

The Highland Council

Inverness Common Good Fund Grants Sub-Committee 29 July 2013

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| Agenda Item | 5 |
| Report No | GSC/08/13 |

MacDonald Park Play Area Improvement Project

Report by Area Roads and Community Works Manager Inverness, Nairn and Badenoch and Strathspey

Summary

A grant of £20,000 is requested to complete a funding package for re-commissioning the play area in MacDonald Park in Lochardil, Inverness.

1. Background

- 1.1 MacDonald Park is located in the Lochardil area of Inverness. An expansive open space of 3.33 hectares the Park is a focal point within the local community. MacDonald Park is an Education, Culture and Sport Service asset maintained by TEC Services.
- 1.2 In recent years the Council has worked closely with Lochardil and Drummond Community Council to improve the Park facilities. A perimeter footpath and a pond area have been created, attractively carved wooden benches are situated within the Park and there is currently remedial work in progress on the football pitch.
- 1.3 To complete the improvement programme a final piece of work is required to revive the play area. Feedback from Community Council Members is that although local people value the Park and would wish to use it, the current limited facilities there are insufficiently attractive. According to information the Community Council has gleaned from consultation via Facebook, local parents instead choose to drive their children to other facilities within the City. If the local facilities were improved, the parents would be keen to use them instead.
- 1.4 The play equipment currently installed includes equipment which is either at or approaching the end of the end of operational "life". Some equipment is suffering from corrosion and some items are not installed with safety surfacing.

2. Improvement Plan

- 2.1 To improve the play area TEC Services Area Roads & Community Works has recommended a complete overhaul. This would substantially improve the local facilities, and enable the creation of a separate play area for small children.
- 2.2 Early estimates from suppliers were that this might cost £60-70,000. A scaled-down improvement plan costing in the region of £40,000 would enable a like-for-like replacement of the equipment currently installed but without any additional benefits. The existing site caters primarily for toddlers and young children with limited facilities for older children, hence lack of use and occasional abuse (vandalism, arson).

- 2.3 A desktop purchasing exercise conducted by TEC Services with the approved play equipment suppliers on the Council's framework agreement produced a range of proposals against a set budget of £60,000. A preferred supplier has been identified on the basis of set criteria which include quality and design.
- 2.4 The chosen design (see **Appendix 1**) offers an attractive range of predominantly wooden equipment. All pieces of equipment are to be installed on rubberised safe surfaces throughout and are guaranteed for 20 years. The design encompasses facilities for older children as well as providing the toddlers and younger children with a safe, fenced, area to limit dog fouling within the play zones.
- 2.5 An additional benefit the chosen supplier offers is to remove three existing items (swings, see-saw and an overhead rotating unit) for "recycled" use elsewhere. This would mean that once complete the MacDonald Park play area would be completely new, with materials which are sympathetic to the Park environment.
- 2.6 The Inverness Ness-side Ward Members have committed £30,000 of financial year 2013/14 Ward Discretionary Funds towards a complete revamp of the play area. This is in addition to the funds previously agreed to complete the work on the football pitch and footpath, amounting to £5529.55 (making a total of 62.4% of Ward Funds dedicated to the Park).
- 2.7 TEC Services has committed £10,000 of funds from the Area Roads & Community Works budget allocation (including £5,555 Ward allocation of TEC Services capital funds) to supplement the Ward discretionary funds. A gap of £20,000 remains to complete the funding package.

4. Implications

- 4.1 £20,000 is requested from the Inverness Common Good Fund. TEC Services staff would implement the plan with the supplier.
- 4.2 By enhancing a local resource parents may not drive elsewhere, so there may be a positive environmental impact. There are no legal or risk implications.

