

Agenda Item	17(b)
Report No	CIA/22/17

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: City of Inverness Area Committee

Date: 19 June 2017

Report Title: Inverness Common Good Fund
Grant and Capital Projects

Report By: Inverness City Area Manager

Purpose/Executive Summary

This report sets out the current applications for grant funding to be determined and the current status of capital projects.

Recommendations

Members are asked to:

- Consider the application for funding
- Scrutinise the current status of capital projects

2. Grants and Capital Projects

- 2.1 The current summary of funds available following the Grants Sub-Committee meeting on 27 March 2017 is set out in **Appendix 1**.
- 2.2 **Booklet A** includes details of current grant applications for more than £10,000. Members are invited to consider the following application:
- Visit Inverness Loch Ness Ltd (VILN):** The Grant Sub-Committee recommend approval of a grant of £20,000 towards funding support for 2017.
- 2.3 **Appendix 2** details the current status of capital projects.

3. Implications

- 3.1 Resource – Funding is provided by the Inverness Common Good Fund Grants budget for 2017/18

Legal - There are no Legal implications as a result of this report

Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural) - Applications are considered on merit which includes compliance with Council Policies. The need to ensure that the residents of the former Burgh of Inverness are the main beneficiaries is paramount

Climate Change/Carbon Clever - Consideration is given to ensuring that applications meet reasonable expectations in respect of climate change and carbon clever targets

Risk – There are no known risk implications in respect of this report

Gaelic - Applications if successful will be required to meet expectations set by Council Policy in this regard.

Designation: Inverness City Area Manager, Principal Project Manager

Date: 29 May 2017

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Background Papers:

APPENDIX 1

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

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Budget Balance Available - Grants	315,000
Underspend from 2016/17	253,655
	568,655

Committee Date	Category	Award	Total for meeting	
(Committed from previous financial years)	Grants < £10k	138,194		
	Grants > £10k	115,461		
			<u>253,655</u>	315,000
27/03/17 Grants Sub Committee	Grants < £10k	40,461	<u>40,461</u>	274,539
Recommended for Approval	Grants > £10k	20,000	20,000	254,539

Budget Balance Available - Conference Funding	40,000
Underspend from 2016/17	12,330
	52,330

Committee Date	Category	Award	Total for meeting	
(Committed from previous financial years)	Convention		<u>12,330</u>	40,000
27/03/17 Grants Sub Committee	Grants < £10k		9,500	30,500

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 2 February 2017.

2 Capital Programme Update

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

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

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

The total cost of the three additional items discussed at a previous City of Inverness Area Committee at a cost of £150,800 has been instructed. At this stage of the project we still have contingency sums available to cover the majority of these costs but advise that we have used £10,500 of contingencies over the last several weeks as the project has progressed. The worst case scenario still remains in place that additional funding for the full amount might be required but at this stage we are only forecasting the figure below.

The works commenced on Monday 16 May 2016 with a completion date of 30 June 2017. The project is currently on programme but will overrun by 5 weeks due to the additional stonework repairs, the revised completion date will now be 4 August 2017. The quality of workmanship is excellent.

Agreed Total Council Funding	£1,752,908
Anticipated Final Account	£1,769,467

2.3 Merkinch Community Centre, Window Replacements

- 2.3.1 The contract was completed on the 12 May 2017 and the defects liability period will end on the 11 May 2018.

Agreed Total Council Funding	£36,783.10
Anticipated Final Account	£36,783.10

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.