



REPORT TO BUCHAN AREA COMMITTEE – 27 JUNE 2017

AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET: AREA INITIATIVES FUND

1. Recommendation

1.1 That the Committee agree:

(a) to approve the allocation of the Area Initiatives Budget as recommended in Appendix A attached to this report, subject to members being in agreement to transfer £6,450 from the large grant allocation which is undersubscribed to the small grant allocation which is oversubscribed; and

(b) to allocate the balance of the funds, £5,050 later in the year

2. Background/Discussion

- 2.1 At the Buchan Area Committee of 18 April 2017, (Item 13), Councillors agreed to make available £66,000 of the Area Committee Budget to an Area Initiative Fund similar to that run for the previous sixteen years. It was further agreed that this be divided into a small grant fund of £30,000 and a large grant fund of £36,000, both to be publicised and developed in tandem with the Buchan Development Partnership.
- 2.2 The fund attempts to achieve a good spread of schemes, with broad community benefit, across the Buchan Area and to focus on local priorities. Projects where the work had been identified and prioritised by the community through the Planning for Real© process and would help them deliver targets identified in their action plans or appears as a priority in the Buchan Community Plan, have been supported in the past.
- 2.3 The schedule of applications received, total costs and recommended awards are included as Appendix A to this report.
- 2.4 In assessing the schemes together with the Buchan Development Partnership it is clear that all the applications meet the criteria.

- 2.5 The total requested from the large fund amounts to £24,500 and from the small fund £36,450. It is requested that £6,450 be transferred from the Large Grant allocation, which is undersubscribed to the Small Grant allocation, which is oversubscribed. Members are also asked to note that three of the projects, Buchan Netball Club, Bairnecessities Baby Bank and "Make It Happen" Cultural Café, have also applied to the Your Voice Your Choice scheme, the result of which will not be known until after 22nd June and a verbal update on the success or otherwise of these applications will be provided at the meeting on 27th June. The total awards may reduce depending on the result of these Your Voice Your Choice applications. Applicants that have been unsuccessful in attracting Area Initiative funding, will be assisted by BDP to identify alternative sources of funding. They will also work with the successful groups on finding their match funding.
- 2.6 The applications cover a variety of projects ranging from feasibility studies, events, equipment, hall improvements, safety, sports provision and signage. There is considerable volunteer effort involved with all of the projects being supported.
- 2.7 The communities have prioritised their projects and it is suggested that they are all worthy of support. The recommended projects allow for a balanced geographical spend, are deliverable and reflect value for money. The grants recommended for award have the potential to lever in approximately £105,555 of match funding from other sources that have been secured or are presently being explored.
- 2.8 The help and support of the Buchan Development Partnership has been fundamental in the development of this report.
- 2.9 It has been suggested that the awards should be made at the next Buchan Area Committee meeting.
- 2.10 The Head of Finance has been consulted and the Monitoring Officer within Business Services has been consulted and their comments incorporated within the report.
- 2.11 The proposals are in direct conformity with the Buchan Community Plan 2016-2019.
- 2.12 In discussing the Area Committee Budget priority has been given to improvement of facilities, environmental, health and wellbeing and capacity building projects.

3. Scheme of Governance

- 3.1 The List of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance enable the Committee to authorise expenditure from the Area Committee Budget under Finance and Procurement 6.3 of Section B.

4. Equalities, Staffing and Financial Implications

- 4.1 An equality impact assessment is not required because the report does not propose any change to previous allocation arrangements and there will be no differential impact, as a result of the report, on people with protected characteristics.
- 4.2 Provisions outlined in this report will commit £60,950.00 of the Area Committee Budget.
- 4.3 A total budget of £104,500 is available for the Area Committee Budget in the current financial year. As agreed in April this was split £66,000 to Area Initiatives, £16,000 to Brighter Villages Scheme, £400 Buchan in Bloom prizes, £20,000 as part of the match funding for the Aden Country Park Restoration & Redevelopment project and £2,100 for contingencies.

