

Agenda Item	<b>13(d)</b>
Report No	<b>CIA/50/17</b>

## **HIGHLAND COUNCIL**

**Committee:** City of Inverness Area Committee

**Date:** 30 November 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 applications:

1. **The Shirlie Project:** The Grant Sub-Committee recommend approval of a grant of £34,200 towards securing the Shirlie Project's presence in Inverness subject to submission of further information confirming outcomes to date and with an update of their Business Plan showing future sustainability. The Shirlie Project have responded and the further information is detailed in Booklet A pages 27-54.

2. **The Royal Society of Edinburgh:** The Grant Sub-Committee recommend approval of a grant of £4,700 towards RSE@Inverness proposed school talks.

3. **Blythswood Care:** The Grant Sub-Committee recommend approval of a grant of £20,000 towards the Highland Foodbank 2018 – Inverness.

## 2.3 Partnership Working

**Inverness BID:** The Grants Sub-Committee recommended approval in principal of the applications submitted by Inverness BID:

a. The City of Inverness Annual Floral Displays - £57,800

b. Operation Respect Easter/Summer 2016 - £6,025

c. Inverness Community Safety Partnership - £9,000

d. Inverness Gull Project - £12,000

e. Coach Ambassador - £9,750

f. Inverness Street Festival - £7,000 with the proviso that consideration is given by the applicant to Programme content with a view to ensuring progressive development.

If the Committee approves the application funding would be from the "Partnership Working" cost centre subject to the approval of the 2018/19 Budget.

2.4 **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.

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Date: 13 November 2017

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Background Papers:

APPENDIX 1

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

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

<b>Committee Date</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Total for meeting</b>	
(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
19/06/17 City of Inverness Area Committee	Grants > £10k	20,000	<u>20,000</u>	254,539
21/08/17 Grants Sub Committee	Grants < £10k	45,040	<u>45,040</u>	209,499
14/09/17 City of Inverness Area Committee	Grants < £10k	7,900	<u>7,900</u>	201,599
06/11/17 Grants Sub Committee	Grants <£10k	24,730	<u>24,730</u>	176,869
Recomeneded for Approval	Grants <£10k	4,700		
	Grants >£10k	54,200	<u>58,900</u>	117,969

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

<b>Committee Date</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Total for meeting</b>	
(Committed from previous financial years)	Convention		<u>12,330</u>	40,000
27/03/17 Grants Sub Committee	Grants < £10k	9,500	<u>9,500</u>	30,500
21/08/17 Grants Sub Committee	Grants <£10k	6,500	<u>6,500</u>	24,000

## 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 14 November 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 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 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 £21,000 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 project had practical completion on Friday 10 November 2017.

The final account is currently being drawn up and will be reported at the next committee.

Agreed Total Council Funding	£1,752,908
Anticipated Final Account	£1,773,908

#### 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

#### 2.4 Conservation of External Fabric Phase 3, Town House, Inverness

- 2.4.1 The project was approved at Full Council Committee on the 21 June 2017.

Detailed planning and working methods have commenced. It is programmed to submit listed Building Consent in November and have tenders issued December 2017

Agreed Total Council Funding	£2,300,000
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**2.5 New Starter Unit, Lotland Street, Inverness**

2.5.1 A design has been appointed and the first design team meeting will take place on 21 November 2017.

Agreed Budget £175,000

**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.