

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Council with details of the draft Common Good budget for 2022/23, to enable the Council to approve a final budget that will take effect on 1 April 2022. The information included in the report allows all aspects of the Common Good to be considered by elected members.

### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council:

- 2.1 Approve the Common Good budget for 2022/23 as detailed in Appendix 1; and
- 2.2 Consider and decide on each of the new requests for funding detailed in Appendix 3 to this report, taking account of the affordable funding available for 2022/23.

### 3. BACKGROUND

#### **Projected Out-turn 2021/22**

- 3.1 The projected outturn for 2021/22 shows, based on spending to the end of Quarter 3, that the Common Good is forecast to operate over budget. Although there were event cancellations - the Highland Games, BP Summer Screen, Fireworks, Twinning - because of the Covid restrictions, this was offset by additional costs in relation to the Christmas Lights. Also, additional costs from the following approved by the City Growth and Resources Committee - Relocation of the Denis Law Statue - £15k, City centre clean £100k and Support to Denis Law walking trail £20k. Expenditure consists of a wider range of grants, contributions and the provision of funding to some services carried out by employees of Aberdeen City Council. It is forecast that cash balances will remain at or above recommended levels as at 31 March 2022.

## Budget 2022/23

### Income

- 3.2 The Common Good is a highly valuable asset for Aberdeen City. The value of the Common Good is based predominantly on land and buildings, the history of which dates back to the 15<sup>th</sup> Century and King Robert the Bruce.
- 3.3 Today the asset portfolio comprises of land, buildings and cash. The position at the start of the year (31 March 2021) is as follows:

	<b>£'000</b>
Land and Buildings	92,696
Investment in ACC Loans Fund	33,775
<b>Total Long-Term Assets</b>	<b>126,471</b>

- 3.4 The income generated from these assets is the basis of expenditure that can be incurred by the Common Good annually. The ground rents, lease income and cash investment returns generate in excess of £3 million per annum in income, which is used to fund a wide range of organisations and their activities in the City of Aberdeen, and this includes some activities undertaken by the Council itself. Further details are shown in Appendix 1.
- 3.5 Cash balances have increased in recent years due to the sale of land for development, and this can reduce annual income. The cash balances are generally set aside to help maintain annual income levels, through investment income, rather than being used to fund expenditure. A minimum cash balance recommendation is maintained for the Common Good.
- 3.6 In preparing the 2022/23 Common Good budget the assumption is that no additional one-off funding will be withdrawn from the assets it holds.
- 3.7 The investment of cash balances in a multi-asset income fund, approved by Council on 10 March 2021, progressed during 2021/22 with the fund manager Fidelity selected. Investments were made in Quarter 2, and returns have begun to accrue, based on the initial level of income future forecasts have been amended. It should be noted that the value of the investment can fall as well as increase, this will be reported in Quarter 4, however we will still maintain a level of income.
- 3.8 Rental income is received by the Common Good for predominantly ground rent and leases that are in place and is based on projections provided by the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord. Appendix 1 shows that income is forecast to be stable for the Common Good in 2022/23.

### Expenditure

- 3.9 A significant proportion of the expenditure annually is on recurring activities and outcomes and therefore these recurring elements are a continuing feature in building the 2022/23 budget.

- 3.10 Appendix 1 provides a breakdown of the various categories of expenditure that have been included in the draft budget for 2022/23. The recurring nature of a range of activities and outcomes, to support external organisations and the work of the Council is included in these.
- 3.11 As the assets of the Common Good include land and buildings, there are times when expenditure on those assets must be incurred. Continuing investment in its assets is included in the first section of Appendix 1, General Property and Estates, where the core costs of insurance and necessary repair and maintenance are included.
- 3.12 The recurring nature of many of the projects and activities that the Common Good funds means that assumptions have to be included about what their future cost might be. Note that the recurring funding provided by the Common Good is subject to an annual review. Appendix 1 has details of the impact of inflation based assumptions on pay and prices to provide an insight to the sustainability of the Common Good. An explanation of the various categories of spend has been detailed in Appendix 2.

