

Item: 13

Statutory General Meeting of the Council: 16 May 2022.

Community Development Fund Sub-committee.

Report by Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions.

1. Purpose of Report

To make appointments to the Community Development Fund Sub-committee.

2. Recommendations

The Council is invited to note:

2.1.

That membership of the Community Development Fund Sub-committee comprises the following:

- Convener.
- Leader.
- Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee.
- Vice Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee.
- Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee.
- Vice Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee.
- Two other members.

2.2.

That, in accordance with Standing Orders, appointments made at this meeting will last until the Special General Meeting of the Council scheduled for May 2024.

It is recommended:

2.3.

That the Council appoints two members to the Community Development Sub-committee, noting that, if required, any further vacancies arising as a result of the appointment of Vice Chairs of the service committees will be addressed at the General Meeting of the Council to be held on 5 July 2022.

3. Introduction

3.1.

In 1998, the Council established a Community Development Fund for the New Millennium to enable works to be carried out in the county, which would not otherwise have taken place, to mark the beginning of the new millennium.

3.2.

In April 