

## The Highland Council

City of Inverness Area Committee – 3 March 2016

Agenda Item	16(a)
Report No	RES/17/16

### 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 January 2016 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 January 2016, 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) *Victorian Market*

The maintenance has mostly been reactive during the current financial year while decisions on the future management arrangements have been pending. An underspend of £0.045m is projected.

(iii) *Other Properties*

While some work remains pending (including maintenance work at Forbes Fountain and Cromwell's Tower) an underspend of £0.060m. is projected. Work on Other Properties has also tended to be reactive in previous years, a planned maintenance programme is to be developed in future.

(iv) *Ness Islands and Bank Maintenance*

Following the 9-yearly structural inspection a likely overspend of £0.022m was reported to the Committee in December 2015 for repairs to the river banks and footpaths before the end of this financial year.

(v) *Inverness Common Good Fund Grants*

The estimated underspend of £0.157m 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.

(vi) *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.

(vii) *City Promotions*

As reported to the Committee in December 2015 the estimated overspend 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.

(viii) *Inverness City Arts Project*

The estimated underspend of £0.155m is to be carried forward to the next financial year.

(ix) *Victorian Market – Opportunities for Improvement*

The estimated underspend of £0.037m is to be carried forward to the next financial year.

## **2. Overview**

- 2.1 At this stage in the financial year the overall budget is projected to be underspent by £0.492m. This is due to the combined effect of additional Income of £0.046m and a projected net underspend of £0.446m on Expenditure items, including Projects.

## **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 JANUARY 2016**

	ACTUAL YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	ESTIMATED OUTTURN	ESTIMATED VARIANCE
	£000	£000	£000	£000
<b>INCOME</b>				
<b>Rents</b>				
Industrial Estates	1,280	1,435	1,435	0
Victorian Market	231	284	284	0
Town House	253	253	253	0
Other Properties	29	50	50	0
Grant Refund - Creative Scotland	28	0	28	(28)
Compensatory Payment	18	0	18	(18)
	<u>1,839</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>1,839</u>	<u>2,175</u>	<u>2,221</u>	<u>(46)</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Victorian Market	108	185	140	(45)
Town House Maintenance	76	100	100	0
Other Properties	39	130	70	(60)
Civic and Conference Hospitality	118	132	132	0
Ness Islands & Bank Maintenance	0	35	57	22
Festive Lights	0	65	65	0
Town Twinning	2	9	7	(2)
Winter Payments	82	85	85	0
Inverness Common Good Fund Grants	127	472	315	(157)
Subventions- Conference Grants	25	54	30	(24)
City Promotions	43	34	49	15
Disabled Go Project (2013-18)	8	8	8	0
Castle Wynd Conveniences	15	16	16	0
Partnership Working - BID	93	112	109	(3)
Events & Festivals	278	320	320	0
CCTV	0	90	90	0
Property Management Fees	121	121	121	0
Central Support Charge	0	60	60	0
Other Charges	0	14	14	0
Town House Other Costs	10	11	11	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<u>1,145</u>	<u>2,053</u>	<u>1,799</u>	<u>(254)</u>
<b>Income Less Expenditure</b>	<u>694</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>422</u>	<u>(300)</u>
<b>PROJECTS</b>				
Town House Refurbishment	922	1,376	1,376	0
Refurbishment 1-5 Church Street	1,508	1,713	1,713	0
Inverness Castle	0	100	100	0
Inverness City Arts Project	0	175	20	(155)
Victorian Market - Opportunities for Improvement	13	50	13	(37)
<b>TOTAL PROJECTS</b>	<u>2,443</u>	<u>3,414</u>	<u>3,222</u>	<u>(192)</u>