

## REPORT TO FORMARTINE AREA COMMITTEE – 11 DECEMBER 2018

### AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2018-2019 – APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

#### 1 Recommendations

1.1 It is recommended that Members consider the applications for funding.

#### 2 Discussion

2.1 The Area Committee budget was set at £80,000 for 2018-2019. At its meeting on 20 March, 2018 the Committee agreed the broad allocation of the budget.

2.2 Allocations to date are detailed in **Appendix 1** to the report. The balance of funding available for community projects is currently **£15,889**.

2.3 The total value of applications presented in the report exceeds the balance of funding available for community projects. Before presented projects could be approved, consideration would have to be given to allocating funding currently held in the Christmas Lights Fund to other Community Projects. The value of this fund is £10,000 and no applications have been received for 2018/19.

#### Ellon Charette

2.4 An application has been received from the Formartine Area Office on behalf of Ellon Community Council, seeking a contribution towards the project aims to start a community led revitalisation of Ellon.

2.5 The group are seeking a contribution of **£5,000** which represents 25% of the overall project cost of **£20,000**.

2.6 A copy of the application form and accompanying information has been circulated to members.

#### English Provision (ESOL) for Syrian New Scots and wider community

2.7 An application has been received from the Workers Educational Association, seeking a contribution towards the delivering ESOL provision to Syrian New Scots in Ellon.

2.8 There are two options of funding proposed in this application. Option 1 provides funding to maintain the classes at the same level. Option 2 provides funding to ensure SNS receive the full 8 hours learning provision that the Home Office advise is necessary. The group are seeking a contribution of **£2,407** which represents 62% of the overall project cost of **£3,860** (Option 1) or **£4,087** which represents 73.5% of the overall project cost of **£5,540** (Option 2).

2.9 A copy of the application form and accompanying information has been circulated to members.

## **Belhelvie Parish Church, Belhelvie**

- 2.10 An application has been received from the Belhelvie Parish Church seeking a contribution towards the construction of a new Annexe to the Forsyth Hall in Belhelvie.
- 2.11 The group are seeking a contribution of **£5,000** which represents around 1% of the overall project cost of **£462,544**.
- 2.12 A copy of the application form and accompanying information has been circulated to members.

### **Slains Environmental Action for change – known as SEChange**

- 2.13 An application has been received from the **SEChange** seeking a contribution towards the study and business plan to explore the potential creation of a self-sustaining community-led venture in co-operation with existing community bodies.
- 2.14 The group are seeking a contribution of **£4,560** which represents around 72.2% of the overall project cost of **£6,310**
- 2.15 A copy of the application form and accompanying information has been circulated to members.
- 2.16 The Monitoring Officers within Business Services have been consulted and their comments have been incorporated within this report.

## **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 of the List of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance as it relates to the authorisation of expenditure from the Area Committee Budget.

## **4 Implications and Risk**

- 4.1 An equality impact assessment is not required because the recommended actions will not have a differential impact on people with protected characteristics.
- 4.2 There are no particular staffing implications arising from this report and proposals outlined in this report.
- 4.3 The financial implications are inherent within the report.
- 4.4 The following risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level: Budget Pressures; Working with other organisations. No risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Strategic Level.
- 4.5 Town Centre Impact Assessment has been completed where appropriate and is appended for reference.

**Ritchie Johnson**  
**Director of Business Services**

Report prepared by Area Committee Officer  
26 November, 2018

## Appendix 1

### 2018-2019 Allocations to Date

	Budget £	Projects £	Available £
<b>Improving the Appearance of Towns and Villages</b>	<b>19,000</b>		
Town & Village Tidy Scheme		12,500	
Town & Village Enhancement Grant Scheme		4,000	
Formartine In Bloom Scheme		1,500	
Beginning to Blossom Scheme		1,000	<b>0</b>
<b>Community Projects</b>	<b>61,000</b>		
<u>Community Resilience</u>	(Up to 10,000)		
Tarves Development Trust		1367	<b>8,633</b>
<u>Christmas Lights</u>	(Up to 10,000)		<b>10,000</b>
<u>General</u>			
Ellon Castle Gardens		5000	
Daviot Community Trust		5000	
Fyvie Football Club		5000	
Belhelvie Community Trust		5000	
Haughs Redevelopment Steering Group		7500	
Blackdog Residents Association		2361	
Fyvie, Rothie and Monquhitter Community Council		806	
Turriff Caravan Park Ltd		5000	
Yvonne Milne Dance School Parents Association		1390	
Newburgh Mathers Parent Council		381	
Friends of The Den		3750	
Turriff and District Heritage Society		2556	
		45,111	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80,000</b>		<b>15,889</b>



### TOWN CENTRE FIRST IMPACT ASSESSMENT (TCFIA)

Aberdeenshire Council recognises that town centres have an important role to play in the sustainable development of local economies.