### **Net Budget**

- 3.13 Appendix 1 shows that, taking account of the total income that it can reasonably expect, an estimate of the recurring expenditure that must be met, there is £0.480m available. Any balance has historically been used to support funding of a more one-off and discretionary nature. For 2022/23 the value of funding available is £0.480m.
- 3.14 In relation to non-recurring / discretionary spending that can be approved from the Common Good a new process was approved as part of the 2019/20 Budget for accepting applications and this was implemented during the previous year and continues to be used to provide specific application conditions and timescales. It has provided the opportunity to assess the applications in a more consistent and collective basis, rather than simply responding to ad hoc approaches. The aim of the new process is to make it equitable and transparent, enabling closer links to the Local Outcome Improvement Plan.
- 3.15 The criteria and instructions on the application process were made available on the Council website in the autumn, with a closing date of 31 October 2021. Having the information on the website raised awareness of the application process and 27 applications were received.
- 3.16 All applications were assessed by Finance and Legal Services to ensure they met the underlying criteria that is required of Common Good funding. Once these basic checks had been carried out, those applications that met the criteria were ranked against quality of project, impact of the activity on the LOIP outcomes and how the project will be managed.
- 3.17 Appendix 3 provides a brief summary of the applications that were received and the outcome of the assessment against underlying criteria and also the scoring matrix. These items are not currently included in the draft budget, and as such, if approved, will reduce the level of available funding.

3.18 Approval of one-off or discretionary funding should not exceed the £0.480m that is available. The Council may choose to alter the value awarded to either recurring or non-recurring funding set out in the budget.

#### 4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The report outlines proposals for the Common Good budget for the financial year 2022/23. The approved budget must ensure that expenditure proposed for the year is fully funded from income generated by the Common Good.

4.2 Following capital receipts in 2021/22 the value of the Common Good's cash balances are projected at year-end are £35.6m in line with the recommended level. To protect the cash balances against inflation, a proportion of the income generated annually is set aside, this has been included in the budget shown in Appendix 1.

#### 5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 All requests for funding from the Common Good have been considered and comply with the following two criteria, namely:

- (1) That the Common Good must be applied for the benefit of the community; and
- (2) That the Council must in each case use reasonable judgement in allocating Common Good funding.

#### 6. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

	Risk	Low (L), Medium (M), High (H)	Mitigation
<b>Strategic</b>	Use of the Common Good not achieving intended strategic objectives.	L	When funding is requested from the Common Good Legal Services review to ensure it is compliant with the criteria, and new applications for one-off funding are further assessed against the LOIP stretch outcome criteria.
	Audit, Risk & Scrutiny Committee on 22 February 22 refreshed the Risk Appetite Statement. The RAS sets out how the Council will balance its risks and opportunities in pursuit of delivering the	M	The recommendations and risk assessment carried out are consistent with the Council's RAS. Should Council be minded to depart from the recommendations, it is important in doing so that the Council considers the

	outcomes set out within the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and associated strategies.		potential impacts across the organisation and on the Council's pursuit of strategic outcomes.
<b>Compliance</b>	Non-compliance with Common Good criteria	L	Legal Services review process.
<b>Operational</b>	Grants paid to third party organisations may be lost and benefits not achieved if organisations fail to remain operational.	L	Review process for preparing the budget and ongoing contact with the organisations.
<b>Financial</b>	<p>The Common Good funds provide support to a range of services and projects both internal and external to the Council. If funding was not provided there may be a risk that services and projects would no longer be delivered or would become unsustainable.</p> <p>Reduction in rental income as a result of the sale of properties.</p> <p>Loss of capital value in the investments made.</p>	<p>M</p> <p>M</p>	<p>A financial assessment process is included in the application process.</p> <p>Council is robust and equitable.</p> <p>The Common Good has an investment strategy for the cash balances it holds and this should be reviewed on a regular basis, included in this report.</p> <p>A robust procurement process to appoint a suitable Fund Manager and regular performance review and monitoring of investments.</p>
<b>Reputational</b>	There is a risk that the reputation of the Council will be adversely affected by changes to projects and services that currently receive funding.	L	These are minimised by the having a robust and objective application process that enhances the Council's reputation as a fair and equitable funder of services and projects.
<b>Environment / Climate</b>	None identified.		

