

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

27 November 2019

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND

Report by Depute Chief Executive (Chief Operating Officer) (Report No. 19/342)

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report sets out the recommendations made by individual Ward Panels for the first tranche of funding from the 2019/20 Community Investment Fund and asks the Committee to approve the release of funds.

1. BACKGROUND / MAIN ISSUES

- 1.1 The Community Investment Fund (CIF) was established in February 2018 to provide £1.2m of funding for community-led projects across Perth and Kinross, over financial years 2018/19 and 2019/20. CIF is a further demonstration of the Council's commitment to investing in communities and giving local people a greater say on how public money is spent in their communities.
- 1.2 [Report 18/196](#), approved by Committee in June 2018, set out the process for deciding on how the funds would be distributed and how decisions would be reached. The process can be summarised as:
 - £1.2m was made available over two years (£600,000 in each financial year) and this was subdivided into the 12 Council wards, meaning £50,000 being available in each Ward per year;
 - An application form and guidance material was produced to help applicants, with this information being placed online at www.pkc.gov.uk/cif and being shared widely through contact networks;
 - Applications were encouraged from a broad range of groups, with a preference for new projects and initiatives which deliver against the priorities of Local Action Partnerships, as set out in Local Action Plans; and
 - A Ward Panel was established in each ward to consider the applications and make recommendations for Committee approval. Ward Panels established through Local Action Partnerships were chaired by a Perth and Kinross Councillor and have included representatives from a range of community groups in each ward.

- 1.3 [Report 19/90](#) agreed the spend for the 2018/19 Community Investment Fund round and [Report 19/109](#) agreed the process and timescale for 2019/20. The key change for 2019/20 was the introduction of two deadlines for applications, Wednesday 21 August and Thursday 12 December. This report seeks committee approval for the release of funds for those approved applications that were received prior to 21 August. The decision making process is summarised as:

Description		Timescale
1	CIF 2019/20 Applications opened	1 May 2019
2	First application deadline	21 August 2019
3	Applications checked and sorted	Aug – Sep 2019
4	Ward Panels met and recommendations for funding agreed	Sep – Oct 2019
5	Local Action Partnerships considered and approved recommendations	October 2019
6	Final approval sought at SP&R Committee	27 November 2019

- 1.4 111 eligible applications were received in the first tranche of funding, seeking just under £1m in funding. The recommendations from each Ward Panel, approved by Local Action Partnerships are provided in 2.1 below for consideration and approval by Committee. In the 2018/19 round of Community Investment Fund, some wards did not spend their full allocation, meaning that some wards had additional funding to use. The carryover is summarised in the table below.

Ward	2019/20 Allocation	Carryover from 2018/19	2019/20 Funding
1 – Carse of Gowrie	£50,000	£10,756.50	£60,756.50
2 – Strathmore	£50,000	-	£50,000.00
3 – Blairgowrie and Glens	£50,000	-	£50,000.00
4 – Highland	£50,000	-	£50,000.00
5 – Strathtay	£50,000	£4.59	£50,004.59
6 – Strathearn	£50,000	£23.29	£50,023.29
7 – Strathallan	£50,000	-	£50,000.00
8 – Kinross-shire	£50,000	£297.01	£50,297.01
9 – Almond and Earn	£50,000	-	£50,000.00
10 – Perth City South	£50,000	-	£50,000.00
11 – Perth City North	£50,000	£9,607	£59,607.00
12 – Perth City Centre	£50,000	-	£50,000.00
Totals	£600,000	£20,688.39	£620,688.39

2. PROPOSALS

- 2.1 The Kinross-shire Ward Panel have decided to defer decision making until after the close of the second tranche of funding, and will consider their full allocation at that stage. The other Ward Panels have made the following recommendations for funding:

Ward 1 – Carse of Gowrie		
Group	Project	Funding Recommended
Invergowrie Bowling Club	Defibrillators and Community First Aid	£4,430.00
Invergowrie & Kingoodie Light Nights	Invergowrie Village Festive Lights	£4,000.00
Inchture Bowling Club	Green Improvements	£4,000.00
St Madoes PS Parent Council	Digital Leaders	£5,290.88
St Madoes & Kinfauns Parish Church	Getting Active	£4,230.00
Pitfour Football Club	Errol Pitches	£3,037.00
Errol Bowling Club	Replacement Bowling Green Banks	£5,000.00
TOTAL FUNDING		£29,987.88

