

## REPORT TO FORMARTINE AREA COMMITTEE – 21 SEPTEMBER 2021

### AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2021- 2022 – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

#### 1 Reason for Report / Summary

- 1.1 This report outlines an application for funding which has been received for consideration by Members and requests the determination of the award of grant.

#### 2 Recommendation:

- 2.1 It is recommended that Members consider and determine the application 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 **£7,695.80**, and the balance available for Town Centre Regeneration Projects is **£20,000** as detailed in **Appendix 1**. Given that no applications have been submitted for the Town Centre Regeneration Projects as yet, and that not all spend from the 2020/21 allocations has been claimed, there may be a need to report to a future meeting on options for this funding. 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.

##### Newburgh Village Public

- 4.1 An application has been received from Newburgh Village Public Hall Trustees, seeking a contribution towards the purchase and installation of PV solar panels and battery storage in their Village Hall, which has recently undergone a refurbishment, at a cost of £200,000 to make it a more sustainable building.

In order to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> levels and become self-sufficient in terms of energy generation, the Village Hall Trustees now want to install PV panels and battery storage.

- 4.2 The group are seeking a contribution of **£2,925** which represents 15.5% of the overall approximate project cost of **£18,925**.

Although there have been no previous awards to the Village Hall for this project, funds of £5000 were allocated in 2016 – 2017 for proposed alterations and refurbishment.

- 4.3 A copy of the application form and accompanying information has been circulated to Members.
- 4.4 Should the application above be approved, a residual balance of **£4,770.80** would remain in the Community Project funding.

## 5 Council Priorities, Implications, and Risk

- 5.1 This report details applications which help 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 award is approved.

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

- 5.3 An Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) has not been completed for this report, which merely reports the application of the approved grant process,

but when all approved awards have been made, an IIA will be completed for all the projects.

- 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 (Risk ACORP001); and (Risk ACORP005) 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 2** List of Community Project Awards to date

**Appendix 1**

**2021-2022 Allocations**

	<b>Budget £</b>	<b>Projects £</b>	<b>Available £</b>
<b>Improving the Amenity of Towns and Villages</b>	<b>19,000</b>		
Village Amenity Improvement Scheme (including additional funds due to cancelled Bloom and Blossom Schemes)		15,000	
Town & Village Enhancement Grant Scheme		4,000	
	<b>19,000</b>	<b>19,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Community Projects</b>	<b>41,800</b>		
	<b>0</b>	<b>34,104.20</b>	<b>7,695.80</b>
<b>Town Centre Regeneration Projects</b>	<b>20,000</b>		
	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20,000</b>

**APPENDIX 2**

**COMMUNITY PROJECT AWARDS TO DATE**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Date of Award</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Methlick Community Council	Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA)	8 June, 2021	£10,000
Ellon Gordon Cricket Club	Mower and Store Upgrades	29 June, 2021	£5,800
Ythan Cycle Club	Ellon Wheel Park Feasibility Study	29 June, 2021	£5,000
Balmedie Leisure Centre Association	Accessible, inclusive Outdoor Play Area.	31 August, 2021	£5,000
Ellon Rotary Club	Picnic and Activity Area, Ellon Resources Centre	31 August, 2021	£1,000
EPIC (Ellon Parks Improvement Committee)	Accessible Swing Set and Surfacing, Auchterellon Play Park	31 August, 2021	Up to £6,987
TurriffLocalCharity (TLC)	Additional Display Equipment for their charity shop	31 August, 2021	£317.20
<b>TOTAL ALLOCATIONS</b>			<b>£34,104.20</b>