## 7 OUTCOMES

<u>COUNCIL DELIVERY PLAN</u>	
<b>Impact of Report</b>	
<b>Aberdeen City Council Policy Statement</b>	The Council's commissioning cycle specifically joins the allocation of resources, through the approval of the budget, with the intention to deliver on the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP). The process of evaluation of applications for Common Good Funding specifically asked for details of how the LOIP stretch outcomes would be addressed and therefore the distribution options available to the Council cover all 15 outcomes to a greater or lesser extent.
<b>Aberdeen City Local Outcome Improvement Plan</b>	
Prosperous Economy Stretch Outcomes	The Council aims to support improvement in the local economy to ensure a high quality of life for all people in Aberdeen. The Common Good funds initiatives and programmes that are provided by the Council, Community, Voluntary and other public sector partners which impact on all the citizens of Aberdeen.
Prosperous People Stretch Outcomes	The Council is committed to improving the key life outcomes of all people in Aberdeen. The Common Good Fund supports a range of initiatives to support the citizens of Aberdeen City.
Prosperous Place Stretch Outcomes	Investment in the range of initiatives by the Common Good will enhance the place by creating a better and more vibrant city in which to live.
<b>Regional and City Strategies</b>	The Common Good provides a sustainable funding source or a range of initiatives described in the Delivery Plan.

## 8. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>Impact Assessment</b>	Appropriate use of the Common Good will likely have a positive effect on various Protected Characteristics. A full Impact assessment is not required.

<b>Data Protection Impact Assessment</b>	Not required
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## **9 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Not applicable.

## **10 APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 Common Good Fund Budget 2022/23

Appendix 2 Notes to accompany the Common Good Budget 2022/23

Appendix 3 Items for consideration for 2022/23 – one off items

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## Appendix 1

<b>Common Good Fund Budget</b>							
	2021/22	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
	Budget	Outurn	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b><u>General Properties/Estates</u></b>							
1 Insurance Costs	17	17	17	18	18	18	19
2 Repairs and Maintenance	247	556	157	160	164	167	170
	<b>264</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>189</b>
<b><u>Grants &amp; Contributions to External Organisations</u></b>							
3 Aberdeen Citizen's Advice Bureau	321	321	337	344	351	358	365
4 Contributions to Trusts (Paid to City Growth Culture)							
- Aberdeen Performing Arts	225	225	225	225	225	225	225
- Peacock Visual Arts	35	35	35	35	35	35	35
5 Aberdeen Performing Arts Contribution - Stage 1 Agreement	75	75	75	75	75	75	75
6 Techfest	37	37	37	37	37	37	37
7 Aberdeen Safer Community Trust	70	70	70	70	70	70	70
8 ABSAFE - Distribution of Personal Alarms	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
9 Castlegate Arts	70	70	70	70	70	70	70
	<b>834</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>878</b>
<b><u>9 External Organisations Rents</u></b>							
Aberdeen Science Centre Rent	42	42	42	42	42	42	42
Castlegate Arts Rent	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Lemon Tree Rent	36	36	36	36	36	36	36
Lemon Tree Office Rental	10	10	10	0	0	0	0
Charity Shop	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
	<b>111</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>101</b>
<b><u>10 Promoting Aberdeen</u></b>							
Events							
- Armed Forces Day	10	10	11	11	11	11	11
- Celebrate Aberdeen	20	0	21	21	21	21	21
- Fireworks	45	0	47	47	47	47	47
- Nativity	10	10	7	7	7	7	7
BP Summer Screen	17	0	0	0	0	0	0
Highland Games	77	0	81	81	81	81	81
Site & Equipment Hire	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Christmas Tree	7	7	11	11	11	11	11
Christmas & New Year Celebrations							
- Christmas Village	150	150	150	150	150	150	150
- Hogmanay Celebrations	75	75	79	79	79	79	79
- Sculpture Trail Storage	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Christmas Illuminations and Festivals	48	80	96	104	112	121	131
Nuart	0	0	125	125	0	0	0
Tour of Britain	61	61	135	0	0	0	0
	<b>535</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>553</b>
<b><u>11 Grants/Services Provided by Aberdeen City Council</u></b>							
Twinning Activities	60	0	60	60	60	60	60
Youth Activities Small Grant Funding	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Community Gala	10	0	10	10	10	10	10
Festive Community Grants	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Home Safety Check Scheme	70	70	70	70	70	70	70
Picture Loan Scheme	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Maintenance of Paths in Parks	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
	<b>214</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>214</b>



<b>Common Good Fund Budget</b>							
	<b>2021/22</b>	<b>2021/22</b>	<b>2022/23</b>	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2025/26</b>	<b>2026/27</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Outturn</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
<b>12 Civic Service Funding</b>							
St Nicholas Carillon	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Armistice Day Expenses	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Public Clocks	10	10	10	10	11	11	11
Civic Support	323	323	329	336	343	350	357
Civic Support to Burgesses	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Civic Receptions	150	150	150	150	150	150	150
Civic Hospitality - visitors	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Civic Hospitality - promoting	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Archivist Unit	271	271	276	282	287	293	299
Central Support Services	189	189	398	406	414	422	431
Civic Gift Fund	18	18	18	18	18	18	18
Lord Provost Travel	29	29	29	29	29	29	29
Lord Lieutenancy and other duties	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Lord Provosts Portrait	10	10	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>1,042</b>	<b>1,042</b>	<b>1,253</b>	<b>1,273</b>	<b>1,294</b>	<b>1,315</b>	<b>1,337</b>
<b>Other Recurring Expenditure</b>							
13 Duthie Park Capital Charges	70	55	55	55	55	55	55
<b>Recurring Expenditure</b>	<b>3,070</b>	<b>3,167</b>	<b>3,436</b>	<b>3,329</b>	<b>3,244</b>	<b>3,285</b>	<b>3,327</b>
<b>14 Non Recurring Expenditure Items</b>							
Gordon Highlanders	115	115	0	0	0	0	0
Peacock Visual Arts	40	40	0	0	0	0	0
Bonnymuir Green Community Trust	8	8	0	0	0	0	0
Culter Community Council - Lovers Walk	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Culter Community Council - School Field	4	4	0	0	0	0	0
BOD & District Men's Shed	6	6	0	0	0	0	0
Disabled Persons Housing Service	30	30	0	0	0	0	0
Sunrise Partnership SCIO	7	7	0	0	0	0	0
Aberdeen Multicultural Centre	15	15	0	0	0	0	0
Friends of Victoria and Westburn Parks	39	39	0	0	0	0	0
Avenue	40	40	0	0	0	0	0
Campmill Rudolph Steiner	21	21	0	0	0	0	0
Belmont Filmhouse	11	11	0	0	0	0	0
Friends of Johnston Gardens	21	21	0	0	0	0	0
St Machar Cathedral	40	40	0	0	0	0	0
Aberdeen Care & Repair	25	25	0	0	0	0	0
Rosemount & Mile End Com Council	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Music in Hospitals & Care	6	6	0	0	0	0	0
Garthdee Field Allotments Assoc	10	10	0	0	0	0	0
Westburn Development Trust SCIO	5	5	0	0	0	0	0
Denis Law Statue	0	15	0	0	0	0	0
City Centre Clean	0	100	0	0	0	0	0
Denis Law Trail	0	20	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Non Recurring Expenditure</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
15 Finance Resilience - Increase in Cash Balance	500	500	515	530	546	563	580
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>4,015</b>	<b>4,247</b>	<b>3,951</b>	<b>3,860</b>	<b>3,790</b>	<b>3,847</b>	<b>3,906</b>
16 Income from Properties and Estates	(3,266)	(3,266)	(3,261)	(3,261)	(3,261)	(3,261)	(3,261)
17 Interest on Invested Funds	(679)	(679)	(1,100)	(1,100)	(1,100)	(1,100)	(1,100)
18 Lands of Skene/Torry (Share of Surplus)	(70)	(70)	(70)	(70)	(70)	(70)	(70)
<b>ORDINARY INCOME</b>	<b>(4,015)</b>	<b>(4,015)</b>	<b>(4,431)</b>	<b>(4,431)</b>	<b>(4,431)</b>	<b>(4,431)</b>	<b>(4,431)</b>
<b>Net (Surplus)/Deficit</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>(480)</b>	<b>(571)</b>	<b>(641)</b>	<b>(584)</b>	<b>(525)</b>

**Notes to accompany the Common Good Budget 2022/23**

Note 1

This budget is used to insure properties owned by the Common Good.

Note 2

This is a budget for repairs and maintenance costs for properties owned by the Common Good to meet legislative standards. Reduction reflects the removal of the Non Domestic Rates for the former Aberdeen Journals building on the Lang Stracht as it was agreed at City Growth & Resources Committee on 3 February 2021 to demolish the building.

Note 3

This represents a contribution towards the core funding for Aberdeen Citizen's Advice Bureau, they have requested a 5% uplift which is reflected in the 22/23 budget.

Note 4

This is a contribution towards the costs of Aberdeen Performing Arts (£225,000) and Peacock Visual Arts (£35,000).

Note 5

This provides match funding for Aberdeen Performing Arts in relation to a grant awarded by Creative Scotland towards the costs of programming at His Majesty's Theatre.

Note 6

This represents a contribution towards the running costs of the City's annual Techfest festival, held in various venues throughout the City during September.

