

REPORT TO: Cabinet

MEETING DATE: 12 March 2013

BY: Executive Director (Support Services)

SUBJECT: Investing in our Communities – Support to Community Councils

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report has been prepared to secure Cabinet support for proposed levels of funding made available to Community Councils in East Lothian for the financial year 2013/14.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Cabinet is asked to approve the allocation of Community Council Administration Grants and Local Priorities Scheme Budgets for 2013/14, as detailed in Appendices 1 & 3.

3 BACKGROUND

3.1 Community Council Funding

Community Councils continue to play a vitally important role in East Lothian community life providing valuable support and effective influence within the communities they represent. The Council has a positive and effective working relationship across our network of 20 community councils. Following the recent elections on 4 October 2012, all Community Councils have now been established and are operating within the East Lothian Scheme. The Council's working partnership with Community Councils can be seen as both empowering and mutually beneficial and despite the very challenging financial circumstances posed by public sector spending constraints, the Council is keen to maintain funding support at the maximum possible levels.

It is proposed that the longstanding financial assistance provided in respect of Administration Grants and the Local Priorities Scheme should continue. However, it has been necessary to restrict the overall cash sum to be made available at the same level as last year.

3.2 Administration Grants

Community Councils receive a basic grant allocation for administrative support services. This allocation comprises a fixed sum element, supplemented by a per capita sum reflecting the size of the electorate. Provision is also made to include a small administration grant to support the Association of East Lothian Community Councils. Precise details of the proposed allocations for each Community Council amounting to **£14,050** for financial year 2013/14 are contained within Appendix 1.

3.3 Local Priorities Scheme (LPS)

The success of our Local Priorities Scheme is now recognised nationally as leading practice and remains one of the most successful aspects of the Council's partnership with local communities. It provides the local communities with financial resource to support their own locally determined priorities. LPS funded activity completed during the past financial year is contained within Appendix 2. This spending includes grants awarded to some Community Councils through Landscape & Countryside's Civic Pride Fund, Economic Development, Leader and local fundraising, which support mutually beneficial projects.

As with the administration grant, allocations are made to individual Community Councils taking into account the size of the electorate in each area. Full details of the proposed allocations for financial year 2013/14 totalling **£129,000** are given in Appendix 3.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 All of the proposals contained within this report reflect continued application of Council policy as determined by both the Council Plan and Community Planning Partnership's Single Outcome Agreement. The proposals continue to demonstrate effective partnership working between the Council and East Lothian Community Councils.

5 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The report is not applicable to the wellbeing of equalities groups and an Equality Impact Assessment is not required.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Financial – the detailed financial implications have been assessed in conjunction with relevant colleagues in the Finance Team. The specific funding allocations made in recommendations 2.1 can be contained within the approved 2013/14 budget for Democratic Services.

- 6.2 Personnel - Significant support and advice is provided to Community Councils via the Democratic Services Officer, whose post is already part of the approved staffing establishment.
- 6.3 Other – additional support and advice is provided to many Community Councils by officers in service areas throughout the Council from within existing resources.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 Access to further supporting information can be made available to elected members on request.

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2013/14 COMMUNITY COUNCIL GRANT ALLOCATION											Appendix 1	
Community Council	<u>Fixed Amount</u>	<u>Variable Amount</u>	<u>Total Grant</u>	<u>Electorate Roll</u>	<u>Payable 1st June 2013</u>							
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>		<u>£</u>							
Cockenzie & Port Seton	350	398	748	4,394	748							
Dunbar	350	582	932	6,439	932							
Dunpender	350	218	568	2,416	568							
East Lammermuir	350	96	446	1,068	446							
Garvald & Morham	350	35	385	387	385							
Gifford	350	84	434	926	434							
Gullane	350	381	731	4,222	731							
Haddington	350	728	1,078	8,059	1,078							
Humbie & Saltoun	350	81	431	900	431							
Longniddry	350	216	566	2,387	566							
Macmerry & Gladsmuir	350	114	464	1,267	464							
Musselburgh	350	1,426	1,776	15,782	1,776							
North Berwick	350	501	851	5,548	851							
Ormiston	350	159	509	1,760	509							
Pencaitland	350	155	505	1,712	505							
Prestonpans	350	660	1,010	7,308	1,010							
Tranent & Elphinstone	350	861	1,211	9,533	1,211							
Wallyford	350	210	560	2,323	560							
West Barns	350	49	399	543	399							
Whitecraig	350	96	446	1,059	446							
TOTALS	7,000	7,050	14,050	78,033	14,050							
CHECKS		7,050	14,050									
Association of Community Councils			150		150							

