



REPORT TO GARIOCH AREA COMMITTEE – 29 MAY 2018

AREA INITIATIVES FUND 2018/19

1 Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to consider the application received in relation to the Area Initiatives Fund and determine whether to award the funding requested:

Fetternear Hall Committee £1,680

2 Background / Discussion

2.1 Fetternear Hall Committee has applied for funding to enable the Committee to undertake quantity surveying services in connection with proposed extension to the Hall. The Hall Committee is looking to extend the current Hall and replace the roof which over time has damaged the existing structural woodwork. The Hall is widely used in the community by a variety of groups such as Keep Fit, Gardening and Friendship Groups, Scottish Women's Institute and Bowling.

2.2 The grant amount requested is £1,680, the total cost of surveying services is £3,360. The remainder of the funding will be met from the Committee's 'Buy a Leaf' campaign (donations to the Hall Committee are acknowledged by displaying the sponsors name on the oak tree in the Hall). Funds stand at £9,000.00.

The Committee has pledges from the Robertson Trust of £15,000, Foyle Foundation £5,000 and an application is pending for LEADER funding for the Hall extension project. The application fits the criteria for Area Initiative Funding and it is recommended that Committee agree this application.

2.3 The Area Initiatives Fund 2018/19 stands at £15,000, should the Area Committee be minded to accept this application for £1,680, this will leave a remaining balance of £13,320.

2.4 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report and 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.6.3 in Part 2A, List of Committee Powers in the Scheme of 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 recommendation contained within this report does 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 2018/19 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.