

The Highland Council

City of Inverness Area Committee – 2 June 2016

Agenda Item	14(b)
Report No	CIA/31/16

**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 9 May 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) **Raigmore Primary School:** The Grants Sub-Committee recommend rejection towards an outdoor classroom and gym – grant of £18,500 requested.
 - 2) **Visit Inverness Loch Ness Ltd:** The Grants Sub-Committee recommend approval of a Grant of £20,000 towards promoting Inverness for Business Tourism.
 - 3) **Partnerships for Wellbeing:** The Grants Sub-Committee recommend approval of a Grant of £10,466 towards the Inverness Voluntary Transport Scheme.
 - 4) **Visit Inverness Loch Ness:** The Grants Sub-Committee recommend approval of a Subvention Grant of £21,600 towards three conferences in Inverness
- 1.3 Members are invited to consider an application from **Visit Inverness Loch Ness** towards the Golf Course Architects International Conference to be held in Inverness in October 2016. A Subvention Grant of £1,800 is requested.
- 1.4 If all recommendations for the Subventions Grants are approved a balance of £6,800 will remain in the budget for 2016/17.
- 1.5 **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: 20 May 2016

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APPENDIX 1

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

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Budget Balance Available - Grants	315,000
Underspend from 2015/16	211,758
	526,758

Committee Date	Category	Award	Total for meeting	
(Committed from previous financial years)	Grants < £10k	95,124		
	Grants > £10k	116,634		
			<u>211,758</u>	315,000
08/05/16 Grants Sub Committee				
	Grants < £10K	48,858	<u>48,858</u>	266,142
Recommended for Approval				
	Grants > £10K	30,466	<u>30,466</u>	235,676

Budget Balance Available - Subvention	30,000
Underspend from 2015/16	25,395
	55,395

Committee Date	Category	Award	Total for meeting	
(Committed from previous financial years)	Subvention			
			<u>25,395</u>	30,000

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 19 May 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 23 February 2015 and the completion date was due for the 18st March 2016. Due to a delay in the supply of windows and delivery of stone from the quarry the project has fallen behind programme, the revised completion date is now 27 May 2016.

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

Agreed Total Council Funding	£1,867,189
Agreed 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 3 December 2015. The contractor was then accepted on the 8th January 2016.

The works were due to commence on site Monday 21 March 2016 with a completion date of 31 March 2017. Due to phase one completion being delayed the revised commencement date was 16 May 2016 with a completion date of 30 June 2017.

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.