

## ITEM No ...10.....

**REPORT TO:** POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 26 APRIL 2021  
**REPORT ON:** COMMON GOOD FUND  
**REPORT BY:** EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES  
**REPORT NO:** 117-2021

### 1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report provides details of the Council's Common Good Fund Revenue Budget for 2021/22 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 2021/22 Revenue Budget as detailed in Appendix A.
- 2.2 Agree that the £110,000 available for 2021/22 be allocated as follows: £20,000 to the Festive Fund; £1,500 to the Blood Transfusion Service; £1,500 to the Festival of Remembrance Service; and £87,000 for projects that support Covid recovery within communities for the common good of the City
- 2.3 Agree that the £87,000 be allocated during the year following an assessment through the Dundee Partnership process approved by the Executive Director of Corporate Services.

### 3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The draft Common Good Fund Revenue Budget for 2021/22 incorporates all known income and committed expenditure for that year. This results in a budget of £110,000 available for distribution.

### 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 2020/21 the Common Good Fund contributed to the following initiatives:

	<b>£</b>
Bottom of the Hill Focus Group	4,610
Arts & Communities Association	2,980
Blood Transfusion Service	2,621
Unicorn Preservation Society	7,500
Dundee Schools Band and Orchestra	5,000
Rocksolid	5,000
Yusuf Youth Initiative	5,200
Dundee Starter Packs SCIO	3,000
Hot Chocolate Trust	6,800
Dundee Independent Advocacy Support	16,650
Lifegate	2,500
City Church Dundee	2,693
Making Dundee Home	5,500
Lochee Community Group	4,888
Faith In Community Dundee	7,115
DVVA – Link Up Whitfield and Lochee Hub	3,580
Camperdown & Lochee Ministry	2,698
Dundee Thegither	2,700
Alexanders Community Development	5,000

- 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 £145,000 income in 2021/22.

- 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 2021/22 shows a surplus income of £110,000 and consequently this will be available for distribution during 2021/22.

## 6.0 REVENUE BUDGET AND PROPOSED EXPENDITURE FOR 2021/22

- 6.1 The Common Good Fund Revenue Budget for the financial year 2021/22 has been prepared, based on the latest information available. Appendix A details the Common Good Fund Revenue Budget for 2021/22.
- 6.2 In 2021/22 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 2021 for circa £1,500 each.
- 6.3 It is requested that members and officers also bring forward proposals for the use of the 2021/22 uncommitted balance of £87,000, For 2021/22 it is proposed that projects should have a focus on pandemic recovery within the City. 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 screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

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 2021**



**APPENDIX A**

**COMMON GOOD**

**REVENUE BUDGET 2021/2022**

	<b>2020/21 £000</b>	<b>2021/22 £000</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
<b>STAFF COSTS</b>	-	-
<b>PROPERTY COSTS</b>		
Property Insurance	-	-
Energy Costs	-	-
Christmas Lights	<u>30</u>	<u>30</u>
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY COSTS</b>	<u>30</u>	<u>30</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>		
Sundry Payments	<u>110</u>	<u>110</u>
<b>TOTAL THIRD PARTY PAYMENTS</b>	<u>110</u>	<u>110</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>145</u>	<u>145</u>
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>		
Interest and Dividends	145	145
Other Income	-	-
<b><u>TOTAL INCOME</u></b>	<u>145</u>	<u>145</u>
<b><u>TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE</u></b>	-	-

