



REPORT TO GARIOCH AREA COMMITTEE – 28 AUGUST 2018

AREA INITIATIVES FUND 2018/19

1 Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to consider the applications received in relation to the Area Initiatives Fund and determine whether to award the following funding requested:

Gordon Art Exhibition	£1750
Strathburn Parent Council	£1500
Kemnay Community Bee Group	£1313

2 Background / Discussion

Gordon Art Exhibition

2.1 Gordon Art Exhibition has applied for funding to assist with the showcase of a community based event organised by a group of volunteers, the showcase will be open to all artists (who meet criteria); providing a unique opportunity to display talent and creativity. The project aims to attract local school pupils through direct encouragement and support, to display their artistic talents within the community. There is potential for this project to grow and with it motivate and raise self-esteem. The project is welcomed by BID Inverurie, Inverurie Environmental Group, local primary and secondary head teachers. Gordon Art Exhibition is looking to stage the Exhibition and Showcase Event in March 2019. The group is looking to rent/purchase display boards, pay for the hire of Town Hall, publicity for event; leaflets, banners, posters and provide assistance with transport.

2.1.1 The grant amount requested is £1,750.00, the total cost of the project is estimated at £3,500.00. The remainder of the funding will be raised from exhibitors fee's.

2.1.2 The application fits the criteria for Area Initiative Funding and it is recommended that Committee agrees to grant the amount requested.

Strathburn Parent Council

2.2 Strathburn Parent Council has applied for funding to improve its garden area. The aim, is to improve the overall appearance of the garden whilst ensuring it is manageable for pupils, staff and parents to maintain. The Enhanced Provision Resource within the school would be delighted to grow their own vegetables/fruit thus developing life skills, promotion of health and wellbeing and also support of the nurture and mental health of pupils. The garden in its current state is not accessible to all pupils, beds require to be raised and pathways between beds need to be slabbed for wheelchair users; the laying of slabs will also aid the prevention of weeds. The majority of the project cost

will be for materials including wooden sleepers, sand, grit, top soils, quarry dust, slabs, decorative slabs for a class story area and skip hire.

- 2.2.1 To assist in the maintenance of the garden area, a Friday Gardening Group (including parents and pupils from different classes) has been established. An Eco Group will also work in the garden each week, the Parent Council plans to hold large community sessions to maintain the space.
- 2.2.2 The grant amount requested is £1500.00, the total cost of the project is estimated at £8,000.00. The remainder of the funding will be met from School funds, donations from Parent Council and Tesco.
- 2.2.3 The application fits the criteria for Area Initiative Funding and it is recommended that Committee agree to grant the amount requested.

Kemnay Community Bee Group

- 2.3 Kemnay Community Bee Group has applied for funding to assist with the setup of its unit enabling it to hold demonstrations and lectures. Kemnay Community Bee Group works to promote beekeeping, respect for the environment and pollinators to local groups such as Kemnay Wildlife Explorers and Kemnay Youth Café. It is also part of the Sustainability Committee at Kemnay Academy.
 - 2.3.1 The previous unit gifted to the group is now unfit for purpose and a second hand steel container / portacabin has been purchased to replace it. This new unit requires a Generator, Folding Tables, Chairs, Overhead Projector and various internal modifications to be set up for purpose.
 - 2.3.2 The grant amount requested is £1,313.00, the total cost of the project is estimated at £2,626.00. The remainder of funding will be met from Tesco Bags of Help and The Garioch Partnership. A further £1,000.00 has been granted from the Ena Baxter Foundation for the assistance in erecting secure fencing around the cabin and apiary.

The application fits the criteria for Area Initiative Funding and it is recommended that Committee agree this application.

- 2.4 The Area Initiatives Fund 2018/19 stands at £13,220.00, should the Area Committee be minded to agree to award the requested amounts totalling £4,563.00, this will leave a remaining balance of £8,657.00.
- 2.5 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.

3 Scheme of Governance

- 3.1 The Committee is able to consider and take a decision on this item in terms of Section B.6.3 in Part 2A, List of Committee Powers in the Scheme of Governance, as it relates to the authorisation of expenditure from the Garioch Area Committee budget.

4 Implications and Risk

- 4.1 An equality impact assessment is not required because the recommendations contained within this report does not have a differential impact on any of the protected characteristics.
- 4.2 There are no staffing implications as a result of this report. The financial implications are outlined in paragraph 2.4.
- 4.3 No risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate or Directorate Level.

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GARIOCH AREA INITIATIVE FUND CRITERIA

The Garioch Area Initiative Fund for 2018/19 has been set at £15,000, and can be used to support the following Themes:

Theme	
Improving the appearance and maintenance of towns	£15,000
Healthy communities	
Strong communities	
Safe Communities	

These are aligned to Community Planning themes and are designed to allow applicants to take an outcome-focussed approach when planning projects and local interventions. Applicants should seek to achieve the following local outcomes as linked to one or more of these themes:

Improving the Appearance and Maintenance of Towns and Villages within Garioch

- Improve the attractiveness of Garioch as a place to live, invest, work and visit.
- Improve residents' aspirations, confidence, decision-making capacity and involvement in community life.
- Improve the physical environment and infrastructure of Garioch.

Healthy Communities: support and empower the people of Garioch to look after and improve their own health and wellbeing and live in good health for longer in inclusive communities.

Strong Communities: support and empower the people of Garioch to ensure communities are successful, achieving and inclusive with the confidence, capability and capacity to tackle things that matter to them.

Safe Communities: support and empower the people of Garioch to ensure they live their lives free from crime, disorder and danger.

Funding of Festive Lights within Garioch

Funding applications for Festive Lights require to meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Applications will be considered for new lights and upgrades of existing lights to LED. Repair, maintenance, installation and storage costs will not be supported.
- Applicants can source 50% of the total cost of the purchase of new lights from this fund to a maximum of £1,750.
- Funding from Garioch Area Committee Budget and/or local Common Good Funds can only be accessed once in any 3-year period.
- Support will only be given for displays, which use energy efficient technology and focus on town centres or the main village thoroughfares.