

REPORT TO MARR AREA COMMITTEE – 23 NOVEMBER 2021

ABERDEENSHIRE CHARITIES TRUST (ACT2) APPLICATION

1 Reason for Report / Summary

- 1.1 This report seeks consideration of an application from Huntly Development Trust for funding from ACT2 (Ward 14: any of the purposes of ACT2) towards the cost of consultancy services to scope and undertake essential groundwork in the establishment of a proposed Huntly Remakery.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 **The Committee is recommended to consider an application for ACT2 funding (Ward 14: any of the purposes of ACT2) from Huntly Development Trust for £2,000 and determine whether to approve or reject the application.**

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.
- 3.2 At its meeting on 19 February, 2019 (Item 5), the Marr Area Committee agreed that no award be granted for less than £100 or more than £500 to individuals, £1,000 to groups in Wards 15 and 16, and £2,000 to groups in Ward 14.

4 Discussion

- 4.1 The Area Committee is asked to consider an application for funding from Huntly Development Trust as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.
- 4.2 The application has been assessed by officers from Legal and People and Finance and has been validated as competent and compliant with the trust purposes within the relevant trust areas.

5 Council Priorities, Implications and Risk

- 5.1 The report helps to deliver the following Council priorities:

Pillar	Priority
Our Environment	Resilient Communities
Our Economy	Economy and Enterprise

5.2 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendation is agreed:

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

5.3 The funding available for the relevant ward and trust purpose is:

Ward and purpose	Revenue (Available for Grant Funding)	Capital
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford (Marr Area) Ward 14 - any of the purposes of ACT2	£42,869.70	£17,663.02

5.4 As the funded activity would be consultancy fees for scoping and development, an Integrated Impact Assessment is not required as the award of funding would not have impacts requiring detailed assessment in answer to any of the screening questions.

5.5 The following Risk has been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level: ACORP001 - Budget Pressures (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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Appendix 1 – Application Details

APPENDIX 1 – APPLICATION DETAILS

Applicant: Huntly Development Trust

Trust Ward and Purpose: Ward 14 - The advancement of education; the advancement of citizenship and community development; the advancement of environmental protection or improvement.

Amount Applied for: £2,000

Why the Funding is required: The funds are required to secure the consultancy services of Remade network to help Huntly Development Trust (HDT) and its consortium of local-based organisations to scope and undertake essential groundwork in the establishment of a proposed Huntly remakery.

A "Remakery", which allows for the repair and repurposing of damaged or broken items for personal use or sale, will support ongoing town regeneration by creating a new initiative through which, waste can be reduced, new skills learned and a new social business created. The initial phase requires a scoping/business planning exercise and the local partners have identified that this is best secured through an organisation which has already created similar projects in other locations across Scotland and the UK ([Remade.network](https://remade.network)).

Some of the overall project aims in Huntly are to:

1. increase the skill-level of local people, and potentially supporting local entrepreneurship, by providing opportunities to learn new skills such as upholstery, carpentry and IT refurbishment.
2. increase volunteering opportunities to support the town's mental-health and well-being initiatives
3. support the sustainability of organisations such as Gordon Rural Action (GRA) who provide support for the less well-off members of the community by utilising their Bargain Box store and repurposing donated goods
4. reduce the amount of waste going to landfill.
5. strengthen the town's existing credentials as a green and ethical town (adding to the current green transport and fair-trade status initiatives)

Who will the Funding help: The community of Huntly and District will benefit from the Remakery project through opportunities for involvement in the various educational, creative and practical activities involved in repurposing and repairing goods, and avoiding the need to purchase new goods when existing but broken ones can be repaired. This will especially help those in the community on low incomes. The initiative, through the circular economy approach, has the potential to create new businesses and strengthen existing ones in the town.

The consortium members - GRA, Deveron Projects, Networks of Wellbeing, HDT – will also benefit. This project will enable these groups to work more closely together, increase their impact and build on the strengths of each to reach a wider audience.

Other Funding Applied for: An application has been made to the Marr Area Committee Small Grant fund. The Trust also intend to apply to the National Lottery *Together for Our Planet* fund for further stages of the project