

REPORT TO FORMARTINE AREA COMMITTEE – 2 JULY 2019

AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2019-2020 – APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

1 Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to consider:

- 1.1 making an award of **£5,000** to **Balmedie Leisure Centre Association (SCIO)** towards the maintaining a piece of land and play area expansion;
- 1.2 making an award of **£4,000** to **Belhelvie Community Trust** towards the recruitment of external consultant to conduct a review of community provision within **Belhelvie Parish**.

2 Discussion

2.1 The Area Committee budget was set at £80,000 for 2019-2020. At its meeting on 26 March, 2018 the Committee agreed the broad allocation of the budget.

2.2 Allocations to date are detailed in Appendix 1 to the report. The balance of funding available for community projects is currently £28,067.

2.3 Balmedie Leisure Centre Association (SCIO)

2.3.1 An application has been received from the Balmedie Leisure Centre Association (SCIO), seeking a contribution towards the maintaining a piece of land and play area expansion behind the Balmedie Leisure Centre.

2.3.2 The group are seeking a contribution of **£5,000** which represents 13% of the overall project cost of **£39,875.64**.

2.3.3 A copy of the application form and accompanying information have been circulated to members.

2.4 Belhelvie Community Trust

2.4.1 An application has been received from the Belhelvie Community Trust, seeking a contribution towards the recruitment of external consultant with research expertise to conduct a review of community provision within Belhelvie Parish.

2.4.2 The group are seeking a contribution of **£4,000** which represents 50% of the overall project cost of **£8,000**

2.4.3 A copy of the application form and accompanying information have been circulated to members.

2.4.4 The Monitoring Officers within Business Services have been consulted and their comments have been incorporated within this report.

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 recommended actions will not have a differential impact on people with protected characteristics.
- 4.2 There are no particular staffing implications arising from this report and proposals outlined in this report.
- 4.3 The financial implications are inherent within the report.
- 4.4 The following risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level: Budget Pressures; Working with other organisations. No risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Strategic Level.
- 4.5 A Town Centre Impact Assessment is not required because there will be no impact on any of the towns detailed within the Town Centre First Principle as a result of this application.

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Report prepared by Area Committee Officer
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Appendix 1

2019-2020 Allocations to Date

	Budget £	Projects £	Available £
Improving the Appearance of Towns and Villages	19,000		
Town & Village Tidy Scheme		12,500	
Town & Village Enhancement Grant Scheme		4,000	
Formartine In Bloom Scheme		1,500	
Beginning to Blossom Scheme		1,000	0
Community Projects	61,000		
<u>Community Resilience</u>	(Up to 10,000)		
<u>Christmas Lights</u>	0	0	0
<u>General</u>			
Friends of the Den, Turriff		5,000	
Udny Station Community Association		3,000	
Foveran Hall Committee		3,590.88	
The Victoria Hall Trust		5,000	
Rothienorman Community Bowling Club		3,500	
SEAchange – Slains Environmental Action for Change		3,092	
Forum Country Park Ltd		9,750	
TOTAL	80,000	32,932.88	28,067