HADDINGTON & DISTRICT		MUSSELBURGH & INVERESK	
Town Centre Report -		Area next to Roman Bridge	£695.00
£2k(LPS)+£5330.28(CC)+£10k from EDU	£16,273.98	Gala day	£4,175.75
Display boards	£399.25	Benches Fisherrow Links	£126.65
Festival equipment	£825.75	Musselburgh on the Fringe	£2,282.50
Market operator's licences (2)	£166.00	New Christmas lights	£4,816.72
Christmas lights	£1,155.40	2 sockets and repair	£219.96
Jubilee event	£500.00	Mall Avenue tree	£1,540.00
picnic bench Ball Alley	£628.00	Erection of Christmas lights	£8,865.00
Athelstaneford Community Association	£800.00	equipment for Remembrance Sunday	£73.50
Jubilee posters	£22.43	equipment for Musselburgh Christmas lights sv	£76.10
Bunting	£600.90	Hollies tree	£2,100.00
Flowers for hanging baskets	£1,000.00		£24,971.18
website	£200.00		
wax torches	£466.58		
		NORTH BERWICK	
Christmas lights structural engineer	£800.00	Newsletter printing	£1,623.74
Erection of Christmas lights	£840.72	Newsletter delivery	£1,942.33
Installation of eyebolts	£150.00	speed reactive sign	£2,500.00
Christmas tree	£496.00	Website	£275.00
Equipment for Christmas Fair	£37.00	Friends of Edington	£500.00
Removal of Christmas lights	£274.56	Raft Race	£150.00
Removal of Christmas lights (2)	£3,000.00	Law Race medals	£250.00
Festive Fun posters etc	£204.13	East Lothian Food Bank	£100.00
	£28,840.70	Christmas lights	£3,882.50
		NB Yacht Club	£400.00
HUMBIE, SALTOUNS & BOLTON		NB Environment Trust	£1,000.00
1 speed reactive sign	£2,550.00	Christmas tree	£482.00
Floodlighting Saltoun Church	£120.00		£13,105.57
	£2,670		
		ORMISTON	
LONGNIDDRY		Moffat Monument (civic pride 11-12)	£2,400.00
Christmas lights	£958.00	Moffat Monument (civic pride 12-13)	£4,843.00
Road repairs Longniddry -		Replacement bench 2011	£615.00
£2k leader+£2k LPS+£4,200 fundraised	£8,200.00	Christmas lights	£1,656.50
Longniddry Parish Church	£150.00		£9,514.50
PL Borneo trip	£200.00		
Landscaping	£658.80		
PL Mini Rugby	£100.00		
Glassel Park bins	£560.36		
Seat	£639.00		
	£11,466.16		
MACMERRY & GLADSMUIR			
New Christmas lights	£729.50		
Erection of Christmas lights	£1,000.00		
	£1,729.50		

PENCAITLAND			TRANENT & ELPHINSTONE	
Haddington crossroads/Trevelyan Hall tubs	£964.00		Christmas trees	£540.00
litter pick	£66.49		Tranent Family Fireworks	£2,000.00
Boggs Hall	£300.00		Elphinstone Playgroup	£500.00
1st Pencaitland Brownies	£226.25		Tranent Gala	£500.00
2nd Pencaitland Brownies	£226.25		Centre Stage	£500.00
1st Pencaitland Guides	£226.25		British Legion	£250.00
1st Pencaitland Rainbows	£226.25		Elphinstone Playscheme	£250.00
Pencaitland Day Centre	£226.25		Tranent Day Centre	£250.00
Pencaitland Playgroup	£226.25		Blachere 1st year hire	£3,949.80
New Winton Hall	£226.25		Elphinstone Christmas lights	£103.50
poppy wreath	£33.80		St Martin's Parent Council	£200.00
EL food bank	£50.00		East Lothian Food Bank	£100.00
Sustaining Dunbar	£50.00		Elvon	£200.00
New Christmas lights	£456.50		Erection of Christmas lights	£5,390.00
Erection of Christmas lights	£800.00		Elphinstone Primary School	£100.00
Christmas trees	£239.00		Christmas lights	£278.50
	£4,543.54		Electric supply, socket and chamber for Xmas t	£666.70
PRESTONPANS				£15,778.50
St Gabriel's Youth Club	£250.00			
PL High School Parent Council	£200.00		WALLYFORD	
St Gabriel's CUS	£100.00		Coal Hutches (Civic Pride 2011)	£2,122.91
Ppans Primary Parent Council	£300.00		Mining Memorial book reprint	£81.56
Christmas Fair	£878.59		Mining Memorial stone (civic pride 2012)	£3,016.83
Erection of Christmas lights	£2,700.00		Jubilee event	£196.37
Christmas tree	£500.00		Wallyford Community Centre	£51.99
St Gabriel's Primary Barga visit	£500.00		Christmas lights erection & repairs	£3,058.00
St Gabriel's Youth Club	£300.00		New Christmas lights	£184.00
Ppans Community Centre Playscheme	£300.00		Christmas tree	£325.00
Ppans Community Centre Association	£300.00		Salters Road noticeboard (civic pride 2013)	£80.00
Prestoungrange Art Club	£400.00			£9,116.66
Girlguiding Scotland	£150.00			
1st Ppans Rainbows	£100.00		WEST BARNs	
Ppans & District Pipes & Drums	£500.00		WRI	£340.00
Dalkeith & Monktonhall Brass Band	£500.00		Dunbar RBL Pipe Band	£100.00
Ppans Childrens' Gala	£1,000.00		West Barns Primary School	£500.00
	£8,978.59		West Barns Village Hall	£320.00
			West Barns Gala Day 40th anniversary	£500.00
			Christmas lights committee	£500.00
				£2,260
			WHITECRAIG	
			Christmas tree	£35.00
			TOTAL SPENT 2012-13	£175,283.93

