

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Agenda Item	8
Report No	SCC/06/19

Committee: Sutherland County Committee

Date: 25 February 2019

Report Title: Dornoch Common Good – Q3 Monitoring

Report By: Depute Chief Executive/ Director of Corporate Resources and Acting Head of Policy

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides information on income and expenditure in relation to the Dornoch Common Good Fund for the period April to December 2018.

2. Recommendations

2.1 Members are asked to:

- i Consider the position of the Dornoch Common Good Fund, as shown in the Q3 monitoring statement against budget.

3. Monitoring Report Q3 2018/19

3.1 A monitoring statement showing transactions to the end of December 2018 against budget and estimated year end position is attached at Appendix One.

3.2 Income

All rent invoices for 2018/19 have been issued and settled in full, except for:

- Scottish Water – the rent review has not yet concluded. Invoices will be issued once this has concluded.
- Dornoch Caravan Park – the rent review is now complete and a new payment schedule is in place.

3.3 Expenditure

- Expenditure to date has been limited: the main item being the £6,012 fee paid to the independent expert who conducted the review of the Caravan Park rent as reported in Jun 2019.
- The grants made in the year to date are detailed in Appendix 2.

3.4 Explanation of Variances

- Rent – increased income arises following the Caravan Park rent review which was completed in June 2018 and is backdated to 1 April 2017. In future years the rent income will be £42,080 plus any increase arising from the ongoing rent review for Dornoch Pumping Station/ Water Treatment Works.
- Staff costs – these costs, relating to the Council's Common Good Officer, were not included in the current year budget. The £1,500 expected outturn is based on the 17/18 outturn. The 2019/20 budget includes £1,500 for staff costs.
- Grants and Contributions – The budget includes £50,000 for Dornoch Sports Hall although this is no longer required as the project has been withdrawn from the Council's current Capital Programme. The expected expenditure includes £12,000 for community projects and £10,000 for the DACIC Community Development Manager. See Appendix 2 for details of grants made in the current Financial Year.
- Miscellaneous Costs – The variance is due to the cost of the independent expert who advised the Caravan Park rent review.

4. Proposal

4.1 Members are asked to consider the current position of Dornoch Common Good Fund.

5. Implications

5.1 Resources – There is potential pressure against the Miscellaneous Costs budget line due to the independent expert fees, which had not been included in the budget. The increased income will more than offset that additional expenditure and in any case there are substantial usable resources (£242,691 on 31 March 2018) should these be required to cover any overspend.

5.2 Legal – none

5.3 Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural) – none

5.4 Climate Change / Carbon Clever – none

5.5 Risk – none

5.6 Gaelic – none

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Dornoch Common Good - Quarterly Monitoring				APPENDIX 1	
Period to 03 January 2019					
	Actual to date	Budget	Estimated Outturn	Variance	
	£	£	£	£	
INCOME					
Rents	56,925	23,030	61,550	38,520	
Interest and investment income	-	1,000	1,000	-	
TOTAL INCOME	56,925	24,030	62,550	38,520	
EXPENDITURE					
Staff Costs	496	-	1,500	1,500	
Grants & contributions	14,000	62,000	22,000	(40,000)	
Miscellaneous Costs	7,365	7,000	13,000	6,000	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	21,861	69,000	36,500	(32,500)	
Income less Expenditure	35,064	(44,970)	26,050	71,020	

Appendix 2 Grants and Contributions

Project	Amount
Dornoch Community Council - Beach Toilets	2,000.00
North Highland College - Food and Drink Showcase	2,000.00
DACIC - Community Development Manager	10,000.00
Total	14,000.00