Recommendation

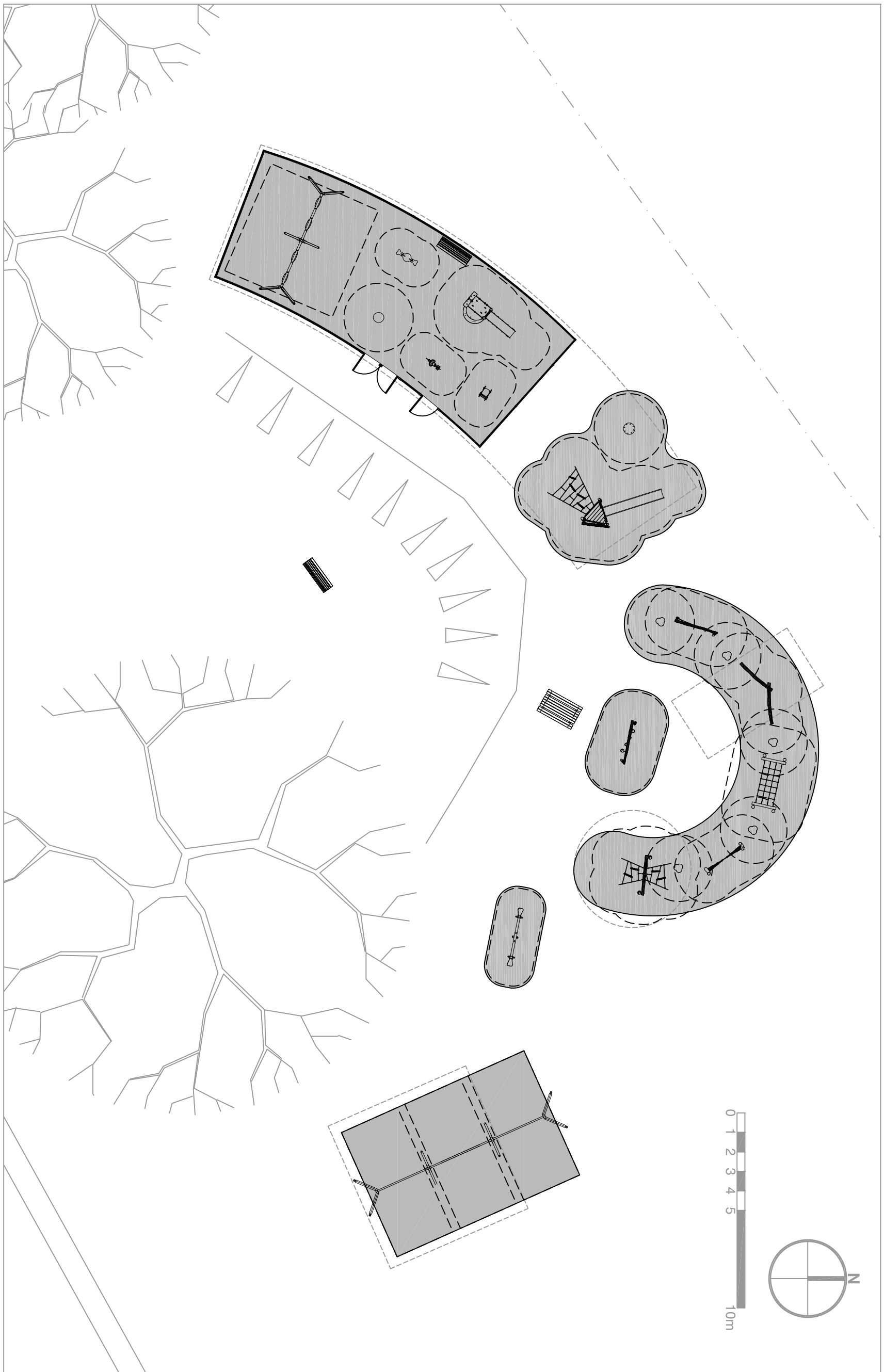
The Sub-Committee is invited to recommend to the City of Inverness Area Committee that funding of £20,000 is committed towards the Project.

