

## PERTH COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE

5 October 2016

## APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

## Report by Director (Environment)

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The report asks Perth Common Good Fund Committee to consider 21 applications for financial assistance.

**1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 Perth and Kinross Council owns land and property which forms part of the common good of the former burghs in Perth & Kinross. It has a statutory duty in terms of section 15 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland ) Act 1994 to administer this land and property “having regard to the interests of the inhabitants” of those former burghs. This duty also applies to the administration of the associated common good funds.
- 1.2 The Common Good Funds have traditionally demonstrated their support to local residents and organisations by distributing grant. These grant awards allow individuals and local organisations to carry out a wide range of community based activities. For each application, the level of previous grant awarded is listed, but variances between years could be due to the numbers of participants. Retrospective applications are not accepted. However, if an application is received before the activities take place and cannot be considered at the following meeting because the papers have already been issued, the application will be considered at the following meeting, even if the activities have taken place between meetings. Therefore, the Committee decision will only be known after the activities have taken place, and if the grant is not awarded, the applicant will have to fund the activities from its own funds.
- 1.3 The 2016/17 Financial Assistance budget for Perth Common Good Fund was approved by this Committee at the meeting on 18 May 2016 (Report 16/205 refers). The funding approved to date, together with the value of financial assistance applications to be considered at this meeting, and the remaining budget is summarised 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
<b>Remaining Budget</b>	<b>£22,228</b>

## 2. PROPOSALS

### **Perth & District Badminton Association**

- 2.1 An application has been received from Perth & Kinross Badminton Association seeking a grant towards the cost of staging the Scottish Badminton Championships in February 2017. This is the sixteenth year that these national championships have been held in Perth and will take place in the Bell's Sports Centre. The event puts a focus on Perth and will receive local and national publicity via the printed media, TV, radio and Scottish Badminton's website. The total cost is £16,370 and the applicant is seeking a grant of £7,500. The applicant has applied to PKC Events budget for £4,000. It will also bring participants and spectators to Perth from throughout Scotland. The applicant previously benefited from the fund in 2013/14 (£2,050), 2014/15 (£2,500) and in 2015/16 (£3,000). It is recommended that a grant of £3,000 is awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 2).

#### **Recommendation**

- 2.2 Perth & District Badminton Association be awarded a grant of £ 3,000 towards the cost of staging the 2017 Scottish Badminton Championships.

### **Perth YMCA (Perth Alive 2016)**

- 2.3 An application has been received from Perth YMCA seeking a grant towards the cost of staging Perth Alive 2016 which took place on 27 August on North Inch. The event was aimed at bringing church and community groups together to showcase the resources available and to demonstrate the good work that goes on in individual communities. The event featured bands, DJs, sporting events, bake competition, a free barbeque and other activities. The event provided information on topics such as debt advice and money management as well as youth opportunities including training and education. The total cost was £6,650 and the applicant is seeking a grant of £2,000. The applicant has secured £3,000 from the Gannochy Trust, £500 from Soutar Foundation and £500 from Gloag Foundation. The applicant will contribute £650. The applicant has benefited from the fund in 2015/16 (£2,500). It is recommended that the Committee consider a grant of £2,000 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 2). The application was received before the date of the event. If the grant is not awarded or not in full, the applicant will have to fund the activities from its own funds. The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

#### **Recommendation**

- 2.4 The Committee is asked to consider awarding a grant of £2,000 to Perth YMCA towards the cost of staging Perth Alive 2016.

## **Headway Perth and Kinross**

- 2.5 An application has been received from Headway Perth and Kinross seeking a grant towards the cost of their summer outing to the Fife Coast on 20 August 2016. The total costs for the 49 members amounts to £1,040. The applicant is applying for £301. The applicant has previously benefited from the Fund in 2013/14 (£770 – 2 outings), 2014/15 (£586 – 2 outings) and 2015/16 (£691 – 2 outings). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £343 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 10 - grant is capped at £7 per individual for 49 people per trip). The application was received before the date of the event. If the grant is not awarded or not in full, the applicant will have to fund the activities from its own funds. The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

## **Recommendation**

- 2.6 Headway Perth and Kinross be awarded a grant of £343.

