

REPORT TO FORMARTINE AREA COMMITTEE - 23 AUGUST 2022

AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2022-2023 – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

1 Executive Summary/Recommendations

1.1 This report outlines the applications for funding that have been received for consideration by members.

1.2 The Committee is recommended to:

1.2.1 consider and determine the application for funding.

2 Decision-Making Route

2.1 At the meeting of Council on 9 March 2022 (Item 3), the Area Committee budget was set at £81,200 for 2022-2023. At its meeting on 26 April 2022 (Item 8), this Committee agreed the broad allocation of that budget.

2.2 The balance of funding available for Improving the Amenity of Towns and Villages has been committed and will shortly be dispersed to our communities. The balance of funding available for Community Projects is currently **£19,395** and the balance available for Town Centre Regeneration Projects is **£20,000**, all as detailed in **Appendix 1**.

3 Discussion

The Committee is asked to consider the following application for funding which have been received.

Meldrum Amenities Improvement Group

3.1 An application has been received from the Meldrum Amenities Improvement Group for a contribution towards the renewal of the plastic cover on their main Polytunnel. This will enable the group to continue with the provision of floral displays throughout the town.

3.2 The group are seeking a contribution of **£961.75** which represents 75% of the overall approximate project cost of **£1,282.34**.

3.3 A copy of the application form and accompanying information has been circulated to Members.

3.4 The most recent award made to this group was in 2019-2020 when they were awarded £5,000 towards the replacement of their aged diesel tractor with an Eco Electric Utility vehicle.

4 Council Priorities, Implications and Risk

4.1 This report details an application which helps to deliver Council Priorities:

- Our People – Health & Wellbeing
- Our Environment – Resilient Communities

Further information can be found here:

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/council-plan/delivering-our-priorities-across-services/>

4.2 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the grant awards are 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	

4.3 An Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) was carried out (IIA-000800) and no negative impacts were identified. The Stage One screening process of the IIA process did not identify the requirement for any further detailed assessments to be undertaken, as the positive impacts relate to a project that is out with the Council's control, but which are in pursuit of the Council's priorities relating to community benefits.

4.4 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 2022/23 Revenue Budget for Area Managers.

4.5 The following risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level:

Budget Pressures (Risk ACORP001); and
Working with other organisations (Risk ACORP005).
[\(Corporate Risk Register\).](#)

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.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 1

2022-2023 Allocations

	Budget	Funding Awarded	Available
	£	£	£
Improving the Amenity of Towns and Villages	19,000		
		19,000	0
Community Projects	42,200		
Turriff-Local-Charity		317.20	
Balmedie Leisure Centre Association (SCIO)		5,000	
Ellon Parks Improvement Committee (EPIC)		7,000	
Pitmedden Bowling Club		5,000	
Turriff Christmas Lights		2,000	
Turriff and District Heritage Centre		3,487.50	19,395.30
Town Centre Regeneration Projects	20,000		
			20,000
	0	0	39,395.30