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(Inverness, Nairn and Badenoch and Strathspey)

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Background Papers: None





indicative seating/picnic

green rubber mulch safer surface

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1. Kompan triple bay swings, antiwrap/twist, 4 flat seats, 1 basket.
2. Kompan up & over net climber
3. Kompan lilypad stepping pods (5No.)
4. Kompan twisted net climb
5. Kompan balance net
6. Kompan double balance beam walk
7. Kompan tarzan walk
8. Kompan balance poles
9. Kompan wip wip seesaw
10. Kompan rustic climb & Slide Tower for juniors
11. Kompan wacky spinner
12. Kompan ladybird sit in springer
13. Kompan pont seesaw for toddlers
14. Kompan spinner bowl
15. Kompan sit on crazy hen springer
16. Kompan toddler activity unit with interactive panel game
17. Kompan double bay swings, antiwrap/twist, 2 cradle & 2 flat seats

MacDonald Park

Inverness

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strength

agility

wobbling

skill

sliding

role play

climbing

rocking

swinging

social play

4 flat seats

indicative seating/picnic

rocking

spinning

steel slide

basket swing

antiwrap/antitwist bearing



An Application Form for Organisations Applying for Grant and Discretionary Funding from The Highland Council

Please note that all applications must fund activities
that contribute to the Council's priorities

**PLEASE READ APPLICATION GUIDANCE AND
GRANT CRITERIA BEFORE BEGINNING TO
COMPLETE THIS FORM.**

IMPORTANT

Please use this form to apply for grant or discretionary funding or
funding in kind (for example, Council staff time, use of premises or
equipment, waiving of fees or administration support)

Part 1: To be completed by all applicants.

Part 2: To be completed by all applicants apart from questions 2.11 to
2.15 which only require to be completed by applicants requesting
£10,000 or more of support.

Part 3: To be completed by applicants where applicable. For some
funding schemes you may not have additional questions to complete.

Part 4: For all applicants to complete.

Part 5: For all applicants to complete.

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| For official use only | | | |
| Application reference number | | | |

Which of the Council's Grant Funds are you applying to? (tick and use a separate form for each grant applied for)

- Ward Discretionary Fund : Name of ward?.....
- Common Good Fund: Name of fund?.....Conference Subvention Fund
- Village Halls.....
- Arts Promoters.....
- Sports Council Grant Scheme.....
- Tenant Participation.....
- Highland Culture Programme.....
- Climate Change
- Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Community Transport
- Tourism
- Other (please specify).....International Conference.....

Is there a closing date for the fund you are applying to? If yes when is it?....No....

Is the amount you are applying for:

- £3,000 or under
- Under £10,000
- £10,000 or over

Total amount applied for ...£17,500.....

Estimated cost of funding in kind applied for.....

What type of organisation are you?

- Third Sector (voluntary or community) organisation
- Community Council
- Other please specify...Society For Veterinary Epidemiology Preventative
Medicinea) Are you a registered charity? Yes
- No
- If yes, what is your registration number?.....

b) Are you a company limited by guarantee? Yes No
If yes, what is your company number?.....

PART 1: ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION

1.1 What is your organisation's name and address?

Organisation name

The Society for Veterinary Epidemiology and Preventative Medicine (SVEPM)

Organisation address

c/o Koen Mintiens, Secretary of Society
AVia - Gis BVBA, Tisschotlei, 33, B2980, Zoersel, Belgium

Postcode

Website

<http://www.svepm.org.uk/>

Council Ward (see guidance note to clarify which Council Ward the project or activity will cover)

Inverness City

1.2 Who is the main contact for this application? (They must have a good knowledge of the organisation and this application)

Name

Title: Professor Forename/s: George J. Surname: Gunn

Position in organisation:

Head of Epidemiology, Professor of Population Medicine and Zoonoses

Address

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Email address

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Does the main contact have any communication needs? E.g. textphone, sign language, large print? YES NO

If yes, what are they? (maximum 20 words)

PART 1: ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION

- 1.3 a) When did your organisation start? Month...AprilYear.....1982.....
- b) What geographic areas and/or communities of interest (e.g. Young people, people with disabilities, older people, people from an ethnic minority background) does your organisation cover?

