

REPORT TO GARIOCH AREA COMMITTEE – 23 APRIL 2019

COMMUNITY COUNCIL GRANTS 2019/20

1. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Garioch Area Committee agrees the allocation of Community Council administration grant for the Garioch Area for 2019/20, as detailed in the appendix to the report.

2. Discussion

- 2.1 Each year, the Council grants funding to Community Councils towards their administrative costs and local projects. The budget for Aberdeenshire for 2019/20 is £64,000. The costs of insurance, data protection registration, an amount for election expenses and community events are deducted from the budget, and the balance allocated to Areas on the basis of a fixed lump sum per Community Council plus an amount per elector. The allocation of the budget to central costs and to each area is given in the appendix.
- 2.2 The allocation to Garioch for 2019/20 is £9,149. In recent years the Area Committee has agreed to distribute this to local Community Councils on the basis of a fixed base amount for each Community Council of £425, with the balance allocated on the basis of the number of electors in each Community Council area. It is proposed that the same method is used this year. In addition, as stated in paragraph 2.1, a number of other costs are top sliced from the budget, including Data Protection (£40 which is distributed to Community Councils along with the administration grant for them to register as data controllers), insurance and an amount towards the cost of any Community Council elections. Supporting Communities events are planned again in 2019/20 and £3,000 has been allocated to these events.
- 2.3 Where appropriate, extra insurance premiums for Community Councils where additional cover has been requested will be deducted from grants before being released. Bennachie and Kintore and District Community Councils are affected by this and the amounts are shown in the appendix.
- 2.4 As of April 2019 there are 9 active community councils in the Garioch Area. There is currently no Community Council established for the Kinellar area. No formal approach has been made by the community to seek re-establishment at this time and there has been no further discussions with the community regarding this. The administration grant has been allocated over the past two years, but given that no approach has been made in that time, it is proposed that the allocation be redistributed over all Community Councils for the coming year. Should the Community Council reform during this financial year provision will be made for them to receive an appropriate administration grant.
- 2.5 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report. Their 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 approve this item in terms of Section B.1.1 and B.3.3 of the List of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance it may determine any matter that is specific to their Area not otherwise properly delegated to any other Committee and to consider applications for and approve the award of grants to Community Councils within approved budget.

4. Implications and Risk

- 4.1 An Equality Impact Assessment was not required because the recommended actions will not have a differential impact upon people with protected characteristics.
- 4.2 The following risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a corporate level: Budget Pressures; Working with another organisation ([see Corporate Risk Register](#)). No risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a strategic level.
- 4.3 The budget is within the allocation of financial resources as contained in the 2019/20 Revenue Budget for Area Managers.
- 4.4 There are no direct staffing implications as a result of this report.

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Community Council Budget 2019-20

Appendix

Aberdeenshire Budget and Central Costs			
Budget			64,000
less			
Insurance	6,000		
Community Council Elections	1,260		
Data Protection Fees @ £40 each	2,680		
Community Events	3,000	12,940	
			51,060

Allocation to Areas			
	2019/20	2018/19	Variance
Banff & Buchan	7,836.00	7,429.00	407.00
Buchan	7,801.00	7,308.00	493.00
Formartine	8,908.00	8,430.00	478.00
Garioch	9,149.00	9,183.00	-34.00
Mearns	8,667.00	8,674.00	-7.00
Marr	8,698.00	8,311.00	387.00
	51,059.00	49,335.00	1,724.00

Garioch Area Budget = 9,149.00

Administration Grant							
	No. of Electors	Fixed Grant	Per Elector	Total Grant 2019/20	Grant 2018/19	Variance	Additional Insurance*
Bennachie	5,196	425.00	683.17	1,108.17	1,031.60	76.57	5.00
Cluny Midmar & Monymusk	2,046	425.00	269.01	694.01	659.99	34.02	
Echt & Skene	1,426	425.00	187.49	612.49	591.22	21.27	
Fintray	578	425.00	76.00	501.00	490.91	10.09	
Inverurie	11,462	425.00	1,507.02	1,932.02	1,734.62	197.40	
Kemnay	3,545	425.00	466.09	891.09	830.89	60.20	
Kinellar	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	697.46	-697.46	
Kintore & District	3,893	425.00	511.85	936.85	877.04	59.81	118.00
Newmachar	3,252	425.00	427.57	852.57	796.39	56.18	
Westhill & Elrick	9,095	425.00	1,195.81	1,620.81	1,472.90	147.91	
	40,493	3,825.00	5,324.00	9,149.00	9,183.02	-34.02	

* will be taken off the admin grant before it is released to the Community Council