

ANGUS COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 4 DECEMBER, 2001

COMMON GOOD FUNDS - REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Report by the Chief Executive

ABSTRACT

This Report advises Elected Members of approaches made by outside organisations seeking financial assistance from the Common Good Funds.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Policy & Resources Committee agree to:

- a) Award a grant of £300 to the Montrose Business Association from the Montrose Common Good Fund in support of the Christmas Extravaganza.
- b) Note the request for a grant of £10,000 from the Brechin Common Good for the Brechin Youth Project, and also note that further information will be sought to progress the application as soon as possible."
- c) Award the Forfar Resource Store an annual grant of £1,950 for a three-year period (subject to review for years 2 and 3 on receipt of an annual report and accounts) in respect of running costs, and also to award a further grant of £3,440 for start-up costs in the event of the current third party grant application failing."
- d) Meet hospitality costs of £1,000 from the Montrose Common Good Fund in support of the Montrose Silver Arrow Shoot.

2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

A number of requests have been received for assistance from Common Good Funds.

Requests in respect of the Montrose Christmas Extravaganza and the Montrose Silver Arrow Shoot have been supported in recent years and local elected members have been apprised of them. There are no particular issues of concern related to these applications and it is recommended that they be supported.

A request submitted in respect of the Brechin Youth Project requires more detail as to the overall financial package and its sustainability and the applicant has been asked to submit an application with more detail so that the proposal can be fully considered by the Corporate Aid Working Group.

A request submitted in respect of the Forfar Resource Store which provides used furniture and clothing for those in need, has been reviewed by officials and discussed with local members. A grant application to a third party has been made for the start-up costs and a decision is expected shortly, but after the date of this meeting. An annual sum for other running costs (excluding rent, rates and electricity) of some £1,950 is considered reasonable. To give the organisation some much needed financial security it is suggested that a three year commitment be given to support the £1,950 running costs, but with annual sums being paid on receipt of an annual report and accounts. It is further suggested that a commitment be given to provide a further £3,440 grant aid if the third party application fails."

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The suggested awards from the Common Good Funds can be accommodated within these budgets in the current year.

4. CONSULTATIONS

The Directors of Law and Administration and Finance have been consulted during the preparation of this Report.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no human rights implications arising from 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.