

To: Finance Resources and Customer Services Policy Board

On: 7 June 2017

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

Heading: APPLICATION TO THE RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL CITIZENS FUND

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report contains information in relation to one application for funding from the Renfrewshire Council Citizens Fund that has been recommended for approval by the Johnstone & the Villages Local Area Committee (LAC).
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2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That consideration be given to the recommended award to Kilbarchan Improvement Project (KIPCo) as detailed in Section 3 below.
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3. Background

- 3.1 The broad purpose of the citizens funds is to promote the welfare of individuals who are in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage and to foster good citizenship and community wellbeing and regeneration by giving financial assistance by way of grant to those living or working in the area to further voluntary activity or to contribute to the regeneration of the community in the area.
- 3.2 Funds were made available to all five LACs with further restrictions being included within the purpose of the funding available to the Johnstone & the Villages LAC insofar as awards would be available to Lochwinnoch and Kilbarchan based projects only. This restriction reflects the nature of the bequests amalgamated into the Citizens Fund for that LAC area. Only limited funds ringfenced for Kilbarchan based projects remain.
- 3.3 At the meeting of the Johnstone & the Villages LAC held on 16 February 2017 the following project was recommended for an award as follows:-

3.3.1 Kilbarchan Improvement Project (KIPCo)

KIPCo applied for funding to replace old and obsolete strip-lighting (105 Flourescent tubes) throughout the Old Library building with LED lights thus reducing electricity consumption. The funding would also assist towards the cost of repairing and damage to the plasterwork caused by the replacement programme as required and paint ceilings and walls. **The LAC recommended an award of £1,580.37 from the Renfrewshire Council Citizens Fund.**

Implications of this report

1. **Financial Implications**
The awards will be met from existing resources within the Renfrewshire Council Citizens Fund.
2. **HR and Organisational Development Implications**
None.
3. **Community Plan/Council Plan Implications**

Empowering our Communities	The awards of funding will strengthen the social and cultural fabric of the local community
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4. **Legal Implications**
Compliance with the Council's Condition of Grants
5. **Property/Assets Implications**
None.
6. **Information Technology Implications**
None.
7. **Equality and Human Rights Implications**
(a) The recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because membership of both groups is open to all members of the community. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.
8. **Health and Safety Implications**
None.
9. **Procurement Implications**
None.
10. **Risk Implications**
None.

11. Privacy Impact
None.

List of Background Papers

None

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