

**THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL
CAITHNESS AND SUTHERLAND AREA COMMITTEE**

10 February 2015

Agenda Item	13.
Report No	CS/11/15

**Dornoch Common Good Quarterly Monitoring Report
1 April 2014 to 31 December 2014**

Report by the Head of Policy and Performance

Summary

This report provides Members with information on the status of the Dornoch Common Good Fund at 31 December 2014.

1. Background

1.1 Attached to this report is a monitoring report showing income and expenditure on Dornoch Common Good Fund for Quarters 1, 2 and 3 of the current Financial Year.

2. Income

2.1 The income for the year is slightly more than anticipated with an estimated variance of £550.

3. Expenditure

3.1 Spend on property costs is within budget. However Members will see that a £13,000 overspend is anticipated in relation to Grants and Contributions. This is as a result of the £15,000 grant awarded to Dornoch Area Community Interest Company for the Discover Dornoch project as agreed by Caithness and Sutherland Area Committee on 9 December 2014. Members will recall that this project was considered to be sufficiently significant to justify drawing on reserves as it both promotes Dornoch (not least on behalf of 71 subscribing businesses) to potential visitors and secured significant match funding

4. Implications

4.1 Overall members will see from the monitoring statement that a deficit of £12,450 is anticipated at the end of the year. As noted above this is due to the significant grant award made to Discover Dornoch. There are sufficient reserves to cover the overspend. Clearly regular annual deficits would be a matter of concern and would result in an unacceptable depletion of the usable reserves which stood at £218,538 at the end of March 2014. However in this case the overspend is a result of a one off grant in a case where the benefits of the grant and leverage it provided were regarded as sufficient to justify the award. It will not create ongoing reductions.

- 4.2 Members are referred to Note 1 on the Appendix which lists the projects funded in the current Financial Year.
- 4.3 There are no Equalities, Climate Change/Carbon Clever, Legal, Financial, Gaelic or Rural Implications.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to note the position of the Dornoch Common Good Fund at 31 December 2014.

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Background Papers: Dornoch Common Good Monitoring Report 31 December 2014

Appendix One

Dornoch Common Good - Quarterly Monitoring (Q3) Period to 31 December 2014

INCOME	Actual to date £	Budget £	Estimated Outturn £	Estimated Variance £
Rents	21,780	21,530	21,780	250
Sale of land & buildings	300	-	300	300
Interest and investment income	-	1,000	1,000	-
TOTAL INCOME	22,080	22,530	23,080	550
EXPENDITURE				
Grants & contributions	6,000	17,000	30,000	13,000
Property costs	920	4,900	4,900	-
Central support	-	100	100	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	6,920	22,000	35,000	13,000
Income less Expenditure	<u>15,160</u>	<u>530</u>	<u>(11,920)</u>	<u>(12,450)</u>

Note 1: Grants and Contributions

Project	Amount
Dornoch Area Community Interest Co. – Brand Development	£5,000
Dornoch and District Community Association – Glebe Field Legal Fees	£1,000
Dornoch Pipe Band – Uniforms	£4,000
Dornoch Bowling Club – Clubhouse Refurbishment	£5,000
Dornoch Area Community Interest Co. – Discover Dornoch	£15,000
Total	£30,000