## **Perth and Strathearn 200 Round Table**

- 2.7 An application has been received from Perth and Strathearn 200 Round Table seeking a grant towards the cost of Perth Fireworks and Bonfire Display on 5 November 2016. The total cost is £30,900 including Pyrotechnic Fireworks Display - £18,000; Stadium Quality PA System - £4,200; Fencing and Safety Barriers -£3,000; Stage Hire - £1,400; Live Radio Broadcast with DJ/Compere - £1,150 and £3,150 on Generator and Cabling; Trailer Hire; 4x4 Hire; Advertising; First Aid facilities and trained personnel; Forklift vehicle and operator and sundries. The applicant is applying for £30,900. In kind support from local businesses, groups and individuals is estimated at £9,000. The event, which has been running for several years, provides a safe centralised event for the people of Perth and visitors. It is anticipated that the event will attract in the region of 8,000 spectators with around 3,000 from outwith Perth & Kinross. The applicant has previously benefited from the Fund in 2015/16 (£15,300), 2014/15 (£15,000) and in 2013/14 (£15,000). It is recommended that the Perth Common Good Fund Committee awards a grant of £15,450 towards the cost of staging the fireworks and bonfire display in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 2). This grant will be conditional upon the applicant participating in the Perth & Kinross Area SAG (Safety Advisory Group) process (if required). The grant will contribute to raising Perth's profile by supporting events and festivals while supporting one of the key themes of Perth City Plan – Confident, Vibrant Perth.

## **Recommendations**

- 2.8 Perth and Strathearn Round Table be awarded a grant of £15,450 towards the costs of Perth Fireworks and Bonfire Display on 5 November 2016. This grant will be conditional upon the applicant participating in the Perth & Kinross Area SAG (Safety Advisory Group) process (if required).

### **St Johns RC Academy**

- 2.9 An application has been received from St Johns RC Academy seeking a grant towards the costs of their Hong Kong Exchange Programme in October 2016 for 4 pupils facing financial hardship. The programme aims to promote confidence and responsibility in pupils and raise their awareness through cultural activities. 4 of the selected pupils residing in Perth are from families facing financial hardship. The costs for 1 pupil are £1,000 and each family has been asked to contribute £750. The applicant has applied for £250 for each pupil. The applicant has benefited from the fund over the past 3 years (£1,500 in 2015/16 and £600 in 2013/14). It is recommended that a grant of £250 for each pupil facing financial hardship is awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 11). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.10 St John's RC Academy be awarded a grant of £1,000 (£250 for each pupil facing financial hardship) towards the costs of Hong Kong Exchange Programme in October 2016.

### **Perth Sub Aqua Club**

- 2.11 An application has been received from Perth Sub Aqua Club seeking a grant towards the cost of purchase of a new trailer. The existing trailer is reaching its end of life and a trailer is essential to carry the boat and support dives and training. The total costs are £1,538. The applicant has applied for £1,000 and will contribute towards the shortfall. The applicant has benefited from the fund in 2014/15 (£2,000). It is recommended that a grant of £769 is awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 4). The grant will contribute to promote sport activities.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.12 Perth Sub Aqua Club be awarded a grant of £769 towards the costs of purchase of a new trailer.

### **Perth Chamber Music Society**

- 2.13 An application has been received from Perth Chamber Music Society seeking a grant towards the publicity costs of its 'Celebration Concert Season' programme between October 2016 and April 2017 marking 400 concerts since its creation in 1948. The total costs are £11,805 including publicity costs of £587. The applicant has asked for £200 and will contribute towards the shortfall. The applicant has benefited from the fund over the past 3 years in 2013/14 (£250) and in 2014/15 (£120). It is recommended that a grant of £200 is awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 2). The grant will contribute to promote cultural activities.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.14 Perth Chamber Music Society be awarded a grant of £200 towards the publicity costs for its 'Celebration Concert Season'.

### **Vale of Atholl Pipers Association (Pipe Band)**

- 2.15 An application has been received from Vale of Atholl Pipers Association seeking a grant towards the costs of Pipe Band Development Programme (October 2016-September 2017). The Pipe Band meets at the Tulloch Institute twice a week and deliver sessions at Letham, Our Lady's, Tulloch, Goodlyburn and North Muirton primary schools. It is the only Grade 1 pipe band in Perthshire (and the North of Scotland). The programme aims to improve the quality of the musical performance particularly of young people. The Pipe Band would like to purchase G1 Platinum Chanters, reeds and bags. Grade 1 members will share expertise through development weekends for around 75 young people. The total programme costs are £6,040 including £3,500 for chanters and bags. The applicant has asked for £4,600. The applicant benefited from the fund in 2014/15 (£3,579). It is recommended that a grant of £1,750 is awarded towards the purchase of chanters and bags in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 4). The grant will contribute to promote learning and cultural activities.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.16 Vale of Atholl Pipers Association be awarded a grant of £1,750 towards the purchase of chanters and bags.

### **Perth Academy**

- 2.17 An application has been received from Perth Academy seeking a grant towards the costs of their Lille trip in December 2016 for 1 pupil facing financial hardship. The programme will aim to promote confidence and responsibility in pupils and raise their awareness through cultural activities. The pupil who resides in Perth is from a family facing financial hardship. The costs for 1 pupil are £370 and each family has been asked to contribute £370. The applicant has applied for £300. The applicant has benefited from the fund in 2015/16 (£1,725), in 2014/15 (£5,710) and in 2013/14 (£1,150). It is recommended that a grant of £185 for pupil facing financial hardship is awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 11). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.18 Perth Academy be awarded a grant of £185 for a pupil facing financial hardship towards the costs of the Lille Trip in December 2016.

## **Music in Hospitals**

- 2.19 An application has been received from Music in Hospitals seeking a grant towards the costs of 10 concerts in care units between October 2016 and March 2017. In 2014/15, 10 concerts were organised in Perth City (e.g. Viewlands House, New Rannoch, North Inch House, Craigieknowes Care Home). The total costs are £256 per concert and the applicant has asked for £105 per concert to cover the musician's fees and expenses. The applicant will contribute towards the shortfall through national fundraising. The applicant has not benefited from the fund over the past 3 years. It is recommended that a grant of £1,050 (£105 per concert in Perth City) is awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 2). The grant will contribute to promote social inclusion and cultural activities.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.20 Music in Hospitals be awarded a grant of £1,050 towards the costs of 10 concerts in care units in Perth City.

## **Tulloch Primary School Parent Council**

- 2.21 An application has been received from Tulloch Primary School Parent Council seeking a grant towards the cost of a school pantomime event on 30 November 2016 at the school. The total costs are £900 for production costs. The applicant has asked for £450. The applicant will contribute towards the shortfall. The applicant has benefited from the fund in 2015/16 (£700). It is recommended that a grant of £450 is awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 2). The grant will contribute to social inclusion and promote cultural activities.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.22 Tulloch Primary School Parent Council be awarded a grant of £450 towards the cost of the school pantomime in October 2016.

## **Jar of Jewels**

- 2.23 An application has been received from Jar of Jewels seeking a grant towards the cost of 2 multicultural events between October 2016 and April 2017. Jar of Jewels is a group of women from different countries, cultures, religions and backgrounds residing in Perth. The group meets monthly at PKAVS (North Methven Street). The events will provide opportunities for women from ethnic minorities to meet other people and experience other cultures. The total costs are £2,100 for both events including venues, food, activities (face painting) and music/entertainment. The applicant has asked for £1,000. The applicant will contribute towards the shortfall. The applicant has not benefited from the fund over the past 3 years. It is recommended that a grant of £1,000 is awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 2). The grant will contribute to social inclusion and promote cultural activities.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.24 Jar of Jewels be awarded a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of the 2 multicultural events between October 2016 and April 2017.

### **South Perth Community Partnership**

- 2.25 An application has been received from South Perth Community Partnership seeking a grant towards the costs of Fun Day and Christmas lights event. The Fun Day for families will take place on 17 September 2016 at Glenearn Community Campus. In addition, through its business sub-group, the Partnership is planning to purchase and install Christmas lights at Craigie Cross and organise a festive event. The total costs are £950 for Fun Day, £800 for festive event and £1,995 for purchase of Christmas lights. Contacts have been established with the Council to install, dismantle and store Christmas lights. The applicant has asked for £2,845. The applicant will contribute towards the shortfall through fundraising (£1,200 has already being raised). The applicant has benefited from the fund in 2015/16 (£700). It is recommended that a grant of £875 for both events is awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 2) and to consider a grant of £998 towards the purchase of Christmas lights in line with guidance (Appendix 1 – Criteria 1). The application was received before the date of the event. If the grant is not awarded or not in full, the applicant will have to fund the activities from its own funds. The grant will contribute to social inclusion and promote cultural activities.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.26 South Perth Community Partnership be awarded a grant of £875 for the Fun Day and Festive event, and to consider a grant of £998 towards the purchase of Christmas lights.

