

## REPORT TO FORMARTINE AREA COMMITTEE - 13 SEPTEMBER 2022

### AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2022-2023 – APPLICATIONS 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 applications 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 **£18,433** and the balance available for Town Centre Regeneration Projects is **£20,000**, all as detailed in **Appendix 1**.

2.3 For reference, a copy of the application form and associated criteria can be found on our funding [webpage](#).

#### 3 Discussion

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

##### Daviot Amenities Improvement Group

3.1 An application has been received from the Daviot Amenities Improvement Group for a contribution towards improvements to the Daviot Play Park.

3.2 The group are seeking a contribution of **£5,000** which represents 32% of the overall approximate project cost of **£15,564.19**.

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 2018-2019 when they were awarded funding towards the construction of a maintenance facility, for the garaging and maintenance of machines and equipment that were required for

the ongoing improvement and enlargement of the paths and general land / woodland that the group now manage.

The Rotary Club of Ellon

- 3.5 An application has been received from the Rotary Club of Ellon for a contribution towards Christmas Lights and an associated switch-on event for Ellon.
- 3.6 The group are seeking a contribution of **£2,000** which represents 28% of the overall approximate project cost of **£7,155**.
- 3.7 A copy of the application form and accompanying information has been circulated to Members.

**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.

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

- 4.3 Stage 1 of the Integrated Impact Assessment process has not identified the need for any further detailed assessments to be undertaken. The positive impacts relate to projects that are 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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**Director of Business Services**

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**List of Appendices:**  
**Appendix 1** – Allocations to date

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**2022-2023 Allocations**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Funding Awarded</b>	<b>Available</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Improving the Amenity of Towns and Villages</b>	<b>19,000</b>		
		19,000	<b>0</b>
<b>Community Projects</b>	<b>42,200</b>		
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	
Meldrum Amenities Improvement Group		961.75	<b>18,433.55</b>
<b>Town Centre Regeneration Projects</b>	<b>20,000</b>		
			<b>20,000</b>
	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38,433.55</b>