PITLOCHRY COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE

24 April 2019

2015/16 to 2017/18 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS and 2018/19 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Report by Head of Finance (Report No. 19/128)

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report details the Income and Expenditure for the Pitlochry Common Good Fund for Financial Years 2015/16, 2016/17 & 2017/18; and the projected outturn for the Fund for Financial Year 2018/19.

1. BACKGROUND / MAIN ISSUES

1.1 This report provides an update on the audited final outturn for Financial Years 2015/16, 2016/17 & 2017/18 for the Pitlochry Common Good Fund, and the monitoring position and projected outturn for the Fund for Financial Year 2018/19.

2. PROPOSALS

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- 2.1 On the basis of Appendix 1, a cumulative surplus of £161 was generated over the three Financial Years and the Fund's Revenue Account Balance at 31 March 2018 was £7.340.
- 2.2 The previously reported position to the Committee on 24 February 2016 (Report 16/84 refers) anticipated a surplus of £20 for 2015/16. Following the closure of the accounts, the final position in 2015/16 resulted in a surplus of £32 and an overall balance of £7,211. The movement from the previously reported position was due to interest income from other endowments administered by the Council.
- 2.3 The Committee did not meet during 2016/17 and 2017/18. During these two years a further £129 of interest was received by the Pitlochry Common Good Fund. This resulted in a Revenue Account Balance at 31 March 2018 of £7,340. Of the £129 interest received in 2016/17 and 2017/18, £48 was a result of income from endowments administered by the Council.

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2.4 The Pitlochry Common Good Fund does not benefit from regular income, which is typical of the smaller former Burghs. The annual income available is, therefore, limited to interest generated by the Fund balance in the Council's Loans Fund.

- 2.5 The Council has reorganised a number of endowment Funds in recent years and the Pitlochry Common Good Fund, together with a number of other Common Good Funds, will no longer benefit from the endowment income noted in Sections 2.2 and 2.3 of this report. The majority of the endowment Funds have instead been transferred to the Perth & Kinross Welfare Trust (SC040516) and applications for Financial Assistance from community bodies are available at Perth & Kinross Council Community grants.
- 2.6 As the Fund does not benefit from regular income, at the meeting of 24 February 2016 the Committee chose not to set a Budget for Financial Year 2016/17. No Committee meetings were held during Financial Years 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19.
- 2.7 The source of income for the Fund for Financial Years 2016/17 to 2018/19 remained unchanged. No Budget was set for 2017/18 and 2018/19 and it is proposed that no Budget is set for future years unless there is a change to financial circumstances, such as a substantial increase in the income generated by the Fund.
- 2.8 On the basis of Appendix 2, it is anticipated the fund will achieve a surplus of £20 in 2018/19, and the projected Fund Balance at 31 March 2019 will be £7,360. The final surplus will be available following closure of the year-end accounts and review by External Audit.

3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Committee is requested to:-
 - (i) Note the Income & Expenditure to 31 March for the Financial Years 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18;
 - (ii) Note the Income & Expenditure to 31 March 2019, and the projected year-end Balance for the Fund for Financial Year 2018/19;
 - (iii) Approve that no Budget is set for Financial Year 2019/20 and future years, unless there is a substantial change to the financial circumstances for the Fund.

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1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Strategic Implications	Yes / None
Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement	None
Corporate Plan	Yes
Resource Implications	
Financial	Yes
Workforce	None
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	None
Assessments	
Equality Impact Assessment	Yes
Strategic Environmental Assessment	Yes
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	Yes
Legal and Governance	None
Risk	None
Consultation	
Internal	Yes
External	None
Communication	
Communications Plan	None

1. Strategic Implications

Corporate Plan

- 1.1 The Council's Corporate Plan 2018 2023 lays out five outcome focussed strategic objectives which provide clear strategic direction, inform decisions at a corporate and service level and shape resources allocation. They are as follows:
 - (i) Giving every child the best start in life;
 - (ii) Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens;
 - (iii) Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy;
 - (iv) Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives; and
 - (v) Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations.
- 1.2 This report relates to all objectives.

2. Resource Implications

Financial

2.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report other than those reported within the body of the main report.

3. Assessments

Equality Impact Assessment

- 3.1 Under the Equality Act 2010, the Council is required to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between equality groups. Carrying out Equality Impact Assessments for plans and policies allows the Council to demonstrate that it is meeting these duties.
- 3.2 The information contained within this report has been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) and has been assessed as **not relevant** for the purposes of EqIA.

Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.3 The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 places a duty on the Council to identify and assess the environmental consequences of its proposals.
- 3.4 The information contained within this report has been considered under the Act. However, no action is required as the Act does not apply to the matters presented in this report.

Sustainability

- 3.5 Under the provisions of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 the Council has to discharge its duties in a way which contributes to the achievement of sustainable development. In terms of the Climate Change Act, the Council has a general duty to demonstrate its commitment to sustainability and the community, environmental and economic impacts of its actions.
- 3.6 The information contained within this report has been considered under the Act. However, no action is required as the Act does not apply to the matters presented in this report.

4. Consultation

Internal

4.1 The Depute Chief Executive/Chief Operating Officer has been consulted in the preparation of this report.

2. BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.

3. APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 Pitlochry Common Good Fund Financial Statement for period to 31 March for Financial Years 2015/16, 2016/17 & 2017/18.
- Appendix 2 Pitlochry Common Good Fund Financial Statement for period to 31 March 2019 for Financial Year 2018/19.