SVEPM is a European Society comprising about 400 veterinary and non-veterinary members from 24 countries.

The Society supports young international researchers with career development in this specialised field – including sponsorship to attend the international annual meeting.

- c) Is there any restriction on who can join your organisation?

Yes No If yes, what are they and why do you have them?

No

- d) How many people are on your governing body or management committee?
...10...

- e) Are there Highland Council Elected Members or Officers or Community Councillors on or attending your Management Committee or Board? (*please note that this will not affect your application*)

Yes No

If yes, please provide names:

| Highland Council Elected Members | Role i.e. Office Bearer, Voting Member, Ex-official / advisory, other |
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| Community Councillors | Role i.e. Office Bearer, Voting Member, Ex-official, other |
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| Council Officers | Role i.e. Office Bearer, Voting Member, Ex-official, other |
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1.4 Does or has your organisation receive(d) any other funding from The Highland Council? Please provide information relating to Council funding for the last 3 years:

Yes

No

If yes –

a) What is/was it for, and from which Service or Ward budget was it provided?

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| Year 1: |
| Year 2: |
| Year 3: |

b) How much funding do/did you receive?

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| Year 1: |
| Year 2: |
| Year 3: |

c) Estimated value of existing funding in kind, and from which Service or Ward budget was/is it provided?

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| Year 1: |
| Year 2: |
| Year 3: |

PART 2: ABOUT YOUR ACTIVITIES OR PROJECT

2.1 What is the name of your activity or project?

The Society for Veterinary Epidemiology and Preventative Medicine AGM and Annual Conference

2.2 When will your activity or project take place? (specifically those for which you are seeking a grant from The Highland Council)

Start date (month and year).....March 2016.....

End date (month and year).....March 2016.....

Location.....Eden Court Theatre / Inverness

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2.3 What activity or project do you want us to support?

For example:

- *Aims of the project and how you are going to do it*
- *Help with running costs or for a specific project or activity?*
- *Who will benefit*

Please note that the Council will be unable to provide any resources not specified on this form or supporting information.

Aims of the Conference

The SVEPM conference aims to bring 275 delegates from all over the world to Inverness for 3 days in March 2016.

This conference focuses on the control of important animal diseases such as Foot and Mouth Diseases, SBV and bluetongue which affect today's society and also some animal diseases that affect humans such as BSE and Avian Influenza.

With many of these topics in the headlines it is usual for this conference to generate additional publicity through TV coverage

Scotland's Rural College (SRUC), formally SAC (Scottish Agricultural College) who will host this conference, are planning to relocate to the new University of the Highlands Inverness campus. By hosting the conference in 2016 there will be the opportunity for delegates to conduct a site visit to the new facility and for the SRUC to showcase its work to fellow professionals from across the globe. SRUC also Direct the Scottish Government's Centre of Expertise on Animal Disease Outbreaks from Inverness and holding the conference in Inverness will help profile this.

SVEPM attracts up to 275 delegates, 75% of whom will be from outwith the UK including The Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and various African, Asian and South American delegates.

The conference has already received a personalised letter of support from the Minister for Tourism, Fergus Ewing (see attached).

Help with running costs or for a specific project or activity?

Historically, the conference has been held in cities all over Europe including Madrid, Helsinki and Dublin. In 2016 there is stiff competition to host this event from other destinations including Cambridge. The local Ambassador Professor George Gunn who is making the bid is keen to make the Inverness bid as attractive as possible to the committee.

Part of the funding will be used to offset the main costs of the venue - Eden Court.

