

PERTH COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE

19 December 2018

REVIEW OF CRITERIA

Report by Depute Chief Executive, Chief Operating Officer (Report No. 18/407)

The report asks Perth Common Good Fund Committee to approve the revised criteria for awarding funding.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 A review of the criteria for awarding Perth Common Good Fund funding was approved by the Perth Common Good Fund Committee on 20 June 2018. The current criteria came into effect on 1 April 2017, prior to the current Committee forming. It was agreed that the revised criteria would be brought to the next meeting of the Committee (see Appendix 1).
- 1.2 In the past, applications have been received which do not clearly demonstrate community benefit to the residents of Perth. This suggested that the purpose of the Fund could be made clearer in the criteria.
- 1.3 There have also been instances of the Committee seeking to award grants of higher amounts than the current criteria allow. The revised criteria that all grants are awarded at the discretion of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee. This allows the Committee to have a degree of flexibility when awarding grants.

2. ENGAGEMENT WITH THE COMMITTEE

- 2.1 The review has provided Committee members with the opportunity to ensure that the Perth Common Good Fund is clearly aligned with local priorities. The review has involved discussion with members of the Committee as well as the officers involved in administering the Fund.

3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Committee is asked to:-
- (i) Approve the revised criteria for awarding funding from the Perth Common Good Fund.
 - (ii) Note that the revised criteria will be used with effect from 1 April 2019.

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1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Strategic Implications	Yes / None
Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement	Yes
Corporate Plan	Yes
Resource Implications	
Financial	Yes
Workforce	No
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	No
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 The proposals will contribute to the Community Plan's aim of safe, healthy and inclusive communities and the outcome of communities will have improved quality of life. The recommendations contained within this report are in accordance with the priorities of Perth Common Good Fund's criteria for financial assistance.

Corporate Plan

- 1.2 The proposals will contribute to the Corporate Plan's objectives of developing educated, responsible and informed citizens and the outcome of people are ready for life and work. The recommendations contained within this report are in accordance with the priorities of Perth Common Good Fund's criteria.

2. Resource Implications

Financial

- 2.1 The Head of Finance has been consulted and has indicated agreement with the proposals. The recommendations contained within this report will be funded from the 2018/19 Financial Assistance budget.

4. 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. An equality impact assessment needs to be carried out for functions, policies, procedures or strategies in relation to race, gender and disability and other relevant protected characteristics. This supports the Council's legal requirement to comply with the duty to assess and consult on relevant new and existing policies.
- 3.2 The function, policy, procedure or strategy presented in this report was considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcome: No further action is required as the items summarised in the committee report do not require further assessment as they do not have an impact on people's wellbeing or equality protected characteristics.

Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.3 Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is a legal requirement under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that applies to all qualifying plans, programmes and strategies, including policies (PPS). The matters presented in this report were considered under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 and no further action is required as it does not qualify as a PPS as defined by the Act and is therefore exempt.

Sustainability

- 3.4 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. The proposals in this report will encourage social equity and opportunities for cultural, leisure, community, sport and other activities.

4. Consultation

Internal

- 4.1 The Head of Finance and the Head of Legal and Governance have been consulted.

2. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

3. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Revised Perth Common Good Fund Criteria.