

<b>Agenda Item</b>	6b
<b>Report No</b>	CIA/27/20

## THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

**Committee:** City of Inverness Area Committee

**Date:** 19 November 2020

**Report Title:** Inverness Common Good Fund Grant Applications Over £10,000

**Report By:** Executive Chief Officer Finance and Resources

### 1. Purpose/Executive Summary

1.1 This report sets out the current applications for grant funding over £10,000 to be determined.

### 2. Recommendations

2.1 Members are asked to:

- i. Consider the applications for funding.

### 3. Implications

3.1 Resource - Funding is provided by the Inverness Common Good Fund budget for 2020/21.

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

3.3 Community (Equality, Poverty, Rural and Island) - 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.

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

3.5 Risk - There are no known risk implications in respect of this report.

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

#### 4. Grant Applications

4.1 The current summary of funds available following the Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee meeting on 2 November 2020 is set out in **Appendix 1**.

4.2 **Booklet A** includes details of current grant applications for more than £10,000. Members are invited to consider the following applications:

1. **Inshes Community Association:** The Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee recommend approval of a grant of £30,000 towards the Inshes Scooter and Wheeled Sports Park.
2. **Crown Church Inverness – Church of Scotland** The Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee recommend approval of a grant of £30,000 towards the refurbishment and upgrading of the upper church hall.
3. **Blythswood Care:** The Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee recommend approval of a grant of £20,000 towards the Highland Food bank – Inverness 2021. Payment of this grant to be made from the Winter Payments Budget.
4. **High Life Highland:** The Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee recommend refusal of a grant of £10,300 towards the “Ways to Wellbeing” Project. The Sub Committee noted the value of the project however believed that funding for its delivery should be sourced elsewhere.
5. **Merkinch Local Nature Reserve Boardwalk:** The Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee recommend approval of a grant of £22,500 towards the replacement of the Merkinch Local Nature Reserve Boardwalk. Payment of this grant to be made from the Other Properties Budget. The Sub-Committee noted the restricted funds available and that there was opportunity for funds to be sourced elsewhere, perhaps from the Coastal Communities Fund.

Designation: Executive Chief Officer Finance and Resources

Date: 3 November 2020

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Background Papers:

## APPENDIX 1

## Inverness Common Good Fund Available Resource for Allocation

£

Budget Balance Available - <b>Grants</b>	275,000
Underspend from 2019/20	216,842
	<b>491,842</b>

Committee Date	Category	Award	Total for meeting	
(Committed from previous financial years)	Grants < £10k	55,788		
	Grants > £10k	161,054	<u>216,842</u>	275,000
<b>10/08/20 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee</b>				
Grants Approved	Grants < £10k	51,461		
Grants Approved In Principle	Grants < £10k	<u>11,704</u>	<u>63,165</u>	211,835
<b>27/08/20 City of Inverness Area Committee</b>				
Grants Approved	Grants > £10k	65,000	<u>65,000</u>	146,835
<b>02/11/20 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee</b>				
Grants Approved	Grants < £10k	31,436		
Grants Approved In Principle	Grants < £10k	<u>5,000</u>	<u>36,436</u>	110,399
<b>19/11/20 City of Inverness Area Committee</b>				
Recommended For Approval	Grants > £10k	60,000	<u>60,000</u>	<b>50,399</b>

Budget Balance Available - <b>Conference Funding</b>	40,000
Underspend from 2019/20	1,750
	<b>41,750</b>

Committee Date	Category	Award	Total for meeting	
(Committed from previous financial years)		1,750	<u>1,750</u>	40,000
<b>10/08/20 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee</b>				
Grants Approved	Grants < £10k	9,750		
Grants Approved In Principle	Grants < £10k	<u>9,000</u>	<u>18,750</u>	<b>21,250</b>

**02/11/20 Inverness Common  
Good Fund Sub-Committee**

Grants Approved In Principle

Grants < £10k

4,000

4,000

**17,250**