

BLAIRGOWRIE COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE

30 August 2021

2019/20, 2020/21 & 2021/22 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Report by Head of Finance
(Report No. 21/144)

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report includes the 2019/20 Audited Financial Statement; the 2020/21 Unaudited Financial Statement; and the 2021/22 Financial Statement to 31 July 2021 which includes the projected outturn to 31 March 2022.

1. BACKGROUND / MAIN ISSUES

- 1.1 The Blairgowrie Common Good Fund does not benefit from regular rental income and it is therefore inappropriate to approve a Financial Assistance budget for the Fund. The Committee instead consider requests for funding assistance on the basis of the community benefit which will be provided for the inhabitants of the former burgh. This report provides an update on the audited final outturn for 2019/20, the unaudited outturn for 2020/21, and the monitoring position and projected outturn for 2021/22.

2. PROPOSALS

Financial Statement 2019/20

- 2.1 Report 19/188 considered by this Committee on 19 June 2019 included year-end projections for Income and Expenditure for Financial Year 2019/20. This included an estimated projected surplus for the year of £150, and a projected Revenue Account Balance of £20,037 at 31 March 2020. Following closure of the 2019/20 accounts, which were audited by KPMG, the surplus for the year to 31 March 2020 is £42 and the Revenue Account Balance is £19,929 (Appendix 1 refers).
- 2.2 The movement from the position previously reported to this Committee on 19 June 2019 is attributed to an update to Financial Assistance expenditure following award decisions taken by this Committee at the meeting, partially offset by an increase in Interest Income.

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- 2.3 On the basis of Appendix 2, the unaudited surplus for the year ended 31 March 2021 is £164 and the Fund's Revenue Account Balance is £20,093. The provisional surplus for the year is solely attributed to interest income and there were no other transactions for the Fund during 2020/21.

Financial Statement 2021/22

- 2.4 Appendix 3 provides the estimated surplus and projected Revenue Account Balance for the Fund for the year ended 31 March 2022. It is anticipated that interest income will be minimal for the year, and assuming there are no other transactions for the Fund during the year, the Revenue Account Balance is projected to be £20,113 on 31 March 2022.

3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 The Committee is requested to: -

- (i) Note the Blairgowrie Common Good Fund Audited Financial Statement to 31 March 2020 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report;
- (ii) Note the Blairgowrie Common Good Fund Unaudited Financial Statement to 31 March 2021 as set out in Appendix 2 to the report;
- (iii) Note the projected outturn and anticipated Revenue Account Balance for the Blairgowrie Common Good Fund for the year to 31 March 2022 as set out in Appendix 3 to the report.

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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 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 - Blairgowrie Common Good Fund Audited Financial Statement for Financial Year 2019/20.
- Appendix 2 - Blairgowrie Common Good Fund Unaudited Financial Statement for Financial Year 2020/21.
- Appendix 3 - Blairgowrie Common Good Fund Financial Statement for the period ended 31 July 2021 for Financial Year 2021/22.