

The Highland Council

City of Inverness Area Committee – 3 March 2016

Agenda Item	16(b)
Report No	CIA/18/16

**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 15 February 2016 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 Skate Parks Association:** The Grants Sub-Committee recommend approval of a Grant of £30,000 towards the capital costs of an Inverness Bike Park;
 - 2) **Everything Baby:** The Grants Sub-Committee recommend declining this application towards the Play Highland project – Grant of £14,040 requested;
 - 3) **Highland Print Studio:** The Grants Sub-Committee recommend approval of a Grant of £9,000 towards the development of a high grade digital imaging facility. A Grant of £15,272 was requested.
 - 4) **Inverness BID:** The Grants Sub-Committee recommended approval of the applications submitted by Inverness BID:
 - a. Operation Respect Easter/Summer 2016 - £5,790
 - b. Inverness Community Safety Partnership - £10,000
 - c. Inverness Gull Project - £12,000
 - d. City of Inverness Floral Displays 2016 - £54,800
 - e. Inverness Street Festival - £7,000
 - f. Coach Ambassador - £11,250If the Committee approves the application funding would be from the “BID Partnership” cost centre.
- 1.3 If all recommendations of the Grants Sub Committee are approved a balance of £14,177 will remain.
- 1.4 **Appendix 2** details the current status of capital projects.

Recommendation

The Committee is invited to:

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

Designation: Inverness City Area Manager

Date: 18 February 2016

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APPENDIX 1

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

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

Committee Date	Category	Award	Total for meeting	
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
17/8/15 Grants Sub-Committee	Grants < £10K	57,366	<u>57,366</u>	193,384
10/9/15 City of Inverness Area Committee	Grants > £10K	4,000	<u>4,000</u>	189,384
10/9/15 City of Inverness Area Committee	Grants <£10K	8,119	<u>8,119</u>	181,265
09/11/15 Grants Sub-Committee	Grants < £10K	50,550	<u>50,550</u>	130,715
03/12/15 City of Inverness Area Committee	Grants > £10K	41,308	<u>41,308</u>	89,407
15/02/16 Grants Sub Committee	Grants < £10K	36,230	<u>36,230</u>	53,177
Recommended for Approval				

Grants > £10K	39,000	<u>39,000</u>	14,177
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Budget Balance Available - Tourism Development and Subvention			40,000
Committed from 2014/15			13,750
			53,750

Committee Date	Category	Award	Total for meeting	
Grants Committed from previous financial years	Subvention	13,750	<u>13,750</u>	40,000
02/06/15 Inverness City Committee	Grants > £10K	20,000	<u>20,000</u>	20,000
17/08/15 Grants Sub-Committee	Grants < £10K	8,145	<u>8,145</u>	11,855
10/9/15 City of Inverness Area Committee	Grants > £10K	8,000	<u>8,000</u>	3,855
15/02/16 Grants Sub Committee	Grants < £10K	2,000	<u>2,000</u>	1,855

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 15 February 2016.

2 Capital Programme Update

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

2.2 Conservation of External Fabric Phase 1, Town House, Inverness

- 2.2.1 The project was approved at Full Council Committee on the 18th December 2014. The contractor was then accepted on the 6th January 2015.

The works commenced on Monday 23rd February 2015 and the completion date is 18st March 2016.

The project is progressing well with no issues to report.

Agreed Total Council Funding	£1,500,174
Anticipated Final Account	£1,500,174

2.3 Refurbishment 1-5 Church Street, Inverness

- 2.3.1 The contract was completed on the 15 January 2016 and the defects liability period will end on the 14 January 2017

The final account is currently being evaluated and we forecast being within tender figure.

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

2.4 Conservation of External Fabric Phase 2, Town House, Inverness

- 2.4.2 The project was approved at City of Inverness Committee on the 3rd December 2015. The contractor was then accepted on the 8th January 2016.

The works will commence on site Monday 21st March 2016 and the completion date is 31 March 2017.

The project is progressing well with no issues to report.

Agreed Total Council Funding	£1,752,908
Anticipated Final Account	£1,752,908

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.