

REPORT TO FORMARTINE AREA COMMITTEE – 16 JANUARY 2018

AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2017-2018 – APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

1 Recommendations

1.1 It is recommended that Members consider the applications for funding.

2 Discussion

2.1 The Area Committee budget was set at £104,500 for 2017-18. At its meeting on 21 March, 2017, the Committee agreed the broad allocation of the budget.

2.2 Allocations to date are detailed in **Appendix 1** to the report. The balance of funding available for community projects is currently **£22,681.08**.

Ellon Parish Church

2.3 An application has been received from Ellon Parish Church, seeking a contribution towards new seating and multi-media for the Kirk Centre in Ellon, to improve the community facilities available.

2.4 The group are seeking a contribution of **£5,000** which represents 44% of the overall approximate project cost of £11,400.

2.5 A copy of the application form and accompanying information has been circulated to members.

Fyvie Indoor Bowling Club

2.6 An application has been received from the Fyvie Indoor Bowling Club, seeking a contribution towards replacement bowling carpets.

2.7 The group are seeking a contribution of **£1,779.60** which represents 32% of the overall approximate project cost of £5,608.80.

2.8 A copy of the application form and accompanying information has been circulated to members.

2.9 The Monitoring Officers within Business Services have been consulted and their comments have been incorporated within this report.

3 Scheme of Governance

3.1 The Committee is able to consider and take a decision on this item in terms of Section B.6.3 of the List of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance as it relates to the authorisation of expenditure from the Area Committee Budget.

4 Implications and Risk

- 4.1 An equality impact assessment is not required because the recommended actions will not have a differential impact on people with protected characteristics.
- 4.2 There are no particular staffing implications arising from this report and proposals outlined in this report.
- 4.3 The financial implications are inherent within the report.
- 4.4 The following risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level: Budget Pressures; Working with other organisations. No risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Strategic Level.
- 4.5 A town centre impact assessment has been carried out in relation to the Ellon Parish Church project and it identifies that the strategy has a positive impact on the town centre. This is detailed at **Appendix 2**.

Ritchie Johnson
Director of Business Services
Report prepared by Area Committee Officer
8 December, 2017

2017-2018 Allocations to Date

	Budget £	Projects £	Available £
Improving the Appearance of Towns and Villages	19,000		
Town & Village Tidy Scheme		12,500	
Town & Village Enhancement Grant Scheme		4,000	
Formartine In Bloom Scheme		1,500	
Beginning to Blossom Scheme		1,000	0
Participatory Budgeting	5,000	5,000	0
Community Projects	80,500		
Belhelvie Landfill Tax		4,275.16	
Ellon Golden Oldies Rugby Team		4,102.00	
Ellon and District Pipe Band		4,500.00	
Ythan Biodiversity Volunteers		3,260.50	
Aberdeen and District Angling Association		5,000.00	
1 st Turriff Girls Brigade		750.00	
The Hut, Tarves Youth Project		3,029.00	
Turriff Winter Wonderland		5,000.00	
Turriff and District Citizens Advice Bureau		1,500.00	
Haughs Redevelopment Partnership Group		3,000.00	
Turriff Business Association – Christmas Lights Fund		2,000.00	
Methlick Playpark Team		3,480.00	
Gallowshill Sports Hub		3,654.75	
Rothienorman Hall		2,000.00	
Turriff and District Heritage Society		543.26	
Balmedie Leisure Centre		3,000	
Turriff Gymnastics Club		3,000	
Meldrum Amenities Improvement Group		837	
Rotary Club of Ellon		1,000	
Foveran Community Council		1,921.50	
Daviot Amenities Improvement Group		<u>1,965.75</u>	
		57,818.92	
TOTAL	104,500		22,681.08



TOWN CENTRE FIRST IMPACT ASSESSMENT (TCFIA)

Aberdeenshire Council recognises that town centres have an important role to play in the sustainable development of local economies.

