

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: City of Inverness Area Committee

Date: 30th August 2018

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:

- i. Consider the application for funding
- ii. 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 6 August 2018 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. Camanachd Association:** The Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee recommend approval of a grant of £5,250 towards the Marine Harvest Shinty Hurling International Match and Caman Back to

Shinty Project. Approval of this application will bring the Camanachd Association's grant to over £10,000 for the financial year 2018/19.

2. **Workers' Educational Association:** The Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee recommend rejection of a grant of £69,590 towards the Link-Up Inverness project.
3. **The Ledge:** The Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee recommend approval of a grant of £50,000 towards The Ledge – Climbing Walls and Adventure Sports Training.
4. **Mikeysline:** The Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee recommend approval of a grant of £25,000 towards the Hive project.
5. **Inverness Museum & Art Gallery, High Life Highland:** The Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee recommend approval of a grant of £15,500 towards an Exhibition of Dinosaur at Inverness Museum and Art Gallery.
6. **ActivNess Ltd:** The Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee recommend rejection of a grant of £25,821 towards ActivNess Sports Centre.

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 2018/19

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: 08 August 2018

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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 2017/18	203,289
	518,289

Committee Date	Category	Award	Total for meeting	
(Committed from previous financial years)	Grants < £10k	141,981		
	Grants > £10k	61,308	<u>203,289</u>	315,000
14/05/18 Grants Sub Committee	Grants < £10k	42,682	<u>42,682</u>	272,318
31/05/18 City of Inverness Area Committee	Grants >£10k	20,000	<u>20,000</u>	252,318
06/08/18 Grants Sub Committee	Grants < £10k	55,259	<u>55,259</u>	197,059
30/08/18 City of Inverness Area Committee Recommended for Approval	Grants < £10k	5,250		
	Grants >£10k	90,500	<u>95,750</u>	101,309

Budget Balance Available - Conference Funding	40,000
Underspend from 2017/18	8,180
	48,180

Committee Date	Category	Award	Total for meeting	
(Committed from previous financial years)	Convention		<u>8,180</u>	40,000
14/05/18 Grants Sub Committee	Grants < £10k	4,750	<u>4,750</u>	35,250

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 May 2018.

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 external works contract was completed on the 10 November 2017 and the internal refurbishment and lighting works was completed 9 February 2018. The defects period will end on the 10 February 2019.

The final account agreed in principal but one item requires to be looked into again.

It should be noted that through cost savings and careful management of resources throughout the contract we have managed to pay for the three additional items at a cost of £150,800 mentioned in previous committee reports within the existing budget.

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

Agreed Total Council Funding	£2,097,908
Anticipated Final Account	£2,083,054

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

- 2.4.1 Acceptance letter issued on the 23 July 2018. Pre-start meeting to take place mid-August with a potential commencement date in October 2018. Agreed programme dates will be presented at the next Committee.

Decant options for staff members are still to be finalised but will be agreed by mid-August. Once agreed staff members will start to decant ASAP.

Agreed Total Council Funding	£3,204,083.57
Anticipated Final Account	£3,204,083.57

2.5 Victorian Market, Academy Street Entrance Upgrade 2.5.1 Concept designs have been agreed. A planning application will be ready to be submitted mid-August after consultations have taken place with affected shop owners.

It is proposed that works will commence on site Jan 2019.

| Agreed Budget £200,000

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.