



REPORT TO THE GARIOCH AREA COMMITTEE –19 MARCH 2019

GAC STRATEGIC FUND AND AREA INITIATIVES FUND – URY RIVERSIDE PARK AND U-18 FOOTBALL CENTENARY SHIELD

1 Recommendations

The Committee is recommended consider and agree to:

1. award £14,038 towards the cost of a new entrance at Ury Riverside Park; and
2. award £600 towards supporting the Centenary Shield International U18 Football from the combined funds remaining in Area Committee Strategic Fund and Area Initiative Fund.

2 Background / Discussion

2.1 The Area Strategic Fund 2018/19 has £6,675 remaining of the £60,000 total and the Area Initiative Fund 2018/19 has £7,963 remaining of the £15,000 total. These funds require to be spent by the end of March 2019 to avoid being returned to a corporate budget as an underspend. It is therefore recommended to combine the remaining balances to a total of £14,638.

2.2 Ury Riverside Park – Entrance

2.2.1 As per the previous report to Garioch Area Committee on 15th January 2019 entitled 'Strategic GAC Budget – Ury Riverside Park', there is an ongoing long-term project to develop the 60ha floodplain site between Inverurie Retail Park and Osprey Village in to a public park.

2.2.2 Whilst the site remains in the ownership of Aberdeenshire Council, the development of the park is managed by the trustees of Ury Riverside Park Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). It is the intention of the trustees to apply for a long lease of the park through an Asset Transfer application in 2020.

2.2.3 On the 15th January 2019, Garioch Area Committee awarded £34,000 towards the completion of the path network and the remaining amount to be spent on purchasing granite for the entrance.

2.2.4 The path network is now complete at a cost of £29,474.52, leaving £4,525.48 of the awarded £34,000 towards the purchase of granite.

2.2.5 The trustees are keen purchase reclaimed local granite to represent the heritage and importance of the indigenous granite industry to the area, see **Appendix A** for a draft diagram of the entrance.

2.2.6 Quotes are currently being obtained for the cost of granite and construction of the entrance, with an estimate of £18,500 to complete these works. If the committee were to award the requested £14,038 to this project, added to the

remaining £4,525.48 awarded in January, this would make a total of £18,563.48 and would allow work to begin promptly after the award is made.

2.2.7 Funding already allocated to Ury Riverside Park:

- Barratts Path Fund - £300K (spent)
- Developer Obligation for path network - £130K (majority of path construction)
- Forestry Grant Scheme for planting - £16k (£7,000 spent this financial year, the rest to be over 2019/20)
- LEADER funding for planting - £113k (tender awarded with works planned to take place from April 2019)
- Garioch Area Strategy Fund - £34,000 (completion of path and granite)

2.2.8 The trustees have worked hard to engage members of the local community, recently hosting a volunteer tree planting day (funded from the Forestry Grant Scheme) on 1st December. This attracted over 70 members of the local community including Syrian New Scots, Cubs and Army Cadets. During the day the volunteers worked tirelessly to plant around 1500 trees. It is planned to hold more of these events in the spring time to allow another 1000 trees to be planted. There is also further fundraising taking place to create a play area within the park.

2.3 Centenary Shield International U18 Football

2.3.1 This annual competition, for teams from Scotland, England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland was set up in 1973 by the Scottish Football Association to commemorate its centenary year. Inverurie last hosted the Scotland v Wales fixture in 2016.

2.3.2 Inverurie Locos will be hosting the Centenary Shield Scotland vs England fixture on Friday 22 March 2019. The match will take place from 7pm until 9pm.

2.3.3 Prior to this Aberdeenshire Council's Provost has agreed to host a civic dinner on Thursday 21st March with Inverurie Locos. Forty delegates will attend including eight from Aberdeenshire Council; Provost, Leader, Chair of Communities Committee, Area Chair and four Ward Members.

2.3.4 The Centenary Shield event has so far been awarded £1,000 by Education & Children's Services and £500 by the Provost.

2.3.5 £600 of funding is requested as Garioch Area Committee's contribution to the Civic Dinner and to fund two Silver Salvers to be presented to each team by the Provost at a pre-match presentation.

2.4 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report and their comments have been incorporated 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 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 authorise expenditure from the Garioch Area Committee Budget.

4 Implications and Risk

- 4.1 An equality impact assessment is not required because this allocation of funding will not have an impact on any of the protected characteristics.
- 4.2 There are no staffing implications directly arising from this report.
- 4.3 The Garioch Area Committee Strategic Fund 2018/19 stands at £6,675, and the Area Initiative Fund 2018/19 stands at £7,963, should the Area Committee be minded to agree to the £14,638 requested for the two projects, this will leave a zero balance.
- 4.4 The following Risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level. This site in Inverurie can flood regularly which poses an environmental risk to the local community. The Climate Change Priority is highlighted in both the [Corporate Risk Register](#) (ACORP010) and at Strategic Level on the [Directorate Risk Register](#) (ISSR004). The impact of flooding can be mitigated against by using materials which are suitable for a wetland environment.

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Appendix A

Dry Riverside Park Invariance