If the bid is won then the local organising committee will also need to be set up to put in time and effort to ensure that the conference the delegate target are met and the overall programme is a success. The organisers are all also employed full time so this would be over and above normal work commitments.

The funding applied for will be used to engage the services of a local event organiser to assist with the more practical elements of the conference such as delegate registration and accommodation, ensuring the committee concentrates on the programming.

Who Will Benefit?

The SVEPM conference lies within the *Life Science & Medical Sector* which is one of Scottish Government' key sectors and one that both Highland Council and HIE work toward.

It is the aim of the organiser that any financial support is also ploughed back into the local economy.

Nationally agreed economic multipliers for business tourism used by VisitScotland to estimate the economic benefit of a conference shows that each international delegate will spend £407 per day during their visit, equating to £335,775 (275 x 3 x £407) for the conference.

This spend is not just in the main venue but in local hotels, restaurants, shops and local visitor attractions. By their nature overseas delegates often choose to extend their stay and many will take family which will mean added economic benefit for the area.

In March 2012, Scottish Government launched a National Bid Fund which has pledged £2 million over 3 year to support conferences being attracted to Scotland. To date Inverness has not taken advantage of this fund. Should this application be successful then Inverness will benefit from matched funding of up to £30 per delegate, a total of £8250.

As mentioned previously, by hosting the conference SRUC will not only be able to showcase its work to fellow professionals from across the globe, but also local (Scottish) veterinary epidemiologists will benefit from being able to attend this event for career development and networking.

PART 2: ABOUT YOUR ACTIVITIES OR PROJECT

2.4 Does your activity or project involve building or landscaping work?

Yes No

If yes please answer both a) and b) below.

a) Does your organisation (Tick one option below):

Have ownership of the land or building Yes No
or

Hold at lease of at least 5 years that cannot be ended by the landlord?

Yes No

b) Is planning permission needed for your project? Tick one option below.

Planning permission not required

Planning permission required and has been granted

2.5 Please tell us if:

- excluded, under represented and vulnerable groups are likely to face barriers to benefit from your project; and,
- how you intend to tackle these barriers.

In particular, please indicate whether you think there are likely to be any barriers in relation to equalities issues (i.e. in relation to age, disability, faith, gender, race or sexual orientation) and how you intend to tackle these barriers:

PART 2: ABOUT YOUR ACTIVITIES OR PROJECT

- 2.6 Where relevant and appropriate please describe any contribution your project may make towards promotion of the Gaelic language?

The conference will be hosting two evening reception and a Ceilidh which will provide an opportunity to have local traditional entertainment.

- 2.7 Please tell us if you have spoken to anyone about your application for advice and support – e.g. Local Highland Council Elected Member, Community Council Member, Council Staff, local Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) – If yes, please provide details:

No discussion has take place.

- 2.8 Please tell us about any funding in kind you are seeking from the Council:

| Detail i.e. premises, facilities, staff time, waiving of fees | Estimated value |
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- 2.9 Please tell us about any funding in kind you have accessed or are seeking from other organisations

| Detail | Organisation | Estimated Value |
|---|---------------|-----------------|
| National Bid Fund | VisitScotland | £8250 |
| Industry related organisations will be approached for sponsorship | TBC | Approx £500 |
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PART 2: ABOUT YOUR ACTIVITIES OR PROJECT

2.10 How much will your activities or project cost and how much do you require from The Highland Council? Please give a breakdown of costs and tell us what your organisation is contributing, or either have applied for or received from anyone else for this project?

| Item or Activity | Breakdown of Total Costs | Year 1 | Year 2* | Year 3* | Total |
|---|--|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| Staff | Conference Organisations | 7500 | | | |
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| Other Costs e.g. property costs, transport, equipment, insurance, marketing | Venue Hire | 10000 | | | |
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| Total Project Cost | | | | | |
| Other Funding relating to this project (including own resources and income) Continue on separate sheet if required | National Bid Fund | £8250 | | | |
| | Successful <input type="checkbox"/> Unsuccessful <input type="checkbox"/> Awaiting Decision <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | |
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| Total Funding Request The Highland Council | How much is being applied for within this application? | £17,500 | | | |
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***See guidance notes for specific funding stream to see if you are able to apply for more than one year of funding.**

