

The Highland Council

City of Inverness Area Committee – 2 December 2014

Agenda Item	16(f)
Report No	CIA/73/14

Inverness Common Good Fund Grant and Capital Projects

Report by the Inverness City Manager

Summary

This report sets out the current applications for grant funding to be determined and the current status of capital projects.

1. Grants and Capital Projects

1.1 The current summary of funds available following the Grants Sub-Committee meeting on 10 November 2014 is set out in **Appendix 1**.

1.2 **Booklet A** includes details of current grant applications for more than £10,000. Members are invited to consider the following applications:

- 1) **Highland Rugby Club**: The Grants Sub Committee recommended approval of a grant of £10,000.
- 2) **Merkinch Community Centre**: The Grants Sub Committee has recommended approval of match funding if the pending application to the Resources Committee for £15,000 from the Capital Discretionary Fund is approved.

1.3 **Appendix 2** details the current status of capital projects.

Recommendation

The Committee is invited to:

- (i) consider the applications for funding;
- (ii) approve expenditure of £15,000 towards replacing the Town House Car Park Barriers

Designation: Inverness City Manager

Date: 18 November 2014

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APPENDIX 1

**Inverness Common Good Fund
Available Resource for Allocation**

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Budget Balance Available - Grants	350,000
(Committed from previous financial years)	160,904
	510,904

Committee Date	Category	Award	Total for meeting	
(Committed from previous financial years)	Grants < £10k	54,404		
	Grants > £10k	106,500		
			<u>160,904</u>	350,000
12/05/2014 Grants Sub-Committee	Grants ≤ £10k	50,950	<u>50,950</u>	299,050
03/06/2014 City of Inverness Area Committee	Grants < £10k	9,900		
	Grants > £10k	30,000	<u>39,900</u>	259,150
11/08/14 Grants Sub-Committee	Grants ≤ £10k	35,631	35,631	223,519
02/09/2014 City of Inverness Area Committee	Grants >£10K	110,347	110,347	113,172
	Set Aside for Winter Payments	52,000	52,000	61,172
10/11/14 Grants Sub-Committee	Grants < £10K	17,586		
Recommended for Approval	Grants > £10K	25,000	<u>42,586</u>	18,586

Budget Balance Available - Subvention	40,000
(Committed from previous financial years)	23,000
	63,000

Committee Date	Category	Award	Total for meeting
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(Committed from previous financial years)	Subvention	28,018	<u>28,018</u>	34,982
12/05/2014 Grants Sub-Committee	Subvention	10,000	<u>10,000</u>	24,982
11/08/2014 Grants Sub-Committee	Subvention	4,500	<u>4,500</u>	20,482

Capital Projects Funded by Inverness Common Good Fund

1 General

- 1.1 This appendix provides project status information for current key capital projects funded by the Inverness Common Good Fund, including financial progress details, as of 11 November 2014.

2 Capital Programme Update

- 2.1 The current status of each individual project is summarised below.

2.2 Conservation of External Fabric, Town House, Inverness

- 2.2.1 Addendum report attached

2.3 Replacement of High Level Windows, Market Arcade, Victorian Market

- 2.3.1 The contract was completed on the 23 May 2014 and the defects liability period will end on the 22 May 2015.

The Inverness Common Good Fund budget for 2014/15 is £42,000

Agreed Total Council Funding	£81,000
Anticipated Final Account	£81,000

2.4 Refurbishment 1-5 Church Street, Inverness

- 2.4.1 Addendum report attached

2.5 Replacement of Car Park Barriers, Town House

- 2.5.1 The City of Inverness Area Committee held in December 2013, agreed to defer the allocation of £12,000 to a refurbishment of the Town House Car Park Barrier system. The Car Park Barriers have now reached the end of their working life, they are 8 years old and have over the past few months continually failed on a weekly basis. This is now causing issues with road traffic congestion on Castle Street and requires to be addressed as a matter of urgency.

The estimated cost to replace the barriers is £15,000. Funding can be met from the Town House maintenance cost centre.

3. Governance

- 3.1 These projects are funded by the Inverness Common Good Fund and monthly Contract Monitoring reports will be issued to the Inverness City Manager, in line with governance arrangements.