

**REPORT TO: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 24 APRIL 2023**  
**REPORT ON: COMMON GOOD FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2023/24**  
**REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES**  
**REPORT NO: 112-2023**

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report provides details of the Council's Common Good Fund Revenue Budget for 2023/24 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 2023/24 Revenue Budget as detailed in Appendix A.
- 2.2 Agree that the £120k of available funding be distributed as follows:

	£000
Festive Fund	50
Festival of Remembrance	1
Available via open application process	<u>69</u>
Total	<u>120</u>

- 2.3 Approve that the Executive Director of Corporate Services be delegated to approve any awards made through the application process following an assessment through the established process.
- 2.4 Approve that the Common Good Fund application process will be promoted via the DCC Website, DP E-Bulletin, DVVA weekly newsletter and also via DCC social media.

**3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The draft Common Good Fund Revenue Budget for 2023/24 incorporates all known income and committed expenditure for that year. This results in a budget of £120,000 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 provision of a Hogmanay/Festive Fund and Blood Transfusion Service & Festival of Remembrance Grants and that it is solely for expenditure of a one-off nature. Last year in 2022/23 the Common Good Fund contributed to the following initiatives:

	£
Dundee United Community Trust	2,677
Alexander Community Development	4,000
Dundee Libraries (LACD)	2,990
Eagles Wings Trust	4,000
Boomerang Community Centre	2,725
Wellbeing Works Dundee	2,475
Camperdown & Lochee Ministry	4,552
Caledonia Housing Volunteering Project	909
Togs for Tots	4,770
Strathmartine Community Larder	5,000
BeFriends	2,351
Spectrum	5,000
Art Angel	5,000
Aberlour	1,130
JustBee	5,000
Dundee Pensioner's Forum	7,380
Dundee Operatic Society	4,990
How It Felt	1,650
St Mary's Community Centre	979
Tayside Council on Alcohol	4,000
Opera Festival Scotland	3,780
Broughty Ferry Community Charity	1,642
Total	<u>77,000</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 £125,000 income in 2023/24.

- 5.4 After allowing for the ongoing operating costs of the Common Good, the draft Common Good Budget for 2023/24 shows a surplus income of £120,000 and consequently this will be available for distribution during 2023/24.

## 6.0 REVENUE BUDGET AND PROPOSED EXPENDITURE FOR 2023/24

- 6.1 The Common Good Fund Revenue Budget for the financial year 2023/24 has been prepared, based on the latest information available. Appendix A details the Common Good Fund Revenue Budget for 2023/24.

- 6.2 In 2023/24 it is recommended that the Common Good Fund awards £50,000 to the Festive Fund to support communities across Dundee to provide trees, decorations and activities during the festive period. It is also recommended that the grant to the festival of remembrance be awarded in 2023 for circa £1,500.

- 6.3 It is requested that members and officers also bring forward proposals for the use of the 2023/24 uncommitted balance of £69,000. 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**

7.1 This report has been subject to the Pre-IIA Screening Tool and does not make any recommendations for change to strategy, policy, procedures, services or funding and so has not been subject to an Integrated Impact Assessment. An appropriate senior manager has reviewed and agreed with this assessment.

**8.0 CONSULTATIONS**

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

**9.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

9.1 None.

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**APPENDIX A**

**COMMON GOOD**

**REVENUE BUDGET 2023/2024**

	<b>2022/23 £000</b>	<b>2023/24 £000</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
<b>STAFF COSTS</b>	-	-
<b>PROPERTY COSTS</b>		
Christmas Lights	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY COSTS</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>SUPPLIES &amp; SERVICES</b>		
Other Supplies and Services	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>TOTAL SUPPLIES &amp; SERVICES</b>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>THIRD PARTY PAYMENTS</b>		
Grants / Payments to Organisations	<u>130</u>	<u>120</u>
<b>TOTAL THIRD PARTY PAYMENTS</b>	<u>130</u>	<u>120</u>
<b>SUPPORT SERVICES</b>		
Recharge from Central Support Departments	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES</b>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
<b><u>TOTAL GROSS EXPENDITURE</u></b>	<u>135</u>	<u>125</u>
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>		
Interest and Dividends	135	125
<b><u>TOTAL INCOME</u></b>	<u>135</u>	<u>125</u>
<b><u>TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE</u></b>	-	-

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