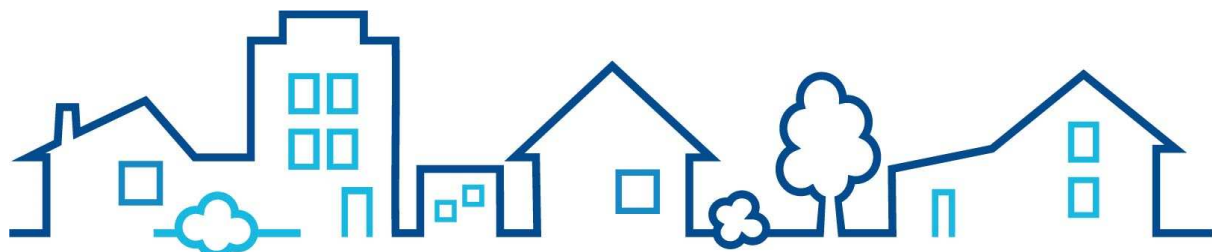
The Town Centre First Impact Assessment (TCFIA) allows officers in all services to identify the detrimental and beneficial effects that decisions we take may have on our town centres. It will allow officers to consider any implications that council decisions may have on Aberdeenshire's key town centres. Examples of this include changes to: the provision of civic and community facilities, employment land, retail, residential buildings, cultural assets, transportation, leisure and tourism.

A Town Centre Ambassador has been nominated within your service, you can locate your Town Centre First Ambassador through the Town Centre First Principle Arcadia pages.

Project Information	
Title of Committee Paper	Area Committee Budget 2017-2018 – Applications for Funding
Service	Business Services
Department	Formartine Area Office
Author	Claire Young
Have you consulted your Town Centre First Ambassador?	Yes

1) Could your Project Paper cause an impact in one (or more) of the identified town centres? – Peterhead, Fraserburgh, Inverurie, Westhill, Stonehaven, Ellon, Portlethen, Banchory, Turriff, Huntly, Banff, Macduff.	
Yes – Positive Impact	No

2) If approved would your project cause an impact (either positive or negative) with regards to the footfall of any of these town centres?	
Yes – Positive	No

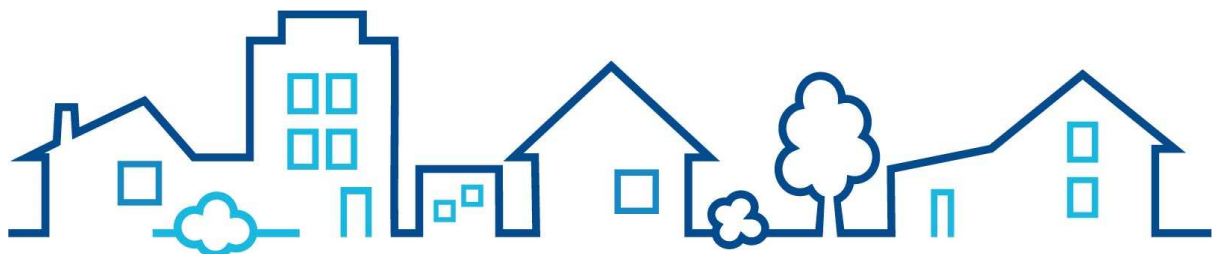




3)	
Please describe the aims of the committee paper?	<p>The report asks members to consider funding applications from groups within the Community.</p> <p>One of the applications is for improvements to community facilities at the Kirk Centre which is in Ellon town centre.</p>

4) What are the positive and negative impacts?		
Impact	Describe the positive impact?	Describe the negative impact?
Please detail any potential positive and negative impact the project may have on Aberdeenshire's Key Town Centres.	Improved community facilities may result in more groups using the Kirk Centre, which in turn could increase footfall in the town centre.	

5) What mitigating steps will be taken to reduce or remove negative impacts? If none see Q6	
Mitigating Steps	Timescale
N/A	





6) Set out the justification that the activity can and should go ahead despite the negative impact.
N/A

Question 7: Sign off and Authorisation	
3) Author: I have completed the TCIA impact assessment for this policy/ activity.	Name: Claire Young Position: Committee Officer Date: 13 December 2017 Signature:
4) Consultation with Service Manager	Name: N/A Position: Date:
5) Authorisation by Director or Head of Service	Name: Elaine Brown Position: Area Manager Date: 13 December 2017
6) Have you consulted with your Town Centre First Ambassador?	Yes
	No
7) TCFIA author sends a copy of the finalised form to: tcfia@aberdeenshire.gov.uk	Date Sent: 4 January 2018

