

REPORT TO MARR AREA COMMITTEE – 14 DECEMBER 2021

AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET – SMALL GRANT APPLICATION

1 Executive Summary/ Recommendations

- 1.1 The report seeks consideration of an application for Area Committee Budget funding (Small Grant Scheme) from Ballater (RD) Limited.
- 1.2 **The Committee is recommended to consider, and determine whether to approve or reject, the application for Area Committee Budget funding from Ballater (RD) Limited for up to £2,000 towards the cost of paths hub signage at Station Square, Ballater.**

2 Decision Making Route

- 2.1 The Area Committee, at its meeting on 30 March 2021 (Item 7), approved priorities for expenditure of the Marr Area Committee Budget for 2021/22, including the provision of a Small Grant Scheme offering grants of up to £2,000 for community projects.

3 Discussion

- 3.1 The Committee is asked to consider an application for funding from Ballater (RD) Limited towards the cost of paths hub signage as detailed in Appendix 1.
- 3.2 All grants must be paid within the current financial year. Projects awarded funding will be monitored to ensure they are progressing. Grant offers will be withdrawn if milestones are not met to ensure that the Area Committee Budget can be fully utilised.

4 Council Priorities, Implications and Risk

- 4.1 This report helps deliver the following Council Priorities :

Pillar	Priority
Our People	Health and Wellbeing
Our Environment	Resilient Communities
Our Economy	Economy and Enterprise

- 4.2 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendations are 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	

4.3 The Area Committee Budget for 2021/22 is £80,800 of which £25,230 is allocated to the Small Grants Scheme. The current balance available before this award is considered is £4,994.08.

4.4 An Integrated Impact Assessment is provided as Appendix 2 and positive impacts have been identified as follows:

Health and Wellbeing (Physical activity and exercise; mental health) - Funding for path signage in Ballater supports the promotion of walking which has positive physical and mental health impacts.

4.5 The following Risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level: ACORP001 Budget Pressures; ACORP005 Working with Other Organisations (see Corporate Risk Register). No risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Strategic Level.

5 Scheme of Governance

5.1 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report and any comments received have been incorporated within the report. They are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.

5.2 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 authorisation of expenditure from the Area Committee Budget.

Alan Wood
Director of Environment and Infrastructure Services

Report prepared by Kirsty Macleod, Area Committee Officer (Marr)
Date: 25 November 2021

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Appendix 1 – Application Details
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APPENDIX 1 - APPLICATION DETAILS

(a) Organisation: Ballater (RD) Limited

Project: Paths Hub Signage

Project Outline: The project is the installation of paths hub signage on Station Square, Ballater. A way marking update has recently been completed on eight footpaths centred on Ballater as part of a major footpaths and bridges programme that will link Ballater with the Marr Forum Footpaths Group. The next stage is to complete the signage on Station Square, which already has planning permission. The hub is designed to show the walks and initial way signage.

Community Benefit and Support: Walking groups resident in the village will benefit, from Walk to Health up to more challenging walking organisations. Visitors will also benefit from being made aware of the variety of walks available from the one hour to half day expeditions that can start and finish from Station Square

Project Costs:

Total: £8,184.60 **Amount Requested:** £2,000 **Funds Raised:** £4,500.

Applications have also been made to Johnston Oils Fund and Ballater Chiels Fund.

Previous Funding: Ballater (RD) Limited received a grant of £5,000 towards enhancement of floral displays in 2020/21.

Aberdeenshire Council

Integrated Impact Assessment

Marr Area Committee Budget - Ballater (RD) Small Grant Application

Assessment ID	IIA-000277
Lead Author	Kirsty Macleod
Service Reviewers	Janelle Clark
Subject Matter Experts	Susan Forbes
Approved By	Janelle Clark
Approved On	Thursday December 02, 2021
Publication Date	Friday December 03, 2021

1. Overview

This document has been generated from information entered into the Integrated Impact Assessment system.

Consideration of an application for Area Committee Budget funding (Small Grant Scheme) from Ballater (RD) Limited towards the cost of paths hub signage.

During screening 1 of 10 questions indicated that detailed assessments were required, the screening questions and their answers are listed in the next section. This led to 1 out of 5 detailed impact assessments being completed. The assessments required are:

- Health Inequalities

In total there are 2 positive impacts as part of this activity. There are 0 negative impacts, all impacts have been mitigated.

A detailed action plan with 1 points has been provided.

This assessment has been approved by janelle.clark@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.

The remainder of this document sets out the details of all completed impact assessments.

2. Screening

Could your activity / proposal / policy cause an impact in one (or more) of the identified town centres?	No
Would this activity / proposal / policy have consequences for the health and wellbeing of the population in the affected communities?	Yes
Does the activity / proposal / policy have the potential to affect greenhouse gas emissions (CO2e) in the Council or community and / or the procurement, use or disposal of physical resources?	No
Does the activity / proposal / policy have the potential to affect the resilience to extreme weather events and/or a changing climate of Aberdeenshire Council or community?	No
Does the activity / proposal / policy have the potential to affect the environment, wildlife or biodiversity?	No
Does the activity / proposal / policy have an impact on people and / or groups with protected characteristics?	No
Is this activity / proposal / policy of strategic importance for the council?	No
Does this activity / proposal / policy reduce inequality of outcome?	No
Does this activity / proposal / policy have an impact on children / young people's rights?	No
Does this activity / proposal / policy have an impact on children / young people's wellbeing?	No

3. Impact Assessments

Children's Rights and Wellbeing	Not Required
Climate Change and Sustainability	Not Required
Equalities and Fairer Scotland Duty	Not Required
Health Inequalities	No Negative Impacts Identified
Town Centre's First	Not Required

4. Health Inequalities Impact Assessment

4.1. Health Behaviours

Indicator	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Unknown
Healthy eating		Yes		
Exercise and physical activity	Yes			
Substance use – tobacco		Yes		
Substance use – alcohol		Yes		
Substance use – drugs		Yes		
Mental health	Yes	Yes		

4.2. Positive Impacts

Impact Area	Impact
Exercise and physical activity	Funding for paths signage supports the promotion of walking.
Mental health	Funding for paths signage supports the promotion of walking, which has benefits for mental health.

4.3. Evidence

Type	Source	It says?	It Means?
External Data	Ballater RD Ltd. Application Form	The project will benefit walking groups resident in the village from Walk to Health up to more challenging walking organisation.	The project will promote walking in Ballater
External Data	NHS Inform	Like other forms of moderate activity, regular walking is proven to reduce your risk of some chronic illnesses, including heart disease, stroke, asthma, type 2 diabetes, obesity and some types of cancer. It can also improve your mood and reduce your risk of depression.	Walking has benefits for physical and mental health.

4.4. Overall Outcome

No Negative Impacts Identified.

No negative impacts have been identified. Funding for path signage in Ballater supports the promotion of walking which has positive physical and mental health impacts.

5. Action Plan

Planned Action	Details
Award of funding to Ballater (RD) Ltd for paths hub signage.	<p>Lead Officer Kirsty Macleod</p> <p>Repeating Activity No</p> <p>Planned Start Tuesday December 14, 2021</p> <p>Planned Finish Monday February 28, 2022</p> <p>Expected Outcome Paths signage installed, promoting walking routes locally.</p> <p>Resource Implications £2,000 from Marr Area Committee Budget.</p>