

## The Highland Council

City of Inverness Area Committee – 3 December 2015

Agenda Item	15(b)
Report No	CIA/68/15

### Inverness Common Good Fund Financial Monitoring

#### Report by the Inverness City Area Manager

##### Summary

This report presents the expenditure monitoring position for the Inverness Common Good Fund as at 31 October 2015 and the projected year end position.

#### 1. Introduction

1.1 This report is produced in support of the Council's corporate governance process. The purpose of the report is to advise members of the anticipated financial position against the agreed budget at the end of financial year 2015/16. **Appendix 1** shows income and expenditure to 31 October 2015, the predicted year end outturn and the predicted variance.

1.2 Comments on significant variances (i.e. greater than £0.005m per cost centre):

(i) *Income*

Additional income totalling £0.046m has been received from a grant refund and a compensatory payment.

(ii) *Ness Islands and Bank Maintenance*

As per the Ness Islands Management Plan a 9-yearly structural inspection was commissioned this year. The engineering report has highlighted structural issues that require attention. Some repairs to the river banks and footpaths require attention before the end of this financial year. The proposal is to address the other issues highlighted, including work on bridge structures, as part of an improvement project to be delivered in financial year 2016/17. Further details of the work required and the potential financial implications are to be provided in a future report. The implication for the current year expenditure is a likely overspend of £0.022m.

(iii) *Inverness Common Good Fund Grants*

The estimated underspend of £0.062m relates to projects where funding has been agreed before or during 2015/16 but where the delivery of the project and all or part of the actual expenditure is not now expected to take place before the end of the current financial year.

(iv) *Subventions - Conference Grants*

The estimated underspend of £0.024m relates to conferences where funding has been agreed before or during 2015/16 but where the event and all or part of the actual expenditure is expected to take place after the end of the current financial year.

(v) *City Promotions*

The estimated outturn of £0.015m is principally due to additional unanticipated

expenditure including the City Centre promotions programme agreed after the Academy Street Fire and the Scottish Cup-winning celebrations. Every effort will be made to keep spend against this budget to a minimum for the remainder of the financial year.

## **2. Overview**

- 2.1 At this stage in the financial year the overall budget is projected to be underspent by £0.095m. This is due to the combined effect of additional Income of £0.046m and a projected net underspend of £0.049m on Expenditure items.

## **3. Implications**

- 3.1 The report details the financial resource implications. There are no other resource implications. There are no Equalities, Climate Change/Carbon Clever, Legal, Gaelic, Risk or Rural Implications.

### **Recommendation**

The Committee is invited to consider the financial monitoring report.

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**APPENDIX 1**  
**MONITORING STATEMENT 2015/16**  
**INVERNESS COMMON GOOD FUND**  
**FOR PERIOD ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2015**

	ACTUAL YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	ESTIMATED OUTTURN	ESTIMATED VARIANCE
	£000	£000	£000	£000
<b>INCOME</b>				
<b>Rents</b>				
Industrial Estates	1,014	1,435	1,435	0
Victorian Market	156	284	284	0
Town House	0	253	253	0
Other Properties	22	50	50	0
Grant Refund - Creative Scotland	28	0	28	(28)
Compensatory Payment	18	0	18	(18)
	<u>1,238</u>	<u>2,022</u>	<u>2,068</u>	<u>(46)</u>
<b>Other Income</b>				
Contribution to Grants from Reserves	0	148	148	0
Interest on Revenue Balances	0	5	5	0
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<u>1,238</u>	<u>2,175</u>	<u>2,221</u>	<u>(46)</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Victorian Market	70	185	185	0
Town House Maintenance	62	100	100	0
Other Properties	28	130	130	0
Civic and Conference Hospitality	68	132	132	0
Ness Islands & Bank Maintenance	0	35	57	22
Festive Lights	0	65	65	0
Town Twinning	1	9	9	0
Winter Payments	0	85	85	0
Inverness Common Good Fund Grants	103	472	410	(62)
Subventions- Conference Grants	1	54	30	(24)
City Promotions	36	34	49	15
Disabled Go Project (2013-18)	8	8	8	0
Castle Wynd Conveniences	15	16	16	0
Partnership Working - BID	50	112	112	0
Events & Festivals	84	320	320	0
CCTV	0	90	90	0
Property Management Fees	0	121	121	0
Central Support Charge	0	60	60	0
Other Charges	0	14	14	0
Town House Other Costs	8	11	11	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<u>534</u>	<u>2,053</u>	<u>2,004</u>	<u>(49)</u>
<b>Income Less Expenditure</b>	<u>704</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>217</u>	<u>(95)</u>
<b>PROJECTS</b>				
Town House Refurbishment	626	1,376	1,376	0
Refurbishment 1-5 Church Street	837	1,713	1,713	0
Inverness Castle	0	100	100	0
Inverness City Arts Project	0	175	175	0
Victorian Market - Opportunities for Improvement	4	50	50	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL PROJECTS</b>	<u>1,467</u>	<u>3,414</u>	<u>3,414</u>	<u>0</u>