

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL****Report by Chief Officer - Resources****Corporate Services Committee: 16 August 2023**

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**Subject: Grant Application to Dumbarton Common Good****1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members with details of one grant application to Dumbarton Common Good for consideration.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to approve a grant of £16,250.62 for 2023/24 and a grant of £15,000 for 2024/25 and 2025/26 with the award to be subject to review in 2026 to consider if the grant should be continued further. The grant to Food for Thought SCIO is to cover rental costs for their premises which is located in Dumbarton.

**3. Background**

- 3.1 Dumbarton Common Good Fund grants are administered by the West Dunbartonshire Council and are reported to the Committee as and when applications are received.
- 3.2 The value of fund as at 31 March 2023 was £668,478.

**4. Main Issues****Grant Applications to Dumbarton Common Good**

- 4.1 Appendix A summarises the aims of the group and advises on their current financial position. Committee is asked to approve the grant application of £16,250.62 for 2023/24 and further grant of £15,000 for 2024/25 and 2025/26.

**5. Option Appraisal**

- 5.1 No option appraisal was required for this report.

**6. People Implications**

- 6.1 There are no people implications.

**7. Financial and Procurement Implications**

- 7.1** It is recommended that members agree to the grant funding requested by Food for Thought SCIO.

## **8. Risk Analysis**

- 8.1** The Council must consider financial and reputational risks when considering grant applications. The financial risk is not only that the Council and Common Good Fund remain within budget, but also that the organisations funded by the Council and the Common Good Fund are both viable in the long term and comply with the Conditions of Grant which cover issues such as discrimination, health and safety, insurance, etc.

## **9. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)**

- 9.1** No equalities impact assessment was required in relation to this report.

## **10. Environmental Sustainability**

- 10.1** No assessment of environmental sustainability was required in relation to this report.

## **11. Consultation**

- 11.1** Legal and Financial Officers have been consulted in preparing this report.
- 11.2** All organisations are consulted regarding recommendations of grant prior to the report being submitted to Committee.

## **12. Strategic Assessment**

- 12.1** Proper budgetary control and sound financial practice are cornerstones of good governance and support Council and officers to pursue the 5 strategic priorities of the Councils Strategic Plan.

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**Date: 01 August 2023**

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**Appendices**

Appendix A: Details of Grant Application

**Background Papers:**

Grant application summary information  
Individual group grant applications

**Wards Affected:**

Ward 3