

REPORT TO FORMARTINE AREA COMMITTEE –29 JUNE, 2021

AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2021- 2022 – APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

1 Reason for Report / Summary

- 1.1 This report outlines the applications for funding which have been received for consideration by Members and requests the determination of the awards of grant.

2 Recommendations

It is recommended that Members consider and determine the applications for funding.

3 Purpose and Decision-Making Route

- 3.1 At the meeting of Council on 17 March, 2021 (Item 5,) the Area Committee budget was set at £80,800 for 2021 - 2022. At its meeting on 27 April, 2021, (Item 9), this Committee agreed the broad allocation of the budget.
- 3.2 The balance of funding available for community projects is currently **£31,800** and the balance available for Town Centre Regeneration Projects is **£20,000** as detailed in **Appendix 1**. The budget for the Improving the Amenity of Towns and Villages (**£19,000**) has already been allocated.
- 3.3 The scheme allows, in exceptional circumstances, for the consideration of community project grants of up to £10,000 with a maximum of 2 such applications approved in any one financial year, one such application has already been approved for 2021/22.

4 Discussion

The Committee is asked to consider the following application for funding which has been received.

Ellon Gordon Cricket Club

- 4.1 An application has been received from the Ellon Gordon Cricket Club, seeking a contribution towards the purchase of a secondhand mower and extension to their equipment store at Gordon Park, Ellon. Planning Permission for the Extension to the store has already been achieved. This would assist in keeping the upper part of the Gordon Park, specifically the outfield and the cricket square, to match standard and will benefit club members, visiting teams, and young players, in addition to improving the area to the benefit of the general public. The outfield is currently maintained on a fortnightly basis by the Council, but this is not enough to keep the outfield playable, especially since grass cuttings are not collected. This would be less of an issue with more frequent cuts.

- 4.2 The group are seeking a contribution of **£5,800** which represents 75% of the overall approximate project cost of **£7,740**. There have been no previous awards to the Club.
- 4.3 A copy of the application form and accompanying information has been circulated to Members.

Ythan Cycle Club

- 4.4 An application has been received from Ythan Cycle Club, as lead organisation for a grouping seeking a contribution towards a feasibility study for the development of Ellon Wheel Park. It is anticipated that the project plan business case and feasibility study, scoping a development estimated at £600,000, will be submitted for consideration by Scottish Cycling/**sportscotland** in autumn, 2021. The Park would benefit the youth and wider population of Ellon and the wider Formartine area, in the provision of a sport facility for those who do not necessarily identify with structured team sports. It would allow activities which allow participants to get exercise and have an active lifestyle.
- 4.5 The group are seeking a contribution of **£5,000** which represents 42% of the estimated cost of **£12,000** for the feasibility study. There have been no previous applications for Area Budget funding.
- 4.6 A copy of the application form and accompanying information has been circulated to Members.

5 Council Priorities, Implications and Risk

- 5.1 This report details applications which helps deliver Council Priorities:
:
- Our People – Education; Health & Wellbeing
 - Our Environment – Infrastructure; Resilient Communities
 - Our Economy – Economy & Enterprise; Estate Modernisation

Further information can be found here:

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/council-plan/delivering-our-priorities-across-services/>

- 5.2 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the grant awards are approved.

Subject	Yes	No	N/A
Financial	X		
Staffing		X	
Equalities	X		
Fairer Scotland Duty		X	
Town Centre First	X		
Sustainability		X	
Children and Young People's Rights and Wellbeing		X	

- 5.3 An Equality Impact Assessment will be completed in relation to all the approved applications in due course.
- 5.4 There are no particular staffing implications arising from this report. The management of this budget will be undertaken within existing area management resources. The proposals outlined in this report are in line with the allocation of financial resources as contained in the 2021/22 Revenue Budget for Area Managers.
- 5.5 The following Risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level: Budget Pressures; Working with other organisations. ([Corporate Risk Register](#)).

No risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Strategic Level ([Directorate Risk Registers](#)).

6 Scheme of Governance

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 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 expenditure of the Area Committee Budget.

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List of Appendices: Appendix 1 – Allocations to date

Appendix 1

2021-2022 Allocations	Budget £	Projects £	Available £
Improving the Amenity of Towns and Villages	19,000		
Village Amenity Improvement Scheme (including additional funds due to cancelled Bloom and Blossom Schemes)		15,000	
Town & Village Enhancement Grant Scheme		4,000	
	19,000	19,000	0
Community Projects	41,800		
	0	10,000	31,800
Town Centre Regeneration Projects	20,000		
	0	0	20,000