

ANGUS COUNCIL**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 12 MAY 1998****UPDATE ON VILLAGE HALL DEVELOPMENTS IN ANGUS****Report by the Chief Executive****ABSTRACT**

This report asks the Committee to homologate a decision by the Convener and Vice-Convener of the Policy and Resources Committee to make amendments to grant aid payments to two Village Halls in Angus, in light of variations of grant aid approval from the Scottish Office.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Policy and Resources Committee homologate the decisions taken by the Convener and Vice-Convener of the Policy and Resources Committee as set out in its report.

2. BACKGROUND

Members will recall that on 24 March 1998 the Policy and Resources Committee agreed to make available financial assistance of £4512 to Lunanhead Village Hall for double glazing, central heating and extensions. Members also agreed at the same time to make available to Aberlemno Village Hall, for central heating and double glazing, the sum of £4,512. These grants were awarded during the last financial year as a consequence of slippage within Scottish Office capital grant funding. Since the time that these approvals were made, the Scottish Office have advised Angus Council that the grant aid award to Lunanhead Hall should be £7,186, and a sum of £4,005 to Aberlemno Village Hall.

When this came to light, Officers discussed the matter with the Convener and Vice-Convener of the Policy and Resources Committee, and as a consequence, amendments have been made to the grants awarded.

The Committee are now asked to homologate that decision.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The implications of the above decisions are that an additional sum of £2,267 in grant aid will need to be incurred. These sums can be met within the sums allocated under the Local Challenge Fund for Improvements to Village Halls.

4. CONSULTATIONS

The Directors of Education, Finance and Law and Administration, have been consulted during the preparation of this report.

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 upon to any material extent in preparing this report.

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