be used to support the following Themes:

Theme	
Improving the appearance and maintenance of towns	£15,000
Healthy communities	
Strong communities	
Safe Communities	

These are aligned to Community Planning themes and are designed to allow applicants to take an outcome-focussed approach when planning projects and local interventions. Applicants should seek to achieve the following local outcomes as linked to one or more of these themes:

Improving the Appearance and Maintenance of Towns and Villages within Garioch

- Improve the attractiveness of Garioch as a place to live, invest, work and visit.
- Improve residents' aspirations, confidence, decision-making capacity and involvement in community life.
- Improve the physical environment and infrastructure of Garioch.

Healthy Communities: support and empower the people of Garioch to look after and improve their own health and wellbeing and live in good health for longer in inclusive communities.

Strong Communities: support and empower the people of Garioch to ensure communities are successful, achieving and inclusive with the confidence, capability and capacity to tackle things that matter to them.

Safe Communities: support and empower the people of Garioch to ensure they live their lives free from crime, disorder and danger.

Funding of Festive Lights within Garioch

Funding applications for Festive Lights require to meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Applications will be considered for new lights and upgrades of existing lights to LED. Repair, maintenance, installation and storage costs will not be supported.
- Applicants can source 50% of the total cost of the purchase of new lights from this fund to a maximum of £1,750.
- Funding from Garioch Area Committee Budget and/or local Common Good Funds can only be accessed once in any 3-year period.
- Support will only be given for displays, which use energy efficient technology and focus on town centres or the main village thoroughfares.