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Report by Maureen Stephen
14th June 2017

AI Applications 2017

No Group Name

1L Strichen Community Park Co - Town House

Project Aim

Restoration of Strichen Town Hall Clock

2L PTA Mintlaw Academy Therapeutic Garden

Creation of Therapeutic Garden at MA

Total Project Amt

£ 24,255.60

Total Requested

£ 18,170.00

Constit.	Quotes	Accounts	Sugg. Amt
Y	Y	Y	£ 18,000.00
N	N	N	£ 6,500.00

£ 30,755.60 £ 24,670.00

£ 24,500.00

No	Group Name	Project Aim	Total Project Amt	Total Requested	Constit.	Quotes	Accounts	Sugg. Amt
1	Buchanhaven Fundraising Group (PTA)	Project/Screen/Lighting for for school stage in hall	£ 11,008.72	£ 4,000.00	Y	Y	Y	Nil
2	Lonmay Public Hall	Lightweight chairs and folding tables	£ 2,581.20	£ 2,581.20	Y	Y	Y	£ 2,000.00
3	New Deer Community Association	Replace Downstairs Kitchen in New Deer Hall	£ 9,184.00	£ 4,000.00	Y	Y	Y	£ 4,000.00
4	MASA (Minds Applying Stem Activities)	Purchase 3D Printer	£ 2,317.81	£ 2,317.81	Y	Y	No - New grp	Nil
5	Buchanhaven Harbour	new marquee and folding tables	£ 1,514.79	£ 1,514.79	Y	Y	Diane to chase	£ 1,500.00
6	Friends of Aden	Music at Aden	£ 4,833.00	£ 2,417.00	Y	Y	Y	£ 2,000.00
7	Buchan Netball Club	Weekly Netball Club	£ 3,885.20	£ 3,885.20	Y	Y	Y	£ 765.00
8	New Pitsligo Public Hall	Update Fire Protection and Alarm System	£ 2,680.80	£ 2,680.80	Y	Y	Y	£ 2,500.00
9	St Combs Mission Hall	Install double glazing and upgrade toilets	£ 10,715.19	£ 4,000.00	Y	Y	Y	£ 3,000.00
10	DAB Plus	Driving Ambition Days at Mintlaw/Peterhead Academies	£ 1,620.00	£ 1,120.00	Y	Y	Y	£ 1,000.00
11	Theatre Modo	Summer Programme of Activities	£ 3,970.00	£ 3,970.00	Y		Y	£ 3,000.00
12	Bairnessities Baby Bank	Rent & Insurance for a year on a unit	£ 3,855.00	£ 3,800.00	Y	Y	No - new group	Nil
13	St Fergus Community Pitch	Create, establish & maintain football facility in village Place two benches on new foot path bewteen Old deer & Stuartfield	£ 75,000.00	£ 4,000.00	Y	Y	no - new grp	£ 4,000.00
14	Old Deer Community Association		£ 985.06	£ 985.06	Y	Y	Y	£ 985.00
15	Cruden Bay Community Association - Mill Park	Equipment - not specified - requested more info Update audio/visual systems, lightweigh tables and portable chair storage	£ 6,000.00	£ 3,000.00	Y	Y	Y	£ 3,000.00
16	Port Erroll Public Hall Management Committee		£ 3,771.19	£ 3,310.00	Y	Y	Y	£ 3,000.00
17	Strichen Community Park Co (Town House)	Architectural feasibility study for Strichen Town House	£ 20,502.00	£ 4,000.00	Y	Y	Y	Nil
18	Make it Happen	8 x Cultural Caf��s in Peterhead	£ 4,704.00	£ 4,000.00	Draft	N	No- new group	£ 2,000.00
19	Port Erroll Heritage Group	Erection of signs and poles for conservation area	£ 1,605.30	£ 1,000.00	Y	Y	Y	£ 1,000.00
20	Boddam Community Council	Amalgamation of palying fields in Boddam	£ 2,700.00	£ 1,700.00	Y	Y	Y	£ 2,700.00
			£ 173,433.26	£ 58,281.86				£ 36,450.00