

REPORT TO GARIOCH AREA COMMITTEE – 25 JUNE 2019

AREA INITIATIVES FUND 2019/20

1 Recommendations

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

Garioch Community Kitchen	£1750
Inverurie Parkrun	£1750

2 Background / Discussion

Garioch Community Kitchen

2.1 Garioch Community Kitchen has applied for funding to deliver four blocks of a four-week REHIS Accredited Eat 'Well for Less Parent & Child Cooking Programme', the programme was developed and piloted in 2018. Sessions can accommodate up to 18 children and parents each session and will be delivered in the community training kitchen or via outreach to schools or nursery settings. The aims of the project are to increase confidence in preparing healthy meals from scratch, to increase confidence following recipes and to improve overall diet. By showing and encouraging participants to make these changes this can have a life changing impact and help prevent families from facing numerous health conditions. Social inclusion and employment opportunities are enhanced by developing new networks and attainment of REHIS elementary cooking certificate.

2.1.1 The grant amount requested is £1,750.00, the total cost of the project is £3,415.00. The remainder of the funding has been secured from Fairer Aberdeenshire Funding.

2.1.2 The application fits the criteria for Area Initiative Funding under both Healthy and Strong Communities themes, it is recommended that Committee agrees to grant the amount requested.

Inverurie Parkrun

2.2 Inverurie Parkrun has applied for funding to purchase event and technical equipment required to establish a weekly Parkrun. The Parkrun aims to provide the local community with the opportunity to be more active, to walk, jog and run at Uryside Park. The weekly timed events will be run by local volunteers and will be a free social activity for the whole community to benefit from.

2.2.1 Parkrun have conducted a poll which identified significant interest and support from the local community, amateur running clubs, local GP Surgery, Uryside SCIO group and Garioch Sports Centre.

- 2.2.2 The grant amount requested is £1750.00, the total cost of the project is estimated at £6,000.00. The remainder of the funding is being provided by Parkrun £3,000.00 and Run Garioch £1,000.00.
- 2.2.2 The application fits the criteria for Area Initiative Funding under the Healthy Communities theme, it is recommended that Committee agree to grant the amount requested.
- 2.3 The Area Initiatives Fund 2019/20 stands at £15,000.00, should the Area Committee be minded to agree the awards requested, totalling £3,500.00, this will leave a remaining balance of £11,500.00.
- 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 recommendations contained within this report do 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 2019/20 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.