



REPORT TO MARR AREA COMMITTEE – 19 FEBRUARY, 2019

AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET – SMALL GRANT APPLICATIONS

1 Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:-

1.1 Consider applications for Area Committee Budget funding from:-

- (a) Lumphanan Playpark Improvement Project for up to £1,750 towards the cost of play equipment (phase 2 of the Lumphanan Playpark Improvement Project); and
- (b) Lumsden Community Association for up to £590 towards the cost of infrastructure improvements at Lumsden Market Stance.

1.2 Note an award of up to £82.39 to the Strathdon Community Development Trust towards the cost of the Strathdon Snowgate Webcam approved by the Area Manager following consultation with the Chair and Ward Members.

2 Background / Discussion

- 2.1 The Area Committee, at its meeting on 27 March, 2018 (Item 12), approved priorities for expenditure of the Marr Area Committee Budget for 2018/19.
- 2.2 The Committee is requested to consider applications for funding from Lumphanan Playpark Improvement Project and Lumsden Community Association as detailed in Appendix 1.
- 2.3 The Committee is also requested to note an award made to the Strathdon Community Development Trust towards the cost of purchasing and installing a webcam at the snow gates on the Strathdon side of the Lecht.
- 2.4 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.

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.
- 3.2 The Area Manager is able to approve, in consultation with the Chair and relevant local Members, expenditure from the Area Committee Budget up to

£250 in terms of Section F.1.2 of the List of Officer Powers in Part 2B of the Scheme of Governance.

4 Implications and Risk

- 4.1 An equality impact assessment is attached as Appendix 2 to the report.
- 4.2 There are no staffing implications directly arising from this report.
- 4.3 The Area Committee Budget for 2018/19 is £80,000 of which £31,055 has been allocated to the Small Grants Scheme. To date £25,328.44 has been committed, leaving a balance of £5,726.56. If the applications are supported to the level requested this would leave a total of £3,386.56.
- 4.4 The following Risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level: Budget Pressures; Working with Other Organisations (see [Corporate Risk Register](#)). No risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Strategic Level.

Stephen Archer
Director of Infrastructure Services

Report prepared by: Kirsty Macleod, Area Committee Officer (Marr)
Date: 1 February, 2019

APPENDIX 1

**(A) Organisation: Lumphanan Playpark Improvement Project
Project: Play Equipment (Phase 2 of Lumphanan Playpark Improvement Project)**

Project Outline: The project aims to create a hub for Lumphanan where young people, families and adults can enjoy the outdoors, improving health and wellbeing and enhancing feelings of belonging to the community. Phase 1 of the project, which focussed on equipment for teenagers and older children, has now been completed. Phases 2 and 3 will focus on equipment for toddlers and younger children. Funding is sought towards phase 2 which entails the purchase of two pieces of equipment: a xylophone/tubular bells (suitable for children aged 2 and over) and a metal springer (suitable for children aged 2-8).

Community Benefit: Toddlers and children will benefit. The inclusion of sensory items will benefit all children, including those with disabilities.

Partnership Working/Community Support: The group consulted Lumphanan School and the community at the start of the project through social media, a public presentation of proposals, and voting slips in the community. For this phase, the group have discussed the proposals with the Hut Lumphanan Pre-School.

Project Costs:

Total: £3,500

Funds Raised: £2,078.85 (group's total available funds)

Amount Requested: £1,750

The match funding has been raised by the group including through online crowdfunding, the Lumphanan Gala, and Bread of Life Torphins. They are also applying to the National Lottery fund, Tesco Bags for Life, and Bread of Life Torphins.

The group received a grant of £10,000 from the Marr Area Committee Budget in 2017/18 for phase 1 of the Lumphanan Playpark Improvement Project.

**(B) Organisation: Lumsden Community Association
Project: Infrastructure Improvements - Lumsden Market Stance**

Project Outline: The project would improve infrastructure at Lumsden Market Stance by:

- Installing a permanent location for the village Christmas tree following the now complete phase 1 playpark/market stance improvement project which has included levelling of the area around the war memorial and realigning the fence;
- Installing ducting work from the existing streetlight power pillar to the new tree location behind the war memorial; and
- Installing underground ducting on the Market Stance to route power cables into the Market Stance from the village hall for events and for extending festive lights.

An award of funding would allow the works to coincide with new path works in the park, meaning the contractor would only need to be mobilised once and ducting work could follow under the paths, minimising disturbance of the green space. Duct work

under the road from the hall to the park area will be a separate future project, estimated at £2,600.

Community Benefit: This infrastructure improvement project supports the larger Market Stance regeneration project and intends to support the promotion of place and community pride in place.

Partnership Working/Community Support: Partners involved in the project are Aberdeenshire Council Landscape Services, Lumsden Christmas Light Volunteers (power in the market stance is a pre-requisite for the group's objective to improve festive lights in the village), Scottish Sculpture Workshop, Lumsden Hotel, Lumsden Garage and Shop, and Lumsden School.

The Market Stance improvement project has involved significant consultation of the local community and follows actions set out in the Community Action Plan and objectives of the Marr Community Plan.