The Town Centre First Impact Assessment (TCFIA) allows officers in all services to identify the detrimental and beneficial effects that decisions we take may have on our town centres. It will allow officers to consider any implications that council decisions may have on Aberdeenshire's key town centres. Examples of this include changes to: the provision of civic and community facilities, employment land, retail, residential buildings, cultural assets, transportation, leisure and tourism.

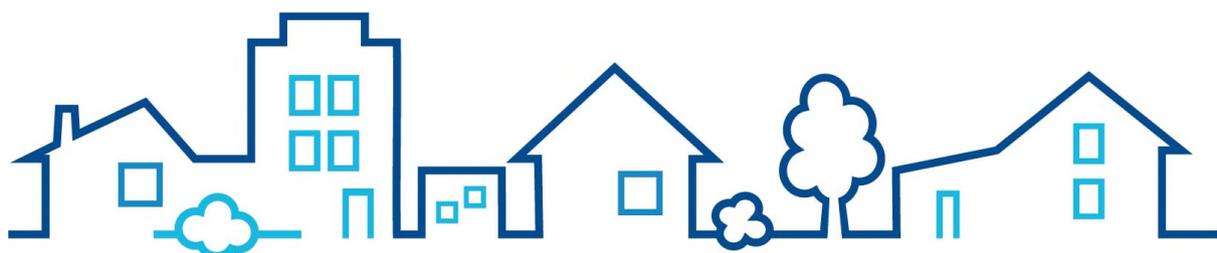
A Town Centre Ambassador has been nominated within your service, you can locate your Town Centre First Ambassador through the Town Centre First Principle Arcadia pages.

Project Information	
Title of Committee Paper	Area Committee Budget 2018-2019 – Applications for Funding
Service	Business Services
Department	Formartine Area Office
Author	Kasia Balina
Have you consulted your Town Centre First Ambassador?	Yes

1) Could your Project Paper cause an impact in one (or more) of the identified town centres? – Peterhead, Fraserburgh, Inverurie, Westhill, Stonehaven, Ellon, Portlethen, Banchory, Turriff, Huntly, Banff, Macduff.	
<b>Yes – Positive Impact</b>	no

2) If approved would your project cause an impact (either positive or negative) with regards to the footfall of any of these town centres?	
<b>Yes – Positive</b>	no

3)	
Please describe the aims of the committee paper?	The report asks members to consider funding applications from groups within the Community.



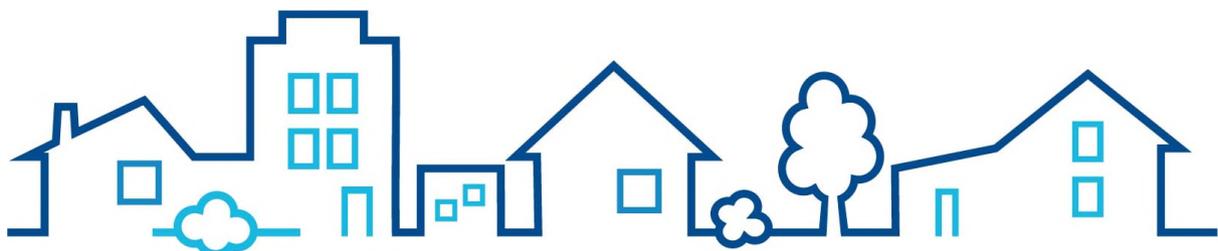


4) What are the positive and negative impacts?		
Impact	Describe the positive impact?	Describe the negative impact?
Please detail any potential positive and negative impact the project may have on Aberdeenshire's Key Town Centres.	The project aims to kick start a community led revitalisation of Ellon. Whilst the main focus is on the town centre, engagement will also take in the wider area of the settlement.	

5) What mitigating steps will be taken to reduce or remove negative impacts? If none see Q6	
Mitigating Steps	Timescale
N/A	

6) Set out the justification that the activity can and should go ahead despite the negative impact.
N/A

Question 7: Sign off and Authorisation	
1) <b>Author:</b> I have completed the TCIA impact assessment for this policy/ activity.	Name: Kasia Balina Position: Committee Officer Date: 28/11/2018 Signature:
2) Consultation with Service Manager	Name: N/A Position: Date:
3) Authorisation by Director or Head of Service	Name: Kate Bond Position: Head of Customer Communication & Improvement Date:





4) Have you consulted with your Town Centre First Ambassador?	<b>Yes</b>
	No
5) TCFIA author sends a copy of the finalised form to: tcfia@aberdeenshire.gov.uk	Date Sent:

