

## Town Centre Capital Grant - Members Workshop 25 March

PERTH CITY						
Perth city members recognised issues in respect of competing demands on funding and current levels of support for investment within the city through the budget process agreed in collaboration with the business community and key partners via the Perth City Development Board/Perth City Plan.						
Proposal	Deliverability	Town Centre Fund aims	Cost /benefit ratio	Future Revenue impacts	Previous capital investment (last 5 years)	Prioritisation based on impact
<b>Perth Neighbourhood Centre Investment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Craigie Cross</li> <li>• Tulloch Square</li> <li>• North Muirton</li> </ul> Procurement of design & build services to invest in environmental improvements - surfacing, lighting, planting to support use of space and property	Tight timescales to design and build and engage with local neighbourhood but potentially achievable if supported	Vibrant Local Economies	Potential high cost with low overall socio/economic benefit other than retention of local services within neighbourhood centres	Medium – maintenance of additional assets required but consistent approach across neighbourhoods	No recent investment aside from improvement to shops on Dunkeld Rd	LOW

**EASTERN PERTHSHIRE**

Elected Members discussed a wide range of options outlined below but also considered what criteria might be utilised to select projects:-Criteria proposed included: - Need; Impact; Readiness; Viability; Leverage from other funds; and whether the area had received other funding recently.

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Alyth Town Centre/Burnside Improvements	Might be some designs existing but still tight timescales for design & build.	May meet aims depending on detail of proposals	Could be fairly high cost. Limited socio economic benefit	medium	Yes (square & riverside/ bridges	LOW
Blairgowrie Venture Group Proposals & Cateran Trail Entrance project	Proposals already being considered by Countryside Trust. Designs/alternative funding partly in place.	May meet aims depending on detail of proposals	Could be fairly high cost. Limited socio economic benefit	medium	Some investment in Wellmeadow area.	LOW
Blairgowrie Lesley Street Community Hub	Proposals drafted by community group but may need transfer of asset/PKC staff need to be relocated	Enterprising Communities/ Accessible services/ vibrant economies	Fairly high costs but more benefits	low	Some investment in Wellmeadow area.	MEDIUM/ HIGH
Coupar Angus Community Hub Trades Lane	Proposals drafted by Community Group	Enterprising Communities  Vibrant local economies	Fairly high costs but more benefits	Low if community owned	No	MEDIUM
Coupar Angus White House Project (Community Shop/Training space/B&B)	Still in private ownership & potential alternative proposals	Enterprising Communities	High Cost	Low if community owned	No	LOW

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Errol Business Centre	Very early stage idea	Vibrant Economies/Enterprising Communities	Potentially High Cost (not clear if enough business need in the area to justify)	Low if community owned	No	LOW
Invergowrie New Car Park	Land acquisition etc	Doesn't meet aims of TCF	High cost ltd benefits?	Low	No	LOW
Review unsuccessful CIF applications/re-run process seeking new applications	To be reviewed – some may be deliverable	Depends on projects	Depends on projects	Low if community owned	Depends on projects	LOW

<b>KINROSS/ ALMOND &amp; EARN</b>						
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<b>Kinross</b> – main issue is connecting the tourist area of Loch Leven to the town centre.- linking into cycling routes – proposal is to expand & create an improved Loch Leven Pier Car Park and links to town centre	Previous proposals available with SNH/ may attract match funding from SNH	Proactive Planning/ Vibrant economies	Would benefit Town Centre if improved linkages made	limited	No	HIGH
<b>Bridge of Earn</b> – project to promote cycling & active travel	PKC already reviewing as part of wider cycling project	Proposal does not meet TCF aims	Limited benefits for town centre	limited	No	LOW
<b>Abernethy</b> Heritage Project	Project would be starting from a zero base so unlikely to be delivered	Vibrant economies	Unknown as little detail around the project	Potentially some	No	
<b>Baigle Straight path</b>	Linking two villages – potential for landowner issues	Proposal does not meet TCF aims	Limited benefits for town centre	limited	No	LOW
<b>Methven</b> Improved Streetscape	Possible but requires scoping	Vibrant local economies	Limited benefits for town centre	limited	No	LOW
<b>Milnathort</b> – EV charging points	Possible within car park	Proposal does not meet TCF aims	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

### STRATHEARN and STRATHALLAN

Elected Members discussed a number of projects (including the Strathearn Hotel & James Square in Crieff but decided to concentrate & rank in priority order 4 proposals listed below) they also estimated costs/level of grant for each prioritised project.

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Top priority was the Drummond Arms in Crieff	Proposals already developed & seeking funding	Town Centre living/proactive planning	High cost but high priority	Depends on ownership model	None	MEDIUM/ HIGH
Auchterarder Car Park	Proposal already in place for a new car park	Proposal does not meet TCF aims	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dropped kerbs in Auchterarder	Funding potentially available through budget motion monies	Proposal does not meet TCF aims	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cultybraggan Camp at Comrie – infrastructure/electrical connections/heating (£	Not town centre.....  Relatively easy to deliver – but not our asset.	Proposal does not meet TCF aims – project not in town centre.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**STRATHTAY**

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Dunkeld – need to improve parking/signage & traffic flow	Possible but not clear exactly what is being requested/required	Proposal does not meet TCF aims	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Stanley Park – improvements to support events activity	Probably quite easy to deliver – but not sure what additional actions required	Proposal does not meet TCF aims	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Stanley – proposal for shared workspace (Mill)	Plans but need vehicle to deliver	Vibrant economies/enterprise	Enough demands locally?	Medium	None	LOW
Stanley – improved access to river	Depends on what is proposed	Proposal does not meet TCF aims	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bankfoot improve recreation ground to support events activity	Probably quite easy to deliver – but not sure what additional actions required	Proposal does not meet TCF aims	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Improve public/disabled access to 5 Mile & Taymount Woods	Lack of certainty over ownership	Proposal does not meet TCF aims – not in Town Centre	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Almondbank Workspace	project requires scoping and discussion with community	Vibrant economies/enterprise	Enough demand locally for space	Medium	No	LOW

General desire to improve cycle/footpaths to link villages & routes into Perth	Being looked at in wider cycling project	Doesn't meet aims of TCF.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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**HIGHLAND**

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Pitlochry Council Office Repurposing (disabled access/chamber for weddings/Visitor Hub TIC/ roof repairs/flooring/ outside space)	PKC ownership  Need to review plans & costs?	Accessible Public Services/	Limited additional economic activities?	Save on future repairs – futureproof the building	No	MEDIUM/HIGH
Pitlochry Mini Town Square Creation (between BoS & RBS, etc) Create new space for markets, events, meeting place, seating round edges, lighting, incorporate BoS car park for extra space,	Ownership of land requires to be established  Has support of Pitlochry Business Forum	Proactive planning/ Vibrant Local Economies	Creating market/events space in town centre would bring increase footfall.	Some/limited maintenance costs	No	MEDIUM/HIGH
Former Lite Bite/Bakers Oven Unit, Pitlochry (vacant eyesore – potential uses:- indoor market; affordable housing; co-working space, small units, etc)	No scheme in place & owner not proactive. Has support of Pitlochry Business Forum	Proactive Planning/ Vibrant local economies/ Enterprising communities/ Town Centre Living	Likely to be expensive given state of building.	Depends if community owned or not.	No	LOW



<sup>1</sup> TCF aims to deliver investment aligned with the themes of the Town Centre Action Plan:

- Town Centre Living
- Vibrant Local Economies
- Enterprising Communities
- Accessible Public Services
- Digital Towns
- Proactive Planning