



REPORT TO BUCHAN AREA COMMITTEE – 4 DECEMBER 2018

COMMUNITY COUNCIL PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION– BODDAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL – NEW LAPTOP AND PRINTER

1. Recommendation

1.1 The Committee is requested to –

(a) consider an award of £393 to Boddam Community Council, towards the purchase of a laptop and printer

2. Background/Discussion

- 2.1 A total of £7,605 was made available to the Buchan area for disbursement to Community Councils for administration and project grants for the financial year 2018/2019.
- 2.2 The Buchan Area Committee, on 13th March, 2018, (Item 13), agreed that a sum of £3,465 would be made available for Project Grant applications.
- 2.3 The Committee further agreed on 28th August, 2018, (Item 14) to award Mintlaw Community Council £545 towards improvements at the Mintlaw Public Hall and on 9th October, 2018, (Item 10) to award £750, with a further £200 if required, to Peterhead Community Council towards a defibrillator for Peterhead Town Centre. A further award of £1,000 was agreed on 13th November 2018 (Item 9) to Buchan East Community Council towards the St Combs Path Project.
- 2.4 Boddam Community Council, has submitted an application for a grant towards the replacement of the laptop and printer they use for Community Council business. Both of these items were purchased in 2009. The laptop is no longer fit for purpose and the printer has stopped working.
- 2.5 A reconditioned laptop and a new printer has been sourced from a local supplier, Proxis Computers, Clerkhill, Peterhead. The cost of these items is £491.41 and the Community Council have requested a grant of £393 towards this purchase. The balance of £98.41 will be paid from the Community Council's administration grant.
- 2.6 Should the Committee agree this award, there will be £577 remaining in the Community Council project grant budget.

2.7 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer from Business Services have been consulted and any comments received have been incorporated into the report.

3. Scheme of Governance

3.1 The List of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance enable the Committee to consider applications for and approve the award of grants to Community Councils within the approved budget under 3.3 of Section B.

4. Equalities, Staffing and Financial Implications

4.1 An equality impact assessment is not required because the report does not propose any change to previous allocation arrangements.

4.3 There are no staffing implications arising from this report. Supporting the work of Community Councils helps to sustain communities within Buchan and supports the Empowered Communities theme in the Buchan Local Community Plan around increasing opportunities for participation in community life.

4.4 The following risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level: Budget Pressures; Working with another organisation. No risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Strategic level.

4.5 The Community Council budget for the current financial year is £62,000, therefore no additional financial or staffing implications arise as a result of this report.

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