### **Perth Polish Support Group**

- 2.27 An application has been received from the Perth Polish Support Group seeking a grant towards the cost of an event at Perth Museum and Art Gallery on 10 December 2016. The event will be an opportunity to celebrate the Polish home baking gingerbread biscuits tradition in preparation for Christmas and to allow cultural exchanges using photographs. The total costs are £800 for purchase of baking ingredients, decorations, boxes and photographer. The applicant has asked for £400. The applicant has applied to PKAVS minority Communities Hub and CulturePK. The applicant has not benefited from the fund over the past 3 years. It is recommended that a grant of £400 is awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 2). The grant will contribute to social inclusion and promote cultural activities.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.28 Perth Polish Support Group be awarded a grant of £400 towards the cost of the homebaking and cultural event at Perth Museum and Art Gallery on 10 December 2016.

### **Adventure Circus**

- 2.29 An application has been received from Adventure Circus seeking a grant towards the cost of the first circus showcase in Perth in November 2016. The applicant meets regularly at their training space located in Unit 7, Kilda Place, Perth. They work with children and adults, teaching them aerial and floor circus skills for recreation, physical fitness and performance. The event, called Four Seasons, will be a professional showcase performance at Perth College Theatre. It is the intention that the event will develop into a bi-annual event, and will support Perth's City of Culture Bid. The applicant needs to hire specialist equipment for the event. The total costs are £2,119. The applicant has asked for £1,059. The applicant will contribute towards the shortfall. The applicant has not benefited from the fund over the past 3 years. It is recommended that a grant of £1,059 is considered in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 2). The grant will contribute to social inclusion and promote cultural activities.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.30 The Committee is asked to consider awarding a grant of £1,059 to Adventure Circus towards the cost of the Four Season event at Perth College Theatre.

### **Scottish Brass Band Association**

- 2.31 An application has been received from the Scottish Brass Band Association seeking a grant towards the cost of the Scottish Festival of Brass 2016 on 26 and 27 November 2016 at Perth Concert Hall. The annual event will attract young and adult participants from all over Scotland and beyond (1,100). Free masterclasses will also be offered. The total costs are £14,000 including publicity/administration, accommodation, professional musician fees, percussion hire and venue. The applicant has asked for £3,500. The applicant has secured £5,000 from Youth Music Initiative. The applicant will contribute £5,500 plus volunteers' time. The applicant has not benefited from the fund over the past 3 years. It is recommended that a grant of £3,500 is awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 2). The grant will contribute to tourism and promote cultural activities.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.32 The Scottish Brass Band Association be awarded a grant of £3,500 towards the cost of the Scottish Festival of Brass 2016. The applicant will be asked to provide free tickets to be made available to school pupils willing to attend the Festival.



### **The Friendly Group**

- 2.33 An application has been received from the Friendly Group seeking a grant towards the costs of their Christmas Party for 30 people at Servite House (Canal Street - Perth) and for a bus trip for 12 in November 2016. The total costs are £300 (party) and £120 (trip). The applicant has asked for £420. The applicant has benefited from the fund in 2015/16 (£430 – 2 grants), in 2014/15 (£231) and in 2013/14 (£431 – 2 grants). It is recommended that a grant of £150 (party – 50% of actual costs) and £60 (trip – 50% of actual costs) in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 10). The applicant will have to fund the rest from its own funds. The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.34 The Friendly Group be awarded a grant of £210 for Christmas Party and bus trip.

### **Bowerswell Social Tenants Group**

- 2.35 An application has been received from the Bowerswell Social Tenants Group seeking a grant towards the costs of their Christmas Party for 25 people on 16 December 2016. The total costs are £465. The applicant has asked for £200. The applicant has benefited from the fund in 2016/17 (£161), in 2015/16 (£820), in 2014/15 (£750) and in 2013/14 (£730). It is recommended that a grant of £175 (£7 per person) in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 10). The applicant will have to fund the rest from its own funds. The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.36 The Bowerswell Social Tenants Group Friendly Group be awarded a grant of £175 for Christmas Party.