Note 7

This represents core funding for Aberdeen Safer Community Trust and to provide essential safety information for all P7 children in Aberdeen.

Note 8

This is funding for the personal alarms distributed on behalf of the City Council by Aberdeen Safer Community Trust.

Note 9

This is a grant to cover the cost of rental of various premises from Aberdeen City Council for external organisations.

Note 10

This is funding towards the costs of organising specific events as detailed in the events programme that promote the City as a visitor destination.

Currently the planned months for these events are as follows -

Nuart – April

Armed Forces Day - June

Highland Games - June

Celebrate Aberdeen - June  
Tour of Britain - September  
Fireworks - November  
Nativity – November & December

Note 11

This funding is for the provision of grants and services administered by the City Council.

Note 12

This is funding for the Civic Services that support the Civic functions within the City Council and services to the citizens of Aberdeen.

This includes grant funding to support the Lord Dean and the Burgesses of Guild.

Note 13

This is a budget for the servicing of the capital debt for the upgrade to Duthie Park.

Note 14

These items are one-off items approved by Council for expenditure in 2021/22.

Note 15

This is a provision for Finance Resilience to protect the Fund's cash balances.

Note 16

Around 100 properties have registerable leases on land owned by the Common Good. In addition to this, the Common Good owns land at Brimmond Hill, Hazlehead, Hilton, Hillhead of Pitfodells, Kincorth, Kepplehills, Tullos and Mastrick, all of which generate income for the Common Good and which is reflected in this budget.

Note 17

This is a budget for income received on invested funds based on the income received to date in 2021/22 from the Multi Asset Income Fund.

Note 18

The Common Good receives 51% of the Lands of Torry Trust and 30% of the Lands of Skene Trust income. These trusts earn income in rents and interest from investment.

## **Additional Information:**

### **Future Years (2023/24 – 2026/27)**

Overall, for future years a number of assumptions have been made about funding requirements that may, for example, reflect the natural end of some agreements / contracts, flat cash for some discretionary funding and inflationary increases where contracted. These future year budgets are indicative and will not be finalised until the annual budget cycle is complete for each individual year.

### **Internal charges or General Fund events which could potentially be moved into the Common Good**

Events Team £246,000

Part funding of the running cost of the Beach Ballroom £180,000

Christmas Lights switch on/parade £24,000

Christmas Carol concert £3,000

Replacing the nativity scene £4,000

The above events/internal charges are currently charged to the General Fund.

There is a budget option of £220,000 for the realignment of Common Good Funding included within the General Fund Savings this takes account of the above.

## Applications for Common Good funding 2022/23:

Common Good Fund Budget					
Items for Consideration for 2022/23 - One off Items					
	Organisation	Amount Requested	2021/22 Funding	Officer Evaluation Out of 16	Notes
1	Aberdeen City & Aberdeenshire Archives	8,117		15	
2	Avenue	95,310	40,000	14	
3	Home-Start Aberdeen	45,000		14	
4	Denis Law Legacy Trust	30,000		14	
5	Friends of Victoria and Westburn Parks	15,000	38,720	13	
6	Camphill Medical Practice	48,993		13	
7	Aberdeen Archives, Gallery & Museum	10,000		13	
8	GoABZ Discover	30,000		13	
9	Greyhope Bay	74,250		13	
10	The Gordon Highlanders Museum	50,756	115,489	13	
11	Peacock Visual Arts Ltd	50,000		13	1
12	Bonnymuir Green Community Trust	7,500	7,500	12	
13	Beach Ballroom - Young at Heart	20,000		11	
14	Friends of Seaton Park	20,000		11	
15	North East Scotland Cricket SCIO	19,536		11	
16	Earth and Worms Community Garden	26,000		11	
17	Byron Boxing Club	26,520		11	
18	Friends of Hazlehead	80,500		10	
19	Torry Development Trust	12,511		9	
20	BOD & District Men's Shed	12,750	6,250	8	
21	Friends of Jacob's Ladder	26,000		8	
22	Peterculter Community Council	4,000		8	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>712,743</b>			
	<b>Notes</b>				
1	Peacock Visual Arts Ltd currently receive recurring funding through the Common Good Fund				

**Note 1 Aberdeen City & Aberdeenshire Archives Amount Requested £8,117**

This represents funding for an art initiative in 5 Aberdeen primary schools, to be inspired by stories and images from Aberdeen Burgh Registers (1398-1511).

**Note 2 Avenue Amount Requested £95,310**

This represents a continuation of funding towards the costs of a Family Support Worker, counselling and therapy services.

