



## REPORT TO MARR AREA COMMITTEE – 2 OCTOBER, 2018

### AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET – SMALL GRANT APPLICATIONS

#### 1 Recommendations

- 1.1 The Committee is recommended to consider an application for Area Committee Budget funding from Home-Start Deeside for up to £258 towards the cost of a residential trip to St Drostan's with Home-Start Mums.**

#### 2 Background / Discussion

- 2.1 The Area Committee, at its meeting on 27 March, 2018 (Item 12), approved priorities for expenditure of the Marr Area Committee Budget for 2018/19.
- 2.2 The Committee is requested to consider an application for funding from Home-Start Deeside as detailed in the appendix.
- 2.3 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report. Any 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.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 recommendations will not have a differential impact on any of the protected characteristics.
- 4.2 There are no staffing implications directly arising from this report.
- 4.3 The Area Committee Budget for 2018/19 is £80,000 of which £31,055 has been allocated to the Small Grants Scheme. To date £11,613.55 has been committed, leaving a balance of £19,441.45. If the application is supported to the level requested this would leave a total of £19,183.45.
- 4.4 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.

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## APPENDIX 1

**(A) Organisation: Home-Start Deeside**  
**Project: Residential Trip to St Drostan's with Home-Start Mums**

**Project Outline:** Home-Start Deeside is a charity offering support to local families in Deeside who have children aged 5 or under and are struggling through various difficulties including social/rural isolation, postnatal depression, poor mental health and financial difficulties. Families are referred by health visitors, social work or through self-referral. A group was set up at Hill of Banchory in 2014 to offer families a safe environment in which to meet others and aims to promote positive parenting, build confidence, and help parents integrate into the community.

Funding is sought to take the group mums on a one night residential trip to St Drostan's in Glen Esk. This was done in 2016 and feedback was that the mums felt challenged, supported and empowered. For one mum it was the first time she had been apart from her children. The trip will involve many challenges, the first being to organise childcare. At St Drostan's there will be a variety of indoor and outdoor activities; a 'Cook Off' for the evening meal with the mums preparing and budgeting for a meal plan; and games and a singalong in the evening. In the morning everyone will have breakfast, clean the lodge, and participate in another activity.

**Community Benefit and Support:** The project would benefit local mums who attend the Home-Start group.

**Project Costs:**

**Total:** £516                      **Funds Raised:** £65                      **Amount Requested:** £258

The costs cover accommodation, mini bus hire and food. The mums are looking at raising funds through a bake sale.

The group did not receive a Marr Area Committee Grant in 2017/18.