

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**  
**Report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services**  
**Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee – 20 April 2011**

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**Subject: Grant Applications**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to provide Committee with an update on grants to voluntary organisations from the Trust Fund and Dumbarton Common Good budgets.

**2. Background**

- 2.1** Community Chest grants are administered by the West Dunbartonshire Community Volunteer Service (CVS) and are reported to Committee at the year end.
- 2.2** The Council continues to administer grants for Strategic Partner identification, Community Councils, Dumbarton Common Good and Trust Funds and the Elderly Welfare Christmas payout.
- 2.3** The Dumbarton Common Good budget 2011/12 was approved at Committee on 23 February 2011, with grant funding agreed for a number of organisations at that time.

**3. Main Issues**

Community Council Applications

- 3.1** An application has been received for funding. Amount due is based upon the lower amount requested or the formula set by the Scottish Government. Details are shown in Appendix A and Members should note £1,970 is due to be paid.

Dumbarton Common Good Fund

- 3.2** Four applications for funding have been received for the Common Good Fund. Details are shown in Appendix A, and Members should note officer's recommendations of £67,400 (of which £64,900 was approved within the draft budget 2011/12 and £2,500 is a new application recommendation).

**4. People Implications**

- 4.1** There are no people implications.

## **5. Financial Implications**

- 5.1** If approval of the recommendations are given, the amount due to be paid to the Community Councils per 3.1 is £1,970.
- 5.2** If approval of the recommendations are given, the amount due to be paid to organisations from the Dumbarton Common Good Fund as per 3.2 is £67,400.

## **6. Risk Analysis**

- 6.1** 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 voluntary organisation is in a long term viable position. Organisations funded by the Council and the Common Good Fund must also comply with conditions of grant which cover issues such as discrimination, health and safety, insurance, etc.

## **7. Equalities, Health & Human Rights Impact Assessment (EIA)**

- 7.1** No significant issues were identified in a screening for potential equality impact of this report

## **8. Conclusions and Recommendations**

- 8.1** The grants shown in Appendix A are recommended for approval following officer's assessment of financial need and favourable impact to residents within the Council area. The Committee is asked to:
  - (a) note the grant due to be awarded for community councils (£1,970)
  - (b) approve the grants as recommended from the Dumbarton Common Good (£67,400)

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**Appendix** Appendix A: Detail of applications for assessment

**Background Papers:** Grant applications

**Wards Affected:** All