

REPORT TO GARIOCH AREA COMMITTEE – 17 APRIL 2018

COMMUNITY COUNCIL GRANTS 2018/19

1. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Garioch Area Committee agrees the allocation of Community Council administration grant for the Garioch Area for 2018/19, as detailed in the appendix to the report.

2. Discussion

- 2.1 Each year, the Council grants funding to Community Councils towards their administrative costs and local projects. The budget for Aberdeenshire for 2018-19 is £62,000. The costs of insurance, data protection registration, an amount for election expenses and community events are deducted from the budget, and the balance allocated to Areas on the basis of a fixed lump sum per Community Council plus an amount per elector. The allocation of the budget to central costs and to each area is given in the appendix.
- 2.2 The allocation to Garioch for 2018/19 is £9,183. In recent years the Area Committee has agreed to distribute this to local Community Councils on the basis of a fixed base amount for each Community Council of £425, with the balance allocated on the basis of the number of electors in each Community Council area. It is proposed that the same method is used this year. In addition, as stated in paragraph 2.1, a number of other costs are top sliced from the budget, including Data Protection (£35 which is distributed to Community Councils along with the administration grant for them to register as data controllers), Insurance and an amount towards the cost of any Community Council elections. Supporting Communities events are planned again in 2018/19 and £3,000 has been allocated to these events.
- 2.3 Where appropriate, extra insurance premiums for Community Councils where additional cover has been requested will be deducted from grants before being released. There are no Community Councils in Garioch affected by this.
- 2.4 As of April 2018 there are 9 active community councils in the Garioch Area. There is currently no Community Council established for the Kinellar area. No formal approach has been made by the community to seek re-establishment at this time and there has been no further discussions with the community regarding this. However, an item was requested for inclusion in the Blackie Banter and this was provided. It is therefore proposed that the administration grant for Kinellar continue to be allocated and held for the 2018/19 period in case the community is successful in establishing a new Community Council.
- 2.5 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 approve this item in terms of Section B.1.1 and B.3.3 of the List of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance it may determine any matter that is specific to their Area not otherwise properly delegated to any other Committee and to consider applications for and approve the award of grants to Community Councils within approved budget.

4. Implications and Risk

- 4.1 An Equality Impact Assessment was not required because the recommended actions will not have a differential impact upon people with protected characteristics.
- 4.2 The following risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a corporate level: Budget Pressures; Working with another organisation ([see Corporate Risk Register](#)). No risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a strategic level.
- 4.3 The budget is within the allocation of financial resources as contained in the 2018/19 Revenue Budget for Area Managers.
- 4.4 There are no direct staffing implications as a result of this report.

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Community Council Budget 2018-2019

Appendix

Aberdeenshire Budget and Central Costs

Budget		62,000
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Insurance	6,000	
Community Council Elections	1,250	
Data Protection Fees @ £35 each	2,415	
Community Events	3,000	12,665
		<u>49,335</u>

Allocation to Areas

	2018/19	2017/18	Variance
Banff & Buchan	7,429.00	7,425.00	4.00
Buchan	7,308.00	7,290.00	18.00
Formartine	8,430.00	8,423.00	7.00
Garioch	9,183.00	9,146.00	37.00
Mearns	8,674.00	8,701.00	-27.00
Marr	8,311.00	8,351.00	-40.00
	<u>49,335.00</u>	<u>49,336.00</u>	<u>-1.00</u>

Garioch Area Budget = 9,183.00

Administration Grant

	No. of Electors	Fixed Grant	Per Elector	Total Grant 2018/19	Grant 2017/18	Variance
Bennachie	5,310	425.00	606.60	1,031.60	1,026.81	4.79
Cluny Midmar & Monymusk	2,057	425.00	234.99	659.99	655.38	4.61
Echt & Skene	1,455	425.00	166.22	591.22	595.10	-3.88
Fintray	577	425.00	65.91	490.91	494.32	-3.41
Inverurie	11,464	425.00	1,309.62	1,734.62	1,702.16	32.46
Kemnay	3,553	425.00	405.89	830.89	841.61	-10.72
Kinellar	2,385	425.00	272.46	697.46	704.00*	-6.54
Kintore & District	3,957	425.00	452.04	877.04	867.23	9.81
Newmachar	3,251	425.00	371.39	796.39	786.59	9.80
Westhill & Elrick	9,173	425.00	1,047.90	1,472.90	1,472.81	0.09
	<u>43,182</u>	<u>4,250.00</u>	<u>4,933.00</u>	<u>9,183.00</u>	<u>9,146.01</u>	<u>36.99</u>

* not claimed