

REPORT TO: East Lothian Council

MEETING DATE: 28 October 2014

BY: Depute Chief Executive (Resources and People Services)

SUBJECT: Musselburgh Common Good Budget and Funding of
Musselburgh Fireworks Display

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 Council is asked to consider the use of Standing Order 12 to rescind the awards budget approved at its meeting of 26 August 2014 and replace it with a revised figure.
- 1.2 Additionally the cost of the annual fireworks display for Musselburgh is in excess of £10,000 and requires Council approval under the Scheme of Administration for Common Good Funds.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To review the budget set for Musselburgh Common Good Fund and consider replacing it with a revised figure given changes on the demands of that budget.
- 2.2 Subject to agreement to increase the budget as stated above, to consider the cost of the annual fireworks display, which is in excess of the £10,000 maximum the Common Good can approve, at a cost of £16,500.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At its meeting of 26 August 2014 Council agreed the accounts and budgets of the four Common Good Funds which it administers.
- 3.2 On 24 June 2014 the Musselburgh Common Good recommended to Council that they should approve an award of £80,000 to Musselburgh Tennis Club.

- 3.3 The Musselburgh Common Good budget for awards was set at £100,000 the awards made to date, including the Musselburgh Tennis Club, total £98,300.
- 3.4 There are four applications, including the fireworks, awaiting determination, potentially valued at £31,900.
- 3.5 To enable the Musselburgh Common Good Fund to operate effectively Council is asked to agree under Standing Order 12 to rescind the £100,000 budget and replace it with a revised budget of £180,000.
- 3.6 The Musselburgh Common Good has sufficient income to enable this increase in awards.
- 3.7 Standing Order 12 is relevant as the budget was agreed less than six months ago on 26 August 2014.
- 3.8 Members are reminded that a vote in favour of this request must be agreed by two thirds to enable the motion to be passed.
- 3.9 The annual fireworks display, which will cost £16,500 has been agreed in principal by the six Musselburgh Councillors and you are now asked to approve this expenditure. The application form is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Agreement to rescind and replace the awards budget for Musselburgh Common Good will enable it to use it's resources for the good of it's residents.

5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 This report is not applicable to the well being of equalities groups and an Equalities Impact Assessment is not required.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Financial - as set out in the report
- 6.2 Personnel - none.
- 6.3 Other – none.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 Council 26August 2014 – Common Good Funds – Budget 2014/15 to 2016/17

7.2 Common Good Committees – Scheme of Administration 17 December 2013

7.3 Standing Orders of East Lothian Council – 12 Rescinding Decisions.

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COMMON GOOD FUND APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

Please use this form to apply for funding from any of the four Common Good Funds administered by East Lothian Council. For further information please contact Pauline Maciver, Management Accountant, East Lothian Council on 01620 827792 or e-mail pmaciver@eastlothian.gov.uk

Which Common Good Fund are you applying to?
(Please tick below)

Common Good Fund	
Dunbar	
Haddington	
Musselburgh	X
North Berwick	

Applicant's Details	
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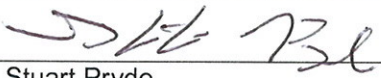
Payment Details (for use if application is successful)	
Name & Address of bank	N/A
Name of Account Holder	
Sort Code (6 digits)	
Account Number (8 digits)	

COMMON GOOD FUND APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

Grant Application Details

How much are you applying for?	£16,500
What will this money be used for?	Provision of a free to attend public firework display in Musselburgh on 5 th November 2014 A professional Pyrotechnic company has been secured to provide the display for £15,000 and the remaining £1500 covers fees for First Aid cover, barrier hire, stewarding etc.
How will this benefit the inhabitants of the area covered by the Common Good fund to which you are applying?	The event has been running in various guises for a period of more than 15 years and has shown to directly contribute to a lessening trend of small individual private displays, recorded incidents of antisocial behaviour and fire raising within the cluster. The event attracts up to 6000 attendees and has a 100% safety record during its history.
Please give details of any other funding for this project.	No other funding has been applied for

I certify that the information on this form is correct

Signature	
Please Print Name	Stuart Pryde
Date	20 October 2014

Please attach any additional relevant information with your application and return your form to:

Financial Management Services
Department of Corporate Finance & IT
East Lothian Council
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Haddington
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