

**REPORT TO FORMARTINE AREA COMMITTEE – 18 JANUARY 2022
COASTAL COMMUNITIES FUNDING – FORMARTINE AREA COMMITTEE
ALLOCATION**

1 Executive Summary/Recommendations

1.1 This report outlines a proposal for the allocation of Coastal Communities Funding to projects within one mile of the Formartine coastline for consideration by Members.

1.2 The Committee is recommended to:

Agree to the proposed funding allocation from the Coastal Communities Fund for Formartine as set out at paragraph 4.4.

2 Decision Making Route

2.1 The Scottish Government have awarded two tranches of funding from the Scottish Crown Estate (Marine) Coastal Communities Fund to local authorities. In 2019 Aberdeenshire Council received a settlement of £328,314 and in 2020 a settlement of £442,702. A further award of Crown Estate Scotland funding of £716,469.98 was received on 17 November 2021 and is to be administered as per the framework for the use of the funds agreed by Infrastructure Services on 11 March 2021.

3 Discussion

3.1 In terms of the framework agreed by Infrastructure Service Committee on 23 January 2020, Formartine Area Committee has been allocated £89,558.75 for 2021-2022.

3.2 Through the work of the Area Manager's Team, projects have previously been identified where community groups were actively seeking funding for a project that met the criteria and that are at a well-developed stage, and funding allocations have been made.

3.3 The Committee is asked to consider the following allocation of funds: -

Formartine Rural Partnership – Ellon to Newburgh Path Feasibility Proposal

It is proposed that an allocation of **£3,000** is made to Formartine Rural Partnership to develop a feasibility study to identify whether/how it might be able to construct a path between Ellon and the coast; to give an indication of what the potential is for implementation; and to build on the previous work undertaken by the Formartine Rural Partnership in this regard. The study would help to facilitate access to more substantial funding for detailed design and implementation, should any opportunities then arise. The study would identify up to 3 potential routes; land ownership issues; suggested

phasing of any route(s); and the identification of stages that could be implemented early, within the overall plan. There is an acknowledgement that any proposal may take some considerable time to implement and may need to be done in stages.

4 Council Priorities, Implications and Risk

4.1 This report helps deliver Council Priorities under the three Pillars:

1. Our People: Education, Health & Wellbeing

Encourage active lifestyles and promote well-being with a focus on obesity and mental health.

2. Our Economy: Economy & Enterprise

Support a strong, sustainable, diverse and successful economy

4.2 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendation(s) is (are) agreed.

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

4.3 There are no staffing implications arising from this report. The management of this budget will be undertaken within existing area management resources.

4.4 The screening section as part of Stage One of the Integrated Impact Assessment process has not identified the requirement for any further detailed assessments to be undertaken. The Area Committee are simply considering the application of funding for a scheme already approved centrally and will have no direct oversight of the works themselves, as this is to be undertaken by an external organisation.

4.5 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:
[\(Directorate Risk Registers\)](#)

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 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.1.1 of the List of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance as the Committee is asked to determine a matter specific to its Area that is not otherwise properly delegated to any other Committee.

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