

ANGUS COUNCIL

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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BRECHIN CATHEDRAL FLOODLIGHTING - REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE CITY OF BRECHIN COMMON GOOD FUND

Report by the Chief Executive

ABSTRACT

This report seeks the Policy & Resources Committee homologation of a decision taken to provide financial support from the City of Brechin Common Good Fund towards the floodlighting of Brechin Cathedral.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Policy & Resources Committee agree to homologate a decision taken by the Convenor of the Policy & Resources Committee and the Chief Executive, in consultation with the three local elected members, to provide financial assistance of £8,000 from the City of Brechin Common Good Fund to Brechin Cathedral for the floodlighting of the Cathedral.

2. INTRODUCTION

An approach has been received from Brechin Cathedral, supported by the three local elected members, to seek financial assistance for the floodlighting of Brechin Cathedral.

It is anticipated that the floodlighting at the Cathedral will add to the current efforts, and enhance the potential, to attract spending visitors to Brechin city centre.

The cost of installing floodlighting at the Cathedral is approximately £20,000, and a sum of £8,000 has been requested from the City of Brechin Common Good Fund.

The remaining financial package is as follows:

- i) Civic Trust - £5,000
- ii) The Friends of Brechin Cathedral - £2,000

iii) Brechin Cathedral Congregation - £5,000

A degree of urgency did arise with regard to consideration of this matter, in as much as the costs for the provision of the floodlighting was likely to increase in the fairly near future, and consequently, following discussion with appropriate officers of the council (who support the initiative) and the three local elected members, I consulted with the Convenor of the Policy & Resources Committee, and agreed that funding would be made available from the common good fund for this purpose.

The Policy & Resources Committee is now asked to homologate that decision.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The sum of £8,000 can be contained within the revenue account of the City of Brechin Common Good Fund.

4. CONSULTATION

All appropriate Chief Officers have been consulted during the preparation of this report, including the Directors of Law & Administration and the Director of Finance.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no Human Rights implications arising from this report.

A B Watson
Chief Executive

Note: 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 this paper.