

## PERTH COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE

14 December 2016

## 2016/17 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## Joint Report by Head of Finance &amp; Director (Environment)

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report details the Income and Expenditure to 31 October 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 a deficit of £18,400 in 2016/17 and that the Fund's estimated Uncommitted Revenue Account Balance will be £1,229,897 at 31 March 2017; the projections assume approval of the funding requests included within the Applications for Financial Assistance report to be considered at this meeting. The movement from the estimated Uncommitted Fund balance of £1,216,897 reported to Committee on 5 October 2016 is explained in Sections 2.3 and 2.4.

- 2.2 The Uncommitted Revenue Account Balance excludes a £289,496 balance which is held in the Capital Account of the Perth Common Good Fund. Evidence obtained from archives indicates that the balance may have accumulated from the proceeds arising from the disposal of assets during the late 1990's and early 2000's. Investigations continue and it is proposed that the Capital Account Balance is considered during the setting of the 2017/18 Perth Common Good Fund Budget, pending the conclusion of research. The Capital Account Balance is included within Appendix I to provide a note of the total balance for the Perth Common Good Fund.

- 2.3 Included within the approved 2016/17 Repairs and Maintenance budget is £20,000 for lighting upgrade works along the golf course access path on Moncreiffe Island (Reports 13/469 and 16/205 refer). The review of the existing lighting facilities concluded that the current lighting installation which includes LED floodlights cannot be improved upon and the works are therefore no longer required; the 2016/17 Repairs & Maintenance expenditure projection has been reduced accordingly.

- 2.4 The recent inspection of the causeway to Moncreiffe Island revealed that no significant defects are apparent to the actual causeway, however high water conditions and undercurrents during the year have caused erosion to both the island access road and also to the river edge areas immediately adjacent to the causeway. It is therefore proposed that all of the damaged areas are filled with appropriate material to control further erosion and to prevent the undermining of the causeway and access road onto the island. The works are expected to complete during the current financial year and the estimated expenditure is included in the 2016/17 Repairs & Maintenance expenditure projection. Included within the Repairs & Maintenance budget is a recurring £2,000 budget for causeway maintenance works. The cost of the preventative maintenance works is estimated at £9,000 and it is proposed that the £7,000 cost pressure can be contained within the £20,000 underspend noted in Section 2.3.
- 2.5 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 funding approved at Committee meeting on 5 October 2016	£34,270
Value of applications to be considered at Committee meeting on 14 December 2016	£5,229
<b>Remaining Budget</b>	<b>£18,643</b>

### 3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Committee is requested to note:-
- (i) The Perth Common Good Fund Income and Expenditure to 31 October 2016, the projected outturn to 31 March 2017, and the projected uncommitted Revenue Account Balance at 31 March 2017;
  - (ii) The proposals for concluding investigation of the Capital Account Balance prior to the setting of the 2017/18 Perth Common Good Fund Budget.

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## ANNEX

## 1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

*The undernoted table should be completed for all reports. Where the answer is 'yes', the relevant section(s) should also be completed*

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

### 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 October 2016 for Financial Year 2016/17.