**Note 3 Home-Start Aberdeen Amount Requested £45,000**

This represents a contribution towards the overall funding for the service for the year, the amount requested being the projected shortfall.

**Note 4 Denis Law Legacy Trust Amount Requested £30,000**

This represents a contribution towards increasing the capacity within the regeneration areas of the city of Aberdeen for such activities as Streetsport Cruyff Courts.

**Note 5 Friends of Victoria & Westburn Parks Amount Requested £15,000**

This represents funding for pond repairs.

**Note 6 Camphill Medical Practice Amount Requested £48,993**

This represents funding towards creating a zero waste community kitchen which will prepare, redistribute and outlet organic produce as well as provide training on waste reduction and cooking healthy food.

**Note 7 Aberdeen Archives, Gallery & Museum Amount Requested £10,000**

This represents funding for the production costs of BSL introductory videos.

**Note 8 GoABZ Discover Amount Requested £30,000**

This represents funding for the development of a free smart journey planning app to include local events (What's On).

**Note 9 Greyhope Bay Amount Requested £74,250**

This represents funding for one year of "Connecting Communities to the Coast" workshops for the public and local schools.

**Note 10 The Gordon Highlanders Museum Amount Requested £50,756**

This represents funding to undertake the second (and final) tranche of the essential repairs to the external fabric of The Gordon Highlanders Museum building, a listed building once the studio of the artist St George Reid.

**Note 11 Peacock Visual Arts Ltd Amount Requested £50,000**

This represents funding for a pilot project "Nests" that takes over empty shops in the City Centre of Aberdeen with community-driven cultural and educational activity. It aims to bring new life into empty units.

**Note 12 Bonnymuir Green Community Trust Amount Requested £7,500**

This represents funding for continued support of the Project and Centre co-ordinator posts.

**Note 13 Beach Ballroom – Young at Heart Amount Requested £20,000**

This represents funding towards the costs of hosting 12 reduced price events for older people and people managing long term conditions.

**Note 14 Friends of Seaton Park Amount Requested £20,000**

This represents funding for improving paths and road access to the park.

**Note 15 North East Scotland Cricket SCIO Amount Requested £19,536**

This represents funding for two new artificial wickets plus soil removal at 2 out of the possible 4 potential sites which are Sheddocksley, Duthie Park, Inverdee & Allan Park.

**Note 16 Earth & Worms Community Garden Amount Requested £26,000**

This represents funding for a Projects Co-ordinator for one year to coordinate activities in the garden at Tillydrone and promote the benefits of the community garden within the local community and allow for a range of funding applications to be prepared.

**Note 17 Byron Boxing Club Amount Requested £26,520**

This represents funding for the pop-up ring and other gym equipment, including skipping ropes, head protectors, gloves and stand-alone boxing bags, purchase of a trailer/van, transport and staffing costs to expand the pop up ring project.

**Note 18 Friends of Hazlehead Amount Requested £80,500**

This represents funding for park improvement projects: fountain, uplighting Bruce Cairns, tree carvings, reline running track, Hazlehead Avenue benches.

**Note 19 Torry Development Trust Amount Requested £12,511**

This represents funding for the salary of a Development Officer post.

**Note 20 BOD & District Men's Shed Amount Requested £12,750**

This represents a contribution towards rent and utilities costs in their new premises.

**Note 21 Friends of Jacob's Ladder Amount Requested £26,000**

This represents funding to complete a compressive report on all aspects of the staircase. This survey will determine the next stage of the project and whether it is viable to be repaired or replaced.

**Note 22 Peterculter Community Council Amount Requested £4,000**

This represents funding to repair the path to the War Memorial at Peterculter which has been damaged by water flowing down it.

The following projects were rejected as they did not meet legal or financial criteria:

**Environmental Services Amount Requested £40,000**

This represents funding to award 20 £2,000 grants to Community Groups for projects to improve green space.

**Bon Accord Heritage Amount Requested £14,520**

This represents funding for the survey costs of Bon Accord Baths to further the overall restoration/reopening project.

**Grave Guardian Amount Requested £25,400**

This represents funding for the publication of a book on burials in Aberdeen.

**Old Torry CC Early Years Volunteer Amount Requested £22,050**

This represents funding for 10 virtual screening events and the salary costs of a Resilience Co-ordinator.

**Early Intervention Aberdeen Amount Requested £540**

This represents funding for the provision of Music Therapy sessions for 6 Autistic (non-verbal) children.