COMMUNITY COUNCILS - LOCAL PRIORITIES SCHEME - INCLUDING XMAS LIGHTS ALLOCATION													Appendix 3							
BUDGET 2013/14																				
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BUDGET CODE			COMMUNITY COUNCIL					ELECTORATE	FIXED SUM	PRO RATA	TOTAL SUM	FIXED SUM	PRO RATA	TOTAL SUM						
									£	£	£	£	£							
1	-	05	-	150	-	2	-	25	-	245	-	5137	COCKENZIE & PORT SETON	4,394	1,500	5,800	7,300	0.34	1.32	1.66
1	-	05	-	150	-	2	-	25	-	245	-	5138	DUNBAR	6,439	1,750	8,500	10,250	0.27	1.32	1.59
1	-	05	-	150	-	2	-	25	-	245	-	5139	DUNPENDER	2,416	1,000	3,190	4,190	0.41	1.32	1.73
1	-	05	-	150	-	2	-	25	-	245	-	5140	EAST LAMMERMUIR	1,068	1,000	1,410	2,410	0.94	1.32	2.26
1	-	05	-	150	-	2	-	25	-	245	-	5141	GARVALD & MORHAM	387	500	510	1,010	1.29	1.32	2.61
1	-	05	-	150	-	2	-	25	-	245	-	5142	GIFFORD	926	750	1,220	1,970	0.81	1.32	2.13
1	-	05	-	150	-	2	-	25	-	245	-	5143	GULLANE	4,222	1,500	5,570	7,070	0.36	1.32	1.67
1	-	05	-	150	-	2	-	25	-	245	-	5144	HADDINGTON	8,059	2,000	10,640	12,640	0.25	1.32	1.57
1	-	05	-	150	-	2	-	25	-	245	-	5145	HUMBIE & SALTOUN	900	750	1,190	1,940	0.83	1.32	2.16
1	-	05	-	150	-	2	-	25	-	245	-	5146	LONGNIDDRY	2,387	1,000	3,150	4,150	0.42	1.32	1.74
1	-	05	-	150	-	2	-	25	-	245	-	5147	MACMERRY & GLADSMUIR	1,267	1,000	1,670	2,670	0.79	1.32	2.11
1	-	05	-	150	-	2	-	25	-	245	-	5148	MUSSELBURGH	15,782	2,500	20,830	23,330	0.16	1.32	1.48
1	-	05	-	150	-	2	-	25	-	245	-	5149	NORTH BERWICK	5,548	1,750	7,320	9,070	0.32	1.32	1.63
1	-	05	-	150	-	2	-	25	-	245	-	5150	ORMISTON	1,760	1,000	2,320	3,320	0.57	1.32	1.89
1	-	05	-	150	-	2	-	25	-	245	-	5151	PENCAITLAND	1,712	1,000	2,260	3,260	0.58	1.32	1.90
1	-	05	-	150	-	2	-	25	-	245	-	5152	PRESTONPANS	7,308	2,000	9,650	11,650	0.27	1.32	1.59
1	-	05	-	150	-	2	-	25	-	245	-	5153	TRANENT & ELPHINSTONE	9,533	2,250	12,580	14,830	0.24	1.32	1.56
1	-	05	-	150	-	2	-	25	-	245	-	5154	WALLYFORD	2,323	1,000	3,070	4,070	0.43	1.32	1.75
1	-	05	-	150	-	2	-	25	-	245	-	5155	WEST BARNES	543	750	720	1,470	1.38	1.33	2.71
1	-	05	-	150	-	2	-	25	-	245	-	5156	WHITECRAIG	1,059	1,000	1,400	2,400	0.94	1.32	2.27
													78,033	26,000	103,000	129,000	0.33	1.32	1.65	
														26,000	103,000	129,000				