

Agenda Item	5e
Report No	RC/024/16

Tain Common Good – Quarter 1 Monitoring Report

Joint Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Development and the Director of Finance

Summary

This report invites Members to consider the Tain Common Good Fund Quarter 1 Monitoring Statement.

1. Quarter 1 Monitoring Statement

1.1 Appendix 1 of this report contains the Quarter 1 monitoring statement in respect of the Tain Common Good Fund (TCGF) showing income and spend against budget up to 30 June 2016.

2. Income

2.1 The property income received so far is on course with the anticipated outturn slightly increased to £7,150. However there have been no commercial lets of Tain links this summer so the estimated out turn for 'other income' has been reduced from £350 to zero.

2.2 The £19,779 income in relation to the Alexandra Bridge is the third tranche of Historic Environmental Scotland Grant. This payment was received in early April rather than in 2015/16 as originally anticipated. The paperwork to draw down the fourth and final tranche of £9,890 (the last 10%) is currently being finalised. An additional £26,406 of Capital Discretionary Fund has also been awarded. The estimated outturn has therefore been amended to £56,075.

3. Expenditure

3.1 Property Costs – There is little expenditure incurred as yet. This is because the CCTV charge has not yet been made and there has been no other spend as yet.

3.2 Alexandra Bridge – The refurbishment of the Alexandra Bridge is now complete. When the budget was set in February it was known that additional work was required in relation to the bridge parapet, but as the design had not been agreed with Historic Environment Scotland it was not possible to be clear on the cost implications. It was therefore agreed to budget only for the anticipated retention due recognising that an additional budget sum would have to be set once the work required was clarified. The estimated outturn is now anticipated to be £25,450 including retention. This is made up of the £13,587 already paid and the retention and contract management and supervision costs still due.

- 3.3 Mussel Fishery Expenditure – The small expenditure shown to date largely relates to pier dues.
- 3.3.1 Members will recall that in April 2016 the decision was made to cease operating the fishery directly and offer it for a 3rd party lease, to store the boat and ancillary items at Lochinver until local interest was assessed and to agree a programme of sampling and stock assessment for implementation in 2016/17 with an allowance to be made for this within the Common Good Budget.
- 3.3.2 To progress the actions agreed quotes have been sought for the provision of the expert advice and support required. Tenders have been returned but had not yet been fully assessed at the time of writing. An update will be provided to the Committee. The anticipated expenditure outturn will also need to be reviewed in the light of this.
- 3.3.3 Removal of the boat to Lochinver was delayed to allow initial testing of interest in a lease of the boat. However the boat is being moved to the Council owned harbour at Helmsdale. This is because the Helmsdale harbour is more sheltered and a member of staff can monitor the boat and conditions so it is seen as a safer option. The cost of removal will be the cost of the fuel used only so this has minimal impact. Local Ward Members are aware and supportive of this move.

4. Implications

- 4.1 As Members will be aware the Alexandra Bridge refurbishment has required input from the Tain Common Good reserves. The work is now complete, the bridge renovated and in 2016/17 the grant income still due in relation to the Alexandra Bridge refurbishment will be higher than the outstanding expenditure. However in relation to the mussel fishery spend incurred, this is not being offset by income so will impact on Reserves. There is as yet insufficient information to set a realistic budget but steps are being taken to offer the fishery for lease and to either lease or store the boat.
- 4.2 There are resource implications relating to the Mussel Fishery as noted in the report. There are no Equalities, Climate Change/Carbon Clever, Legal, Financial, Gaelic, Risk or Rural Implications.

Recommendation

The Committee is invited to consider the position of the Tain Common Good Fund as shown in the Quarter 1 Monitoring Statement against budget.

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Appendix One

**Tain Common Good - Quarterly
Monitoring (Q1)
Period to 30 June 2016**

Income	Actual to date £	Budget £	Estimated Outturn £	Estimated Variance £
Rents	2,752	6,805	7,150	345
Other income	-	350	-	(350)
Interest and investment income	-	2,175	2,175	-
Alexandra Bridge	<u>19,779</u>	<u>9,890</u>	<u>56,075</u>	<u>46,185</u>
Total Income	22,531	19,220	65,400	46,180
Expenditure				
Property costs	850	30,500	30,500	-
Central Support Charges	-	1,000	1,000	-
Alexandra Bridge Repair works	13,587	4,250	25,450	21,200
Tain Mussel Fishery	<u>1,869</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditure	16,306	35,750	56,950	21,200
Income less Expenditure	<u>6,225</u>	<u>(16,530)</u>	<u>8,450</u>	<u>24,980</u>