### **Perthshire Chinese Community Association**

- 2.37 An application has been received from the Perthshire Chinese Community Association seeking a grant towards the cost of the Chinese New Year Celebrations on 30 January 2017 in Perth. The event will include a Civic reception at 2 High Street, a fire cracker display at the viewpoint at Tay Street, lion dancers leading a procession along High Street, down King Edward Street along St Johns Place, then St John's Street ending at the Salutation Hotel where catering will be provided. The event will attract around 400 people and will support Perth's City of Culture Bid. The costs for the event are £7,800. The applicant has asked for £1,500. The applicant has secured £1,000 from Perth and Kinross Council's Housing and Community Care Services. The applicant will contribute £5,300. The applicant has not benefited from the fund over the past 3 years. It is recommended that a grant of £1,500 is awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 2). The grant will contribute to tourism and promote cultural activities.

## **Recommendation**

- 2.38 The Perthshire Chinese Community Association be awarded a grant of £1,500 towards the cost of the Chinese New Year Celebrations on 30 January 2017.

## **St Ninian's Cathedral (Scottish Episcopal Church)**

- 2.39 An application has been received from St Ninian's Cathedral (Scottish Episcopal Church) seeking a grant towards the costs of a major restoration project through its Perth Cathedral restoration appeal launched in March 2016. The restoration of the grade A list building will be in 3 phases between January 2017 and September 2019. Phase 1 aims to make the building waterproof through roof and rainwater goods repairs which is the most urgent. Phase 2 aims to restore stonework and phase 3 is to repair the stained glass. More detailed information regarding the project timescale and costings has been requested. It is the intention that the Cathedral would develop as a hub for community activity even further. The total costs for the restoration are £3.5m (750K for phase 1, £2M for phase 2 and £750K for phase 3). The applicant has applied for £150,000. The applicant has secured £260,600 (including £144,900 from Heritage Lottery Fund and £96,700 from Historic Environment Scotland). The applicant has applied to a number of Trusts and foundations. The applicant will contribute £250,000 from its own funds. The applicant has not benefited from the fund over the past 3 years. The request is eligible for an award in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 5). The grant will contribute to promote heritage and cultural activities.

## **Recommendation**

- 2.40 The Committee is asked to consider the request from St Ninian's Cathedral (Scottish Episcopal Church).

## **St John's Kirk of Perth Trust**

- 2.41 An application has been received from St John's Kirk of Perth Trust seeking a grant towards the costs of emergency stonework repairs. The Kirk has just completed a major restoration project amounting to £3.75m and funding has been allocated to works at the West Door due to be completed within 18 months. During a stonework inspection, unplanned emergency repairs have been identified. The total costs for the repairs are £40,000 including removal of loose stonework (£12,500), emergency stonework repairs (£11,500), sundry repairs (£5,000), replacement of rainwater goods (£7,500) and contingencies (£3,500). The applicant has applied for £40,000. The applicant has benefited from the fund in 2013/14 (£2,940 – carillon recitals), in 2015/16 (£700 – carillon recitals) and in 2016/17 (£1,000 – carillon recitals). In addition, the Trust for St. John's Kirk received £100,000 funding from 2010/11 to 2012/13 - £60,000 for seating and £40,000 as a contribution to additional works. The request is eligible in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 5 – 50% of total costs). The grant will contribute to protect heritage.

## Recommendation

2.42 The Committee is asked to consider the request from St John's Kirk Trust.

### 3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1 The Committee is requested to approve the recommendations in the report.

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## 1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

<b>Strategic Implications</b>	<b>Yes / None</b>
Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement	<b>Yes</b>
Corporate Plan	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Resource Implications</b>	
Financial	<b>Yes</b>
Workforce	<b>No</b>
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	<b>No</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

#### 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 2016/17 Financial Assistance budget (Sections 2.1 to 2.33), and Perth Common Good Fund Reserves (Sections 2.34 to 2.37).

### **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. 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 Democratic Services, the Head of Finance and the Head of Legal Services have been consulted.

### **2. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 2.1 21 applications for financial assistance

### **3. APPENDICES**

#### **3.1 Appendix 1 – Perth Common Good Fund Criteria**