Project Costs:

Total: £840 **Funds Raised:** £0 **Amount Requested:** £590

An application for £250 has been made to KLT Windfarm Micro Grants.

The group received a grant of £10,000 from the Marr Area Committee Budget in 2017/18 towards the Lumsden Park – Community Green Space Project (phase 1).

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

| Stage 1: Title and aims of the activity (“activity” is an umbrella term covering policies, procedures, guidance and decisions). | |
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| Service | Infrastructure Services |
| Section | Marr Area Office |
| Title of the activity etc. | Area Committee Budget – Small Grant Applications |
| Aims of the activity | The report seeks consideration of applications from community groups/Council services for funding from the Area Committee Budget. |
| Author(s) & Title(s) | Kirsty Macleod, Area Committee Officer (Marr) |

| Stage 2: List the evidence that has been used in this assessment. | |
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| Internal data (customer satisfaction surveys; equality monitoring data; customer complaints). | N/A |
| Internal consultation with staff and other services affected. | The Area Manager and Monitoring Officers have been consulted in the preparation of the report. |
| External consultation (partner organisations, community groups, and councils). | Applicants asked to provide details of any consultations. |
| External data (census, available statistics). | |
| Other (general information as appropriate). | Information submitted by applicants through an application form including details of who will benefit from the project and how. |

| Stage 3: Evidence Gaps. | |
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| Are there any gaps in the information you currently hold? | No |

| Stage 4: Measures to fill the evidence gaps. | | |
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| What measures will be taken to fill the information gaps before the activity is implemented? These should be included in the action plan at the back of this form. | Measures: | Timescale: |
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| Stage 5: Are there potential impacts on protected groups? Please complete for each protected group by inserting "yes" in the applicable box/boxes below. | | | | |
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| | Positive | Negative | Neutral | Unknown |
| Age – Younger | Yes | | | |
| Age – Older | | | Yes | |
| Disability | Yes | | | |
| Race – (includes Gypsy Travellers) | | | Yes | |
| Religion or Belief | | | Yes | |
| Gender – male/female | | | Yes | |
| Pregnancy and maternity | | | Yes | |
| Sexual orientation – (includes Lesbian/ Gay/Bisexual) | | | Yes | |
| Gender reassignment – (includes Transgender) | | | Yes | |
| Marriage and Civil Partnership | | | Yes | |

| Stage 6: What are the positive and negative impacts? | | |
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| Impacts. | Positive (describe the impact for each of the protected characteristics affected) | Negative (describe the impact for each of the protected characteristics affected) |
| Please detail the potential positive and/or negative impacts on those with protected characteristics you have highlighted above. Detail the impacts and describe those affected. | Lumphanan Playpark Improvement Project – Project would benefit toddlers and young children through the provision of new play equipment. Inclusion of sensory equipment would benefit children with disabilities. | |

| Stage 7: Have any of the affected groups been consulted? | |
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| If yes, please give details of how this was done and what the results were. If no, how have you ensured that you can make an informed decision about mitigating steps? | |

| Stage 8: What mitigating steps will be taken to remove or reduce negative impacts? | | |
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| | Mitigating Steps | Timescale |
| These should be included in any action plan at the back of this form. | | |
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| Stage 9: What steps can be taken to promote good relations between various groups? | |
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| These should be included in the action plan. | N/A |

Stage 10: How does the policy/activity create opportunities for advancing equality of opportunity?

Stage 11: What equality monitoring arrangements will be put in place?

These should be included in any action plan (for example customer satisfaction questionnaires).

N/A

Stage 12: What is the outcome of the Assessment?

Please complete the appropriate box/boxes

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No negative impacts have been identified –please explain.

No negative impacts have been identified.

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Negative Impacts have been identified, these can be mitigated - please explain.
* Please fill in Stage 13 if this option is chosen.

3

The activity will have negative impacts which cannot be mitigated fully – please explain.
* Please fill in Stage 13 if this option is chosen

* Stage 13: Set out the justification that the activity can and should go ahead despite the negative impact.

N/A

| Stage 14: Sign off and authorisation. | | | | |
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| Sign off and authorisation. | 1) Service and Team | Infrastructure Services, Area Manager (Marr) | | |
| | 2) Title of Policy/Activity | Marr Area Committee Large Project Grant Scheme 2017/18 | | |
| | 3) Authors: I/We have completed the equality impact assessment for this policy/activity. | Name: Kirsty Macleod Position: Area Committee Officer (Marr) Date: 01/02/2019 Signature: | Name: Position: Date: Signature: | |
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| | 4) Consultation with Service Manager | Name: Date: | | |
| | 5) Authorisation by Director or Head of Service | Name: Janelle Clark Position: Area Manager (Marr) Date: 01/02/2019 | Name: Position: Date: | |
| | 6) If the EIA relates to a matter that has to go before a Committee, Committee report author sends the Committee Report and this form, and any supporting assessment documents, to the Officers responsible for monitoring and the Committee Officer of the relevant Committee. e.g. Social Work and Housing Committee. | | Date: 01/02/2010 | |
| | 7) EIA author sends a copy of the finalised form to: eia@abdshire | | Date: 01/02/2019 | |
| (Equalities team to complete) Has the completed form been published on the website? YES/NO | | | Date: | |