

REPORT TO KINCARDINE AND MEARN'S AREA COMMITTEE - 31 AUGUST 2021

ABERDEENSHIRE CHARITIES TRUST (ACT2) APPLICATION

1 Reason for Report / Summary

- 1.1 This report presents an application for funding to ACT2 (Aberdeenshire Charities Trust) from Portlethen Larder and Covid Support for £1,000.00 to provide additional fresh food items.

2 Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:

- 2.1 Consider the following application for ACT2 funding and determine whether to approve or reject the application:

Ward	Trust Purpose	Applicant	Amount
17	The prevention or relief of poverty.	Portlethen Larder and Covid Support	£489.51

3 Purpose and Decision Making Route

- 3.1 Aberdeenshire Council is responsible for administering a number of individual charitable trusts which are now amalgamated into ACT2 (Aberdeenshire Charities Trust). The Trust is divided according to Ward Area and subdivided according to various purposes outlined within the trust deed and in keeping with its original purpose. The routine administration of the Trust has been delegated to Area Committees.

4 Discussion

- 4.1 The Area Committee is asked to consider an application for Ward 17 for funding as contained in **Appendix 1** to the report. The application is to support the Food Larder in purchasing additional fresh food items to supplement Cfine and Fareshare donations. The application is for £1,000.00 however the remaining balance available to spend is £489.51. If awarded this would complete the ACT2 funding for Ward 17.
- 4.2 The application has been assessed by officers from Legal and People and has been validated as competent and compliant with the trust purposes within the relevant trust area.

5 Council Priorities, Implications and Risk

- 5.1 The report helps deliver, Council Priority 1 – Our People - Education, Health & Wellbeing.
- 5.2 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendation(s) is(are) agreed.

Subject	Yes	No	N/
Financial	X		
Staffing		X	
Equalities			X
Fairer Scotland Duty			X
Town Centre First			X
Sustainability			X

- 5.3 The funding available for the relevant wards and trust purpose: -

	Revenue	Capital
	£	£
Ward 17 - The prevention or relief of poverty	489.51	0.00

- 5.4 An integrated impact assessment is not required because Section 193 of the 2010 Act contains an exemption for charities which make positive discrimination to groups or individuals on the basis of their disadvantage. Insofar as the charity purposes discriminate positively in favour of individuals or groups on the basis of poverty, age, disability, or other disadvantage, there is no discrimination on the basis of any other protected characteristic (such as gender or religion). No negative impact on any individual or group as a result of this report has been identified.
- 5.5 There are no staffing implications directly arising from this report.
- 5.6 The following Risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level: Budget pressures and Working with other organisations (see [Corporate Risk Register](#)). No risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Strategic Level.

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. Any comments are incorporated within the report and they 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.2.1 of the List of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance as it relates to the administration of trusts controlled by the Council for the benefit of their Area.

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List of Appendices
Appendix 1 – Project Outline from Application Form

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Applicant 1: Portlethen Larder and Covid Support

Trust Ward and Purpose: Ward 17, the prevention or relief of poverty.

Amount Applied for: £1,000.00 (Balance available is £489.51)

Why the Funding is required: The Larder has been run by a small group of volunteers since April 2020 and our aim is to support those in our local community that require help as a result of the pandemic or are struggling financially. We are currently supporting around 25-30 families each week. We buy fresh fruit and veg weekly from Cfine, receive bread from Warburton's and receive Fareshare donations from local supermarkets and Cfine. We also have to supplement this with purchases from local supermarkets to make up packages containing food, toiletries and other essential items. We are currently spending around £200 per week to supply our beneficiaries with fresh fridge items, fresh fruit and vegetables and essential items. The amount we are spending weekly has increased recently due to there being less Fareshare donations as a result of a reduction in food supply and Brexit, and also because we are helping an increasing number of families each week.

Who will the Funding help: The funding will help anyone in Portlethen and the surrounding area that requires support as a result of the pandemic or are struggling financially. With adequate funding we will be able to continue delivering food and essential packages to those self-isolating and will be able to provide food and essential packages to those that are facing hardship. It is important for us to also provide fruit, veg and fresh fridge items on top of non-perishable items to allow those facing financial hardship a varied diet.

At the moment we are supporting around 25-30 families in the local area. This gives families access to fresh fruit and veg, fresh bread and fresh fridge items weekly, that they might otherwise not have. We also supply toiletries, cleaning items and baby items. We believe our current funds will last another 6-8 weeks if the number of families we are supporting remains the same. Unfortunately, we are anticipating that the number of families will increase as Furlough is reduced.

Other Funding Applied for: We have applied for funding from Tesco Community Fund for £1,500 but do not expect to hear back about this quickly.

We have also applied for funding from Aberdeenshire Council Resilience Fund and may get another £1,500 but I am awaiting to hear.

We have applied to our local Portlethen Town Association and hope to get £500.

I am also going to approach our local Rotary Fund and apply for £500.