PART 2: ABOUT YOUR ACTIVITIES OR PROJECT

PLEASE COMPLETE QUESTIONS 2.11 TO 2.15 ONLY IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR £10,000 OR MORE RESOURCES PER YEAR (cash / reduced lets, in kind)

- 2.11 Please tell us how you know that there is a need for this activity or project and how your approach will meet this need. This might include:
- Community support for your project (e.g. surveys, etc.)
 - Statistics which show the need for your project (e.g. unemployment figures, crime statistics)
 - Evidence from similar projects which shows that they have worked (e.g. research from elsewhere or evaluations of previous local work)

The city of Inverness has an objective to increase bed-nights and overall visitor spend.

The SVEPM will attract 275 delegate, up to 75% of whom will be from outwith the UK including The Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and various African and South American delegates.

The spend by these delegates is estimate at £514 per delegate per day, as calculated by VisitScotland's business tourism multipliers. The values of this event is $£514 \times 275 \text{ delegates} \times 3 \text{ days} = £335,775$.

Being held around Easter this helping to boost the local economy in a quieter time outwith the peak tourist season

Conference delegates are higher spend than leisure visitors. Spend per night by business visitors is 1.5 times higher than that of leisure.

Overseas visitors also have the propensity to extend their stay and take partners to the Highlands with them.

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- 2.12 Is this a new or additional activity or project? – Yes No

If yes, what change will your activities or project make in your community?

This is not a new conference but it is would be the first time that Inverness has hosted this particular conference.

PART 2: ABOUT YOUR ACTIVITIES OR PROJECT

If No, how has your activities or project been funded in the last three years?

2.13 Please tell us how you will know that your activities or project is working and that you are benefiting your community. You only need to provide targets for the years in which your project will operate. See the detailed guidance for examples of targets.

| Service you are providing | How you will know you have made the change | | |
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| | Year 1 Measurable Outcome | Year 2 Measurable Outcome | Year 3 Measurable Outcome |
| | Target of 275 delegates | | |
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2.14 How will the grant help the Council achieve its goals and objectives? (as stated in guidance):

2.15 If it is intended that this activity or project continue beyond the period of Council support, how will it be funded?

Not applicable

PART 3: SPECIFIC QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE GRANT FUND WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING TO (*Name of fund to be inserted*)

3.1

Minister for Energy, Enterprise and Tourism
Fergus Ewing MSP

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Our ref: A5481855

14th March 2013

Dear Koen Mintiens,

As Minister for Energy, Enterprise and Tourism I am delighted to hear that Inverness are putting forward a bid to host the Society for Veterinary Epidemiology and Preventative Medicine Conference in 2016.

Scotland is a leading conference destination and has a proven track record in hosting such prestigious events. Our facilities and professionalism are acknowledged by the meetings industry world-wide. Inverness is ideally situated to hold such conferences. In addition, there are outstanding leisure based tourism opportunities focussing on key assets like the many golf courses, castles and whisky distilleries and, of course, our natural landscapes and wildlife.

I know that all the partners in Inverness will work to ensure delegates are given every assistance to make the most of their visit to Scotland. Naturally, we hope that many will choose to extend their stay to experience the nature, heritage, culture and activities that can be found throughout Scotland. We would also wish to ensure that delegates had every opportunity to engage with relevant enterprises and professional colleagues within Scotland, in order to help advance the aims of the SVEPM.

Should Inverness be selected as the venue, you can be assured of the warmest welcome and their support in making this an event to remember.

Fergus Ewing

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PS As the Local Member of the Scottish Parliament for

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inverness I would love to welcome you

