

ITEM No ...5.....

REPORT TO: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 25 APRIL 2022
REPORT ON: COMMON GOOD FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2022/23
REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES
REPORT NO: 111-2022

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report provides details of the Council's Common Good Fund Revenue Budget for 2022/23 and makes recommendations for the disbursement of funds for the financial year.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:-

2.1 Approve the Common Good Fund 2022/23 Revenue Budget as detailed in Appendix A.

2.2 Note that the available balance will be distributed as follows:

	£000
Festive Fund	20
Blood Transfusion Service and Festival of Remembrance	3
Dundee Partnership	<u>77</u>
Total	<u>100</u>

2.3 Approve that the Executive Director of Corporate Services be delegated to approve any awards made through the Dundee Partnership that would first be subject to an assessment through the established process.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The draft Common Good Fund Revenue Budget for 2022/23 incorporates all known income and committed expenditure for that year. This results in a budget of £100,000 available for distribution and will be used primarily to support organisations who deliver services for the common good of the City.

4.0 INTRODUCTION

4.1 Common Good is a term synonymous with the creation of Burghs as trading counties. A Burgh became a trading county when the King licensed that Burgh to have markets, and at that time a Burgh Fund was set up and is now referred to as the Common Good Fund. As indicated by its name, the Fund is to be used for the common good of the City. Under Section 222 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, it stated that the then District Council in administering the Common Good Fund must "have regard to the interests of all inhabitants of the district".

5.0 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

5.1 In the City Council's Financial Regulations, specific reference is made to the Common Good Fund as follows:-

"The Executive Director of Corporate Services will submit a Revenue Budget to the Policy & Resources Committee each year. The Executive Director of Corporate Services will have authority to incur expenditure within the approved budget.

All investments of money shall be made by the Executive Director of Corporate Services in the name of the Council. Any investments made will be in accordance with the policy determined by the Policy & Resources Committee.

All securities which are the property of, or in the name of the Council, shall be held in custody under the supervision of the Executive Director of Corporate Services."

- 5.2 It has been accepted as custom and practice that the Common Good Fund should not meet expenditure of a recurring nature other than the replacement of Christmas Lights, Hogmanay/Festive Fund Grants, Blood Transfusion Service and Festival of Remembrance grants and that it is solely for expenditure of a one-off nature. Last year in 2021/22 the Common Good Fund contributed to the following initiatives:

	£
Feeling Strong	7,500
Dundee Women's Aid	2,000
Yusuf Youth Initiative	2,500
Glebelands PS	2,000
Dundee Youth Music Theatre	2,100
Arts & Communities Association	4,700
Women's Business Station	3,000
Pensioner's Forum	2,760
Discovery All Stars	2,650
Dundee Pride	5,240
Catesbi	2,445
Dundee's Year Of The Older Person	2,032
Dundee Carers Centre	5,000
Maryfield United Community Charity	1,000
Alexander's Community Development	10,000
Kirkton LMG	3,140
Mid-Lin Day Care Ltd	5,049
ADHD Support Group	7,051
North East Sensory Services	4,760
Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service	1,071
Dundee Independent Advocacy Service	5,000
CANDU (Dundee Cancer Support Network)	3,548
Love Lochee	<u>3,839</u>
Total	<u>88,385</u>

- 5.3 The Common Good Fund assets are invested in Bond Funds, and the Council's Loans Fund. It is estimated that these will generate approximately £135,000 income in 2022/23.

- 5.4 After allowing for the ongoing operating costs of the Common Good and the replacement of Christmas Lights, the draft Common Good Budget for 2022/23 shows a surplus income of £100,000 and consequently this will be available for distribution during 2022/23.

6.0 REVENUE BUDGET AND PROPOSED EXPENDITURE FOR 2022/23

- 6.1 The Common Good Fund Revenue Budget for the financial year 2022/23 has been prepared, based on the latest information available. Appendix A details the Common Good Fund Revenue Budget for 2022/23.

- 6.2 In 2022/23 it is recommended that the Common Good Fund awards £20,000 to augment the Festive Fund. In previous years £20,000 was awarded solely for the Dundee City Council Community Hogmanay Celebrations Grants budget. The £20,000 is to be used to enhance the Festive Fund that will support communities across Dundee to provide trees, decorations and activities during the festive period. It is also recommended that the grants to the festival of remembrance and the blood transfusion service again be awarded in 2022 for circa £1,500 each.

6.3 It is requested that members and officers also bring forward proposals for the use of the 2022/23 uncommitted balance of £77,000. These proposals will be subject to an assessment through the Dundee Partnership process approved by the Executive Director of Corporate Services.

7.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

This report has been subject to an assessment of any impacts on Equality and Diversity, Fairness and Poverty, Environment and Corporate Risk.

There are no major issues.

8.0 **CONSULTATIONS**

8.1 The Council Management Team were consulted in the preparation of this report.

9.0 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

9.1 None.

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29 March 2022

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APPENDIX A

COMMON GOOD

REVENUE BUDGET 2022/2023

	2021/22 £000	2022/23 £000
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
STAFF COSTS	-	-
PROPERTY COSTS		
Christmas Lights	<u>30</u>	<u>30</u>
TOTAL PROPERTY COSTS	<u>30</u>	<u>30</u>
SUPPLIES & SERVICES		
Other Supplies and Services	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
TOTAL SUPPLIES & SERVICES	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
THIRD PARTY PAYMENTS		
Grants / Payments to Organisations	<u>110</u>	<u>100</u>
TOTAL THIRD PARTY PAYMENTS	<u>110</u>	<u>100</u>
SUPPORT SERVICES		
Recharge from Central Support Departments	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>TOTAL GROSS EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>135</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
Interest and Dividends	145	135
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>135</u>
<u>TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE</u>	=	=

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