

REPORT TO MARR AREA COMMITTEE – 30 AUGUST 2022

ABERDEENSHIRE CHARITIES TRUST (ACT2) APPLICATIONS

1 Executive Summary/Recommendations

1.1 This report seeks consideration of applications for ACT2 funding as follows:-

Applicant	Amount Applied For	Ward and Trust Purpose	Funding Use
Wee Toots	£2,000	Ward 14: the advancement of education	Additional rent for temporary premises for pre-school education.
Scottish Sculpture Workshop	£2,000	Ward 14: the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science.	Embedding equalities, diversity and inclusion: training in anti-racism and building skills and competencies in nonviolent communication

1.2 The Committee is recommended to:-

1.2.1 consider the application for ACT2 funding (Ward 14: the advancement of education) from Wee Toots for £2,000 and determine whether to approve or reject the application; and

1.2.2 consider the application for ACT2 funding (Ward 14: the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science) from Scottish Sculpture Workshop for £2,000 and determine whether to approve or reject the application; and

2 Decision Making Route

2.1 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.

2.2 The Committee most recently reviewed the minimum/maximum award thresholds at its meeting on 8 March 2022 (Item 9) and agreed that the current thresholds as follows remained appropriate: 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.

3 Discussion

3.1 The Committee is asked to consider applications for funding from groups as follows:-

3.1.1 **Applicant:** Wee Toots

Trust Ward and Purpose: Ward 14: the advancement of education

Amount Applied for: £2,000

Wee Toots is currently working towards an asset transfer of the Pavilion in Cooper Park, Huntly. In the meantime, they need alternative premises for the next twelve months as their previous premises are no longer available to them. They were previously paying £250 per month in rent but the alternative property Centre is £450. Wee Toots is seeking funding towards the additional £200 per month. The funding will help to secure the continuation of pre-school education and learning for 43 children local to the Huntly area for the next twelve months. The parents and families of these children will also benefit.

3.1.2 **Applicant:** Scottish Sculpture Workshop (SSW)

Trust Ward and Purpose: Ward 14: the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science.

Amount Applied for: £2,000

Scottish Sculpture Working want to focus further on their objective of embedding equalities, diversity and inclusion into all aspects of their organisation and programme. They want to enable artists and local communities who are marginalised to access SSW better. They have begun to address access at their physical site but also want to address this in how they host, act and support people coming to SSW. Funding is sought towards undertaking four days of bespoke training on anti-racism and building skills and competencies in nonviolent communication. The funding will support SSW's team of six employees and seven board members which will in turn benefit their current and future users. Each year they support around 100 artists to access their workshops.

3.2 The applications have been assessed by officers from Legal and People and Finance and have been validated as competent and compliant with the trust purposes within the relevant trust areas.

4 Council Priorities, Implications and Risk

4.1 The report helps to deliver the following Council priorities:

Pillar	Priority
Our People	Education
Our Environment	Resilient Communities

4.2 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		
Climate Change and Sustainability		X	
Health and Wellbeing		X	
Town Centre First		X	

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

Ward and purpose	Revenue (Available for Grant Funding)	Capital
Ward 14 - Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford – Any of the purposes of ACT2.	£37,447.87	£17,663.02

4.4 An Integrated Impact Assessment has been carried out and is included as Appendix 1. There are positive impacts in relation to:

Wee Toots – Children's Rights and Wellbeing and Age (Younger) – the application supports the continuation of pre-school education and learning for children from the Huntly area.

Scottish Sculpture Workshop –the application supports the advancement of equality of opportunity between people who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not through the provision of anti-racism training, and supporting the organisation to embed equalities, diversity and inclusion.

4.5 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.

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. Any comments are incorporated within the report and 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.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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Date: 11 August 2022

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Appendix 1 – Integrated Impact Assessment

Aberdeenshire Council

Integrated Impact Assessment

ACT2 Applications (Wee Toots and Scottish Sculpture Workshop)

Assessment ID	IIA-000748
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Service Reviewers	Janelle Clark
Subject Matter Experts	Kakuen Mo, Christine McLennan
Approved By	Janelle Clark
Approved On	Friday August 19, 2022
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1. Overview

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

Consideration of applications for ACT2 funding from (1) Wee Toots for additional rent for temporary premises for pre-school education and (2) Scottish Sculpture Workshop for embedding equalities, diversity and inclusion: training in anti-racism and building skills and competencies in nonviolent communication.

During screening 3 of 10 questions indicated that detailed assessments were required, the screening questions and their answers are listed in the next section. This led to 2 out of 5 detailed impact assessments being completed. The assessments required are:

- Childrens' Rights and Wellbeing
- Equalities and Fairer Scotland Duty

In total there are 6 positive impacts as part of this activity. There are 0 negative impacts, all impacts have been mitigated.

A detailed action plan with 0 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?	No
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?	Yes
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?	Yes
Does this activity / proposal / policy have an impact on children / young people's wellbeing?	Yes

3. Impact Assessments

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

4. Childrens' Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment

4.1. Wellbeing Indicators

Indicator	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Unknown
Safe		Yes		
Healthy		Yes		
Achieving	Yes			
Nurtured	Yes			
Active		Yes		
Respected		Yes		
Responsible		Yes		
Included		Yes		

4.2. Rights Indicators

UNCRC Indicators upheld by this activity / proposal / policy	Article 6 - Life, survival and development Article 28 - Right to education Article 29 - Goals of education Article 31 - Leisure, play and culture
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4.3. Positive Impacts

Impact Area	Impact
Achieving	Wee Toots - supporting the continuation of early learning and childcare provision; supporting advancement of education and social development of pre-school children.
Nurtured	Wee Toots - supporting continuation of early learning and childcare provision in a nurturing environment

4.4. Evidence

Type	Source	It says?	It Means?
Other Evidence	ACT2 Application Form - Wee Toots	The application form provides details on why the funding is required and who it will help and how.	The funding will be used to secure the continuation of pre-school education for 43 children local to the Huntly area, benefitting the children and their parents.

4.5. Accounting for the Views of Children and Young People

4.6. Promoting the Wellbeing of Children and Young People

Wee Toots - Continued early learning and childcare provision supporting advancement of education and development in a nurturing environment

4.7. Upholding Children and Young People's Rights

Wee Toots - Continued early learning and childcare provision, supporting opportunities for play, education, and development, helping children to develop to their full potential.

4.8. Overall Outcome

No Negative Impacts Identified.

No negative impacts have been identified. The approval of the application from Wee Toots would have positive impacts through supporting the continuation of pre-school education and learning for children from the Huntly area.

5. Equalities and Fairer Scotland Duty Impact Assessment

5.1. Protected Groups

Indicator	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Unknown
Age (Younger)	Yes			
Age (Older)		Yes		
Disability		Yes		
Race	Yes			
Religion or Belief		Yes		
Sex		Yes		
Pregnancy and Maternity		Yes		
Sexual Orientation		Yes		
Gender Reassignment		Yes		
Marriage or Civil Partnership		Yes		

5.2. Socio-economic Groups

Indicator	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Unknown
Low income		Yes		
Low wealth		Yes		
Material deprivation		Yes		
Area deprivation		Yes		
Socioeconomic background		Yes		

5.3. Positive Impacts

Impact Area	Impact
Age (Younger)	Supporting the continuation of pre-school education and learning for 43 children local to the Huntly area.
Age (Younger)	Supporting the continuation of pre-school education and learning for 43 children local to the Huntly area.
Age (Younger)	Wee Toots - Supporting the continuation of pre-school education and learning for 43 children local to the Huntly area.
Race	Scottish Sculpture Workshop - training for staff and board members focusing on anti-racism work and embedding this in work and policy at SSW.

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Other Evidence	ACT2 Application Form - Wee Toots	The application form provides details on why the funding is required and who it will help and how	The funding will be used to secure the continuation of pre-school education for 43 children local to the Huntly area, benefitting the children and their parents.
Other Evidence	ACT2 Application Form - Scottish Sculpture Workshop	The application form provides details on why the funding is required and who it will help and how	The funding will be used to deliver anti-racism training.

5.5. Overall Outcome

No Negative Impacts Identified.

No negative impacts have been identified.

Wee Toots - the approval of the application would have positive impacts for children through supporting the continuation of pre-school education and learning for children from the Huntly area.

Scottish Sculpture Workshop - the application supports the advancement of equality of opportunity between people who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not through the provision of anti-racism training, and supporting the organisation to embed equalities, diversity and inclusion.

5.6. Improving Relations

Scottish Sculpture Workshop application - the funding will support the organisation to embed equalities, diversity and inclusion into their work.

5.7. Opportunities of Equality

Scottish Sculpture Workshop application - the funding will support the organisation to advance equality of access in how they host, act and support people coming to SSW.