

**The Highland Council**

**City of Inverness Area Committee – 2 June 2015**

Agenda Item	13(b)
Report No	CIA/33/15

**Inverness Common Good Fund  
Grant and Capital Projects**

**Report by the Inverness City Area 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 11 May 2015 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 application:

- 1) **Highland Council – Inverness Car Club:** The Grants Sub Committee recommended deferral of this application for further information. The applicants have since withdrawn the application until the requested information is available.
- 2) **Uniqueness Tourism BID Ltd:** The Grants Sub-Committee recommended approval of a Grant of £20,000 from the Subvention Budget.

1.3 **Appendix 3** details the current status of capital projects.

**Recommendation**

The Committee is invited to:

- (i) consider the application for funding;
- (ii) scrutinise the current status of capital projects;

Designation: Inverness City Area Manager

Date: 18 May 2015

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**APPENDIX 1**

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

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2015/16 Budget Balance Available - <b>Grants</b>	350,000
Committed from 2014/15	122,000
	<b>472,000</b>

<b>Committee Date</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Total for meeting</b>	
Grants Committed from previous financial years		122,000	<u>122,000</u>	350,000
11/05/15 Grants Sub-Committee	Grants < £10K	99,250	<u>99,250</u>	250,750

Budget Balance Available - <b>Tourism Development and Subvention</b>	40,000
Committed from 2014/15	13,750
	<b>53,750</b>

<b>Committee Date</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Total for meeting</b>	
Grants Committed from previous financial years	Subvention	13,750	<u>13,750</u>	40,000
11/05/15 Grants Sub-Committee				

## 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 18 May 2015.

### 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 The project was approved at Full Council Committee on the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2014. The contractor was then accepted on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

The works commenced on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015 and the completion date is 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

The project is on programme with no issues to report.

The building wrap design has now been agreed and is currently being made, it is anticipated that it will be in place early June 2015.

Agreed Total Council Funding	£1,500,174
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#### 2.3 Refurbishment 1-5 Church Street, Inverness

- 2.3.1 The project was approved at Full Council Committee on the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2014. The contractor was then accepted on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

The works commenced on site on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015 with a completion date of 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016.

Additional works have been requested by Skills Development Scotland, this will involve extending the mezzanine floor over all the ground floor area. This will require substantial changes to the Mechanical & Electrical designs and amendments to the floor layouts. The change to the contract will increase cost, the contract period will also extend from October to December. The reason for this change is for the inclusion of the Science Academy into 1-5 Church Street on the ground floor.

All additional costs will be funded by Skills Development Scotland.

Agreed Total Council Funding	£1,867,189
Anticipated Final Account	£1,867,189

**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 Area Manager, in line with governance arrangements.