

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**  
**Report by Executive Director of Corporate Services**  
**Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee - 29 April 2009**

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**Subject : Provost's Fund**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to advise Members of the current sum available within the Provost's Fund and invite Members to approve a top up.

**2. Background**

- 2.1** In 1953 a Fund, to be known as the Burgh of Clydebank Provost's Fund, was established. The Fund transferred to Clydebank District Council in 1975 and to West Dunbartonshire Council in 1996.
- 2.2** In November 1998, officers were requested by the Council to examine whether the Fund could be adapted for wider use, or whether a replacement Trust to cover the whole area of West Dunbartonshire should be established. It was determined that the existing Fund may be used to cover the whole area of West Dunbartonshire.

**3. Main Issues**

- 3.1** The balance on the Fund as at 31 March 2009 was £150.37.
- 3.2** The accounts for the Fund for the year ended 31 March 2009 show total expenditure in the year of £4,380. Detail of recent distribution is identified within Appendix A.
- 3.3** The last payment to the Provost's Fund was in November 2007 when £5,000 was transferred from the local grants budget.
- 3.4** From 2008/09 onwards, the WDCVS has been involved in administering and monitoring the Council's local grants budget, with a retained element held by the Council. The top up would be taken from this retained element and as such would not affect the amount allocated to the WDCVS.

**4. Personnel Implications**

- 4.1** There are no personnel implications at this point.

**5. Financial implications**

- 5.1** Any transfer from the local grants budget to the Provost Fund would be taken from the retained element of the Council's grants budget.

## **6 Risk Analysis**

**6.1** No further risk analysis was required.

## **7. Conclusions**

**7.1** The Provost Fund currently holds a balance of £150.37 and is requesting a top up from the grants budget. The last payment to the Provost's Fund was November 2007 for £5,000.

## **8. Recommendation**

**8.1** Members are requested to approve the transfer of £5,000 from the local Grants budget to the Provost's Fund.

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**Date: 3 April 2009**

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**Wards Affected:** All wards

**Appendix:** Distribution of Funds

**Background Papers:** No background papers

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