Ward 2 – Strathmore		
Group	Project	Funding Recommended
Coupar Angus Youth Activities Group (CAYAG)	Providing activities for young people with greater challenges	£5,226
Forward Coupar Angus	Getting Teenagers Up and Active	£4,980
Meigle & Ardler Community Council	Community Speedwatch	£3,447.60
Robert Douglas Memorial Institute		£5,355
Scone Village Association	Scone Ball Court Replacement Surface	£3,000
Alyth Scout Group	Wilderness Trip Sweden 2020	£5,900
TOTAL FUNDING		£27,908.60

Ward 3 – Blairgowrie and Glens		
Group	Project	Funding Recommended
Strathmore Centre for Youth Development	The Early Intervention Project	£4,732
Kirkmichael CIC	Village Shop Upgrade	£6,500
Care and Wellbeing Co-op	Music, Movement and Reminiscence	£3,555
Blairgowrie, Rattray & District Timebank	Connecting our Community	£5,380
Blair in Bloom	Coronation Corner	£7,500
TOTAL FUNDING		£27,667

Ward 4 – Highland		
Group	Project	Funding Recommended
Full Tilt Parents Group	Outdoor Space Transformation	£3,000
Mid Atholl Hall Committee	Accessibility Project	£3,000
Care and Wellbeing Co-op	Family Support Project	£3,000
The Birks Cinema	Avertedly Football Memories	£3,000
Horizon Lunch Club		£3,000
Aberfeldy Christmas Market		£3,000
The Workshop (Aberfeldy)	Workshop Services Expansion	£3,000
TOTAL FUNDING		£21,000

Ward 5 - Strathtay		
Group	Project	Funding Recommended
Luncarty Youth FC	Luncarty Soccer School Development	£6,500
Ruthven PS Parent Council	Ruthvenfield Trim Trail	£8,000
Stanley Development Trust	Stanley Football Pitch	£6,000
West Stormont Woodland Group	One Community, Two Woods	£2,500
Birnam Book Festival	Widening Participation	£2,300
TOTAL FUNDING		£25,300

Ward 6 - Strathearn		
Group	Project	Funding Recommended
Crieff Royal British Legion	Inclusive Community Asset	£5,194
Aye Can Change Community Interest Company	Aye Can Save Pounds	£4,583
Comrie & District Men's Shed	Cognitive Crafts, Health & Safety and Communications	£3,747
Active Schools P&K	Volunteer First Aid Training	£1,800
Care & Wellbeing Co-operative	Supporting families living with dementia	£4,971
Strathearn Artspace	Therapy Classes	£2,990
Giraffe Trading	Compassionate Communities	£8,000
TOTAL FUNDING		£31,285

Ward 7 – Strathallan		
Group	Project	Funding Recommended
Neuro Central	Neuro Central Therapies	£3,050
Auchterarder Sports & Recreation	Mountainbike Trail & Management	£15,000
Aberuthven Village Hall Trust	Youth Club Employability Skills	£6,780
Blackford Fiddle Group	Fiddle Tuition Workshops	£4,605
TOTAL FUNDING		£29,435

Ward 8 – Kinross-shire		
Group	Project	Funding Recommended
N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL FUNDING		N/A

* **N.B.** No recommendations for funding have been received from Kinross-shire

Ward 9 – Almond and Earn		
Group	Project	Funding Recommended
Methven & District Community Council	Community Speed Watch	£2,349.60
Bridge of Earn Gala Day		£700
Bridge of Earn Institute	Roof Replacement Project	£5,000
66 th Perthshire Scouts	Pavilion Renovations	£5,000
Methven Community Centre	Refurbishment – Phase 3	£6,000
TOTAL FUNDING		£19,049.60

Ward 10 – Perth City South		
Group	Project	Funding Recommended
Saints in the Community	Streetwise	£6,044
The Revive Youth Project	Revive Media	£5,861
Craigie & Moncrieffe Messy Church	Messy Church Does Science	£4,165.19
South Perth Community Partnership	Glenearn Road Bus Shelter	£4,750
ESOLPerth	Under 5s Introduction to English	£6,250
TOTAL FUNDING		£27,070.19

Ward 11 – Perth City North		
Group	Project	Funding Recommended
Perth Parrots Floorball Club		£2,079.82
Letham Climate Challenge	Swap Shop Building Improvement	£27,610
Perth Six Circle	Enhancing Community Participation	£7,794
Vision PK	Digi Active	£3,002
TOTAL FUNDING		£40,485.82

Ward 12 – Perth City Centre		
Group	Project	Funding Recommended
Pain Association Scotland	Self-management courses for carers	£4,700
All Strong Scotland CIC	Carers fitness to feel better	£4,105
Muirton Community Nursery	We all sing together	£3,205
Perth & Kinross Netball Network	Netball opportunities	£5,390
Perth & District YMCA	Activity passport	£8,600
Perth Six Circle Project	Enhancing participation through technology	£8,790
Creative Pipeline	Creative exchange community engagement	£8,700
Phoenix Youth Project	Together is better	£6,510
TOTAL FUNDING		£50,000

2.2 The total amount of funding available across the 12 wards for 2019/20 was £620,688.39. The total recommended spend across Perth and Kinross in this tranche is **£329,189.09** as summarised in the table below. This means that there is **£293,316.50** left for the second tranche of funding. The available funding per ward is summarised in the table below.

Ward	Total Allocation 2019/20	Total Spend First Tranche	Funding Available Second Tranche
1 – Carse of Gowrie	£60,756.50	£29,987.88	£30,768.62
2 – Strathmore	£50,000.00	£27,908.60	£22,908.60
3 – Blairgowrie and Glens	£50,000.00	£27,667.00	£23,333.00
4 – Highland	£50,000.00	£21,000.00	£29,000.00
5 – Strathtay	£50,004.59	£25,300.00	£24,704.59
6 – Strathearn	£50,023.29	£31,285.00	£18,738.29
7 – Strathallan	£50,000.00	£29,435.00	£20,565.00
8 – Kinross-shire	£50,297.01	N/A	£50,297.01
9 – Almond and Earn	£50,000.00	£19,049.60	£30,950.40
10 – Perth City South	£50,000.00	£27,070.19	£22,929.81
11 – Perth City North	£59,607.00	£40,485.82	£19,121.18
12 – Perth City Centre	£50,000.00	£50,000.00	-
Totals	£620,688.39	£329,189.09	£293,316.50

- 2.3 Assuming committee approval, all applicants will be notified of the outcome of the decisions by Friday 29 November 2019 and all monies transferred into accounts by the end of the following week (Friday 6 December).
- 2.4 Following feedback from Ward Panels, and in order to give unsuccessful applicants from the first tranche greater time to consider reapplying, the deadline for applications for the second tranche of funding has been moved to Wednesday 15 January 2020. Decisions on this round of funding will be submitted to the Strategic Policy & Resources Committee on 25 March 2020.

3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Community Investment Fund (CIF) invests in new projects and initiatives in Perth and Kinross, which deliver against identified equality issues, as outlined in Local Action Plans.
- 3.2 Ward Panels have made recommendations for spending the remaining £620,688.39 allocation across 11 of the 12 wards in Perth and Kinross, with a total projected spend in the first tranche of £329,189.09. This means there is £293,316.50 available for the second tranche of funding, with applications closing on Wednesday 15 January 2020.
- 3.3 It is recommended that the Committee
- i. **Approves** the recommended funding awards for this tranche
 - ii. **Notes** the availability of funds in each ward for the second tranche
 - iii. **Notes** the change in deadline for the second tranche to Wednesday 15 January 2020

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1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Strategic Implications	Yes / None
Community Plan / Local Outcomes Improvement Plan	Yes
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

Community Plan/Single Outcome Agreement

- 1.1 Supporting and investing in community-led solutions to locally identified issues contributes to the delivery of the Perth and Kinross Community Plan / LOIP in terms of the following priorities:

- (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
- (v) Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations

Corporate Plan

- 1.2 Supporting and investing in community-led solutions to locally identified issues contributes to the delivery of the Perth and Kinross Council Corporate Plan in terms of the following priorities:

- (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.

2. Resource Implications

Financial

- 2.1 Agreeing the allocation of the first tranche of £620,688.39 from the 2019/20 Community Investment Fund.

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. Under the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 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 There has been consultation with Finance Department, Community Planning Team, Community Learning and Development Service and the Executive Officer Team.

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 a material extent in preparing the above report.