

Alyth Common Good Fund Committee – 3 October 2012**APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE****Report by Depute Director (Environment)****ABSTRACT**

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

1. RECOMMENDATION

1.1 The Committee is requested to note the recommendations in the report.

2. APPLICATION**2.1 Alyth Senior Citizens' Lunch and Socialising Club**

2.1.1 An application was received from the Alyth Senior Citizens' Lunch and Socialising Club seeking a grant towards the cost of hiring 2 coaches for their outing to Angus Gateway on 7 September. The total costs were £400. The applicant is contributing £100 and requested a grant of £300. This Club has benefited from the Fund in 2011/12 (£300) and in 2009/10 (£210). A recommendation that Alyth Common Good Fund award a grant of £200 in line with the approved guidance (Criteria 10: Contribution of 50% towards the actual costs) was made to all elected members on the Committee and the recommendation was agreed by email. The grant will contribute to promote social inclusion.

Recommendation

2.1.2 The Committee is asked to note that Alyth Senior Citizens' Lunch and Socialising Club be awarded a grant of £200 towards the costs of their outing to Angus Gateway.

3. CONSULTATION

3.1 The Head of Democratic Services and the Head of Finance have been consulted.

4. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

4.1 The recommendations contained within this report are in accordance with the priorities of Alyth Common Good Fund's criteria for financial assistance.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATION

5.1 The recommendation contained within this report will be funded from the contributions to organisations provision for 2012/13.

6. EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EqIA)

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 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 other than improving access to social activities and all the benefits this brings to everyone.

7. STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 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.

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Background Papers – 1 application for financial assistance

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