

PERTH COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE**5 October 2016****2016/17 FINANCIAL STATEMENT****Joint Report by Head of Finance & Director (Environment)****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report details the Income and Expenditure to 31 August 2016 and the projected outturn to 31 March 2017 for the Perth Common Good Fund.

1. BACKGROUND / MAIN ISSUES

- 1.1 The Committee approved the Perth Common Good Fund budget at the meeting of 18 May 2016. This report provides the monitoring position and projected outturn for the Financial Year 2016/17.

2. PROPOSALS**2.1 Financial Statement 2016/17**

On the basis of Appendix 1, it is anticipated that there will be deficit of £31,400 in 2016/17 and that the Fund's estimated Revenue Account Balance will be £1,241,897 at 31 March 2017. The Perth Christmas Lights Festival and City Centre Christmas Dressing report will be considered by Committee at this meeting and the anticipated deficit assumes approval of the additional funding requested. The projection also assumes approval of the funding requests included within the Applications for Financial Assistance report, excluding the applications from St. Ninian's Cathedral and St. John's Kirk of Perth Trust as the value of funding for these projects will be determined by Committee.

- 2.2 Included within the approved 2016/17 Repairs and Maintenance budget is £25,000 for the upgrade works to the 2-4 North Methven Street shop (Report 15/282 refers). The works have not progressed as anticipated during 2016/17 and it is therefore proposed that the £25,000 budget is removed and is instead earmarked in the reserves of Perth Common Good Fund for release when the anticipated programme of works is confirmed.
- 2.3 The projected uncommitted Revenue Account Balance at 31 March 2017 is therefore £1,216,897.
- 2.4 The Applications for Financial Assistance report includes an application for funding from St. Ninian's' Cathedral (Scottish Episcopal Church). It is proposed that any approved funding towards the project is earmarked in reserves pending the Church securing the full funding package for the £3.5m restoration scheme.

- 2.5 Also included within the Applications for Financial Assistance report is a request for funding from St. John's Kirk of Perth Trust to assist with the costs of unplanned emergency repairs. A summary of the Financial Assistance budget, including the funding approved to date, the value of funding to be considered at this meeting, and the remaining budget is provided below:-

2016/17 Approved Financial Assistance Budget	£100,000
Value of funding approved at Committee meeting on 18 May 2016	£23,664
Value of funding approved at Committee meeting on 22 June 2016	£18,194
Value of applications to be considered at Committee meeting on 5 October 2016 (excluding funding requests for St. Ninian's Cathedral and St. Johns Kirk)	£35,914
Remaining Budget	£22,228

2.6 Following approval of the Annual Treasury Report by the Council on 25 June 2014 (report 14/300 refers), responsibility for determining the amounts of surplus Common Good funds to be invested as fixed investments in the Council's Loans Fund was delegated to the Head of Finance. Details of the Capital and Revenue Account balances currently invested on behalf of the Perth Common Good Fund are provided below:-

<u>Amount (£)</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>
1,400,000	12 months	0.80%	25/08/2017
50,000	3 months	0.30%	25/11/2016

3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

3.1 The Committee is requested to note:-

- (i) The Perth Common Good Fund Income and Expenditure to 31 August 2016, the projected outturn to 31 March 2017, and the projected uncommitted Revenue Account Balance at 31 March 2017;
- (ii) The proposals for the earmarking of certain expenditure commitments in the Reserves of the Perth Common Good Fund;
- (iii) The surplus Common Good Fund balances invested in the Council's Loans 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

1.1 Corporate Plan

1.1.1 The Council's Corporate Plan 2013 – 2018 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.

1.1.2 This report relates to all objectives.

2. Resource Implications

2.1 Financial

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

3. Assessments

3.1 Equality Impact Assessment

3.1.1 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.

3.1.2 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.

3.2 Strategic Environmental Assessment

3.2.1 The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 places a duty on the Council to identify and assess the environmental consequences of its proposals.

3.2.2 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.

3.3 Sustainability

3.3.1 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.

3.3.2 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

4.1 Internal

4.1.1 The Chief Executive has been consulted in the preparation of this report.

5. BACKGROUND PAPERS

5.1 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.

6. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Perth Common Good Fund Financial Statement for period to 31 August 2016 for Financial Year 2016/17.