



REPORT TO GARIOCH AREA COMMITTEE – 9 OCTOBER 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 following funding requested:

Inverurie Community Council £794

2 Background / Discussion

Inverurie Community Council

2.1 Inverurie Community Council has applied for funding to establish two heritage walks – North Inverurie & South Inverurie, taking walkers to various places of historical significance in the town. A 24-page booklet will contain maps of the two routes and a selection of photos of bygone Inverurie. The walks will provide information to those interested in the history of Inverurie, offer educational opportunities for the local schools, be an attraction for tourists which will benefit the town economically and provide health benefits by encouraging walking.

Inverurie Community Council established a working group to progress the heritage walks following a public consultation which was undertaken as part of the successful project to relocate the pictish stones in Inverurie. The working group included representatives from the Community Council, the Garioch Heritage Society, Grampian Postcard Club and local residents.

2.2 The grant amount requested is £794.00, the total cost of the project is £1,794.00. The remainder of the funding will come from Inverurie Community Council funds.

2.3 The application fits the criteria for Area Initiative Funding and it is recommended that Committee agrees to grant the amount requested.

2.4 The Area Initiatives Fund 2018/19 stands at £8,757.00 should the Area Committee be minded to agree the amount requested this will leave a remaining balance of £7,963.00.

2.5 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 recommendations 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 2.4.
- 4.3 No risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate or Directorate Level.

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Director of Education & Children's Services

Report prepared by Gemma Morrison, PA to Garioch Area Manager, 25/09/18

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.

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.

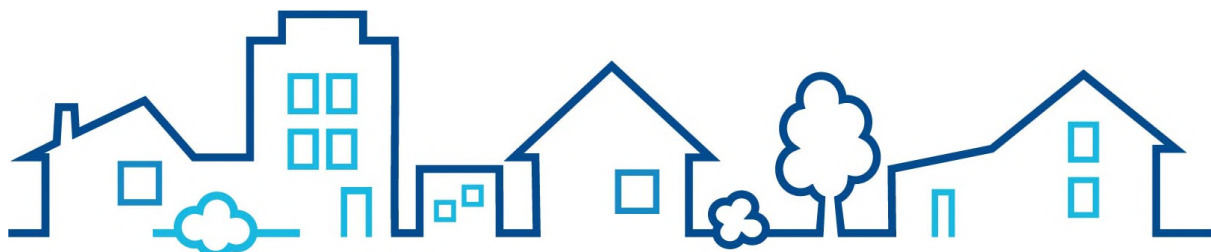
The Town Centre First Impact Assessment (TCFIA) allows officers in all services to identify the detrimental and beneficial effects that decisions we take may have on our town centres. It will allow officers to consider any implications that council decisions may have on Aberdeenshire’s key town centres. 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 Initiatives Fund 2018/19
Service	ECS
Department	Garioch Area Office
Author	Gemma Morrison
Have you consulted your Town Centre First Ambassador?	No

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	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	No



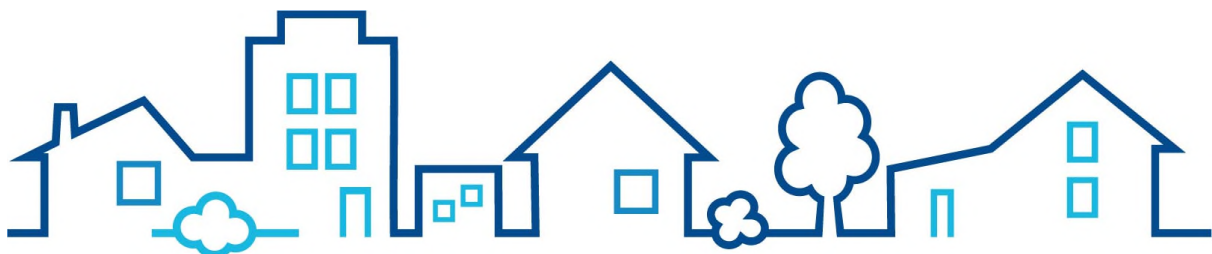


3)	
Please describe the aims of the committee paper?	To agree area initiatives fund grant to Inverurie Community Council for the establishment of x2 heritage walks in the town.

4) What are the positive and negative impacts?		
Impact	Describe the positive impact?	Describe the negative impact?
The heritage walks will be starting from the town centre which will have a positive impact.	Increase in visitors to the town centre and opportunity to increase footfall for local business/attractions in the town.	None.

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

6) Set out the justification that the activity can and should go ahead despite the negative impact.
Increase in footfall to the town centre.





Question 7: Sign off and Authorisation

3) Author: I have completed the TCIA impact assessment for this policy/ activity.	Name:Gemma Morrison Position: P.A. to Garioch Area Manager Date: 26 September 2018 Signature: G Morrison.		
4) Consultation with Service Manager	Name: Margaret-Jane Cardno Position: Garioch Area Manager Date: 26 th September 2018		
5) Authorisation by Director or Head of Service	Name: Position: Date:		
6) Have you consulted with your Town Centre First Ambassador?	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="885 799 1391 864">Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="885 864 1391 931">No</td> </tr> </table>	Yes	No
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No			
7) TCFIA author sends a copy of the finalised form to: tcfia@aberdeenshire.gov.uk	Date Sent:		

