



REPORT TO MARR AREA COMMITTEE – 27 MARCH, 2018

COMMUNITY COUNCIL GRANTS 2018/19

1 Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:

- 1.1 **Agree the allocation of community council administration grants for the Marr Area for 2017/18 on the basis of a fixed grant of £300 supplemented by an additional amount based on the number of electors in each community council area, as detailed in the appendix to the report.**

2 Background / Discussion

- 2.1 In 2017/18 a budget of £62,000 has been agreed for community councils in Aberdeenshire. Commitments for insurance, data protection registration, election expenses and community council events are top sliced from the budget and the balance is allocated between the six areas on the basis of a fixed lump sum of £300 per community council plus an amount per elector. The total budget for the Marr Area for 2018/19 is £8,311.
- 2.2 In previous years in Marr the administration grant has been allocated to community councils on the same basis as the distribution of funding between the six areas i.e. a fixed administration grant of £300 supplemented by an additional amount based on the number of electors in each community council area. It is proposed that the current approach be continued this year. The proposed allocations for 2017/18 are detailed in the appendix to this report.
- 2.3 Where additional insurance cover had been requested, payment is facilitated by the Council and deducted from the grant allocation prior to payment.
- 2.4 The administration grant is intended to assist with the operating costs of community councils and can be used in any way the community council determines, subject to compliance with their constitution and the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils. Community councils also receive an additional payment for data protection registration.
- 2.5 Community councils must submit independently verified accounts to the Area Manager in order to claim their administration grant. Mid Deeside Community Council were re-established in March 2018 and will be able to claim their 2018/19 grant on adoption of a constitution and establishment of a bank account. It is not proposed that any payment is made for the previous financial year.
- 2.6 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report. Their comments are incorporated within the report and they are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.

3 Scheme of Governance

- 3.1 The Committee is able to consider and take a decision on this item in terms of Section B.3.3 of the List of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance as it relates to the approval of grants to community councils within approved budget.

4 Equalities, Staffing and Financial Implications

- 4.1 An equality impact assessment is not required because the recommendations will not have a differential impact on any of the protected characteristics.
- 4.2 There are no additional staffing implications arising from this report. The proposals are in line with the allocation of financial resources as contained in the 2018/19 Revenue Budget for Area Managers.
- 4.3 The following Risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level: Budget Pressures; Working with Other Organisations (see [Corporate Risk Register](#)). No risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Strategic Level.
- 4.4 There are no direct impacts on the identified town centres arising from this report.

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Community Council Budget 2018-2019 (Marr)

	No. of Electors		Administration Grant			Additional Insurance (£) *	Additional Payment for Data Protection Registration (£)
	2017	2018	Fixed Grant (£)	Elector Supplement (£)	Total (£)		
Ballater & Crathie	1,652	1,639	300.00	234.65	534.65	27.12	35.00
Banchory	6,041	5,949	300.00	851.69	1,151.69		35.00
Braemar	426	436	300.00	62.42	362.42		35.00
Birse and Ballogie	352	341	300.00	48.82	348.82	2.73	35.00
Cromar	1,255	1,231	300.00	176.24	476.24		35.00
Donside	5,233	5,219	300.00	747.18	1,047.18	58.26	35.00
Feughdee West	1,355	1,374	300.00	196.71	496.71	23.88	35.00
Finzean	323	328	300.00	46.96	346.96		35.00
Huntly	3,573	3,530	300.00	505.37	805.37	32.66	35.00
Lumphanan	832	822	300.00	117.68	417.68	34.86	35.00
Mid Deeside	2,982	2,963	300.00	424.20	724.20		35.00
Strathbogie	1,895	1,875	300.00	268.44	568.44		35.00
Tap O'Noth	1,397	1,399	300.00	200.29	500.29		35.00
Torphins	1,624	1,609	300.00	230.35	530.35		35.00
Totals	28,940	28,715	4,200.00	4,111.00	8,311.00		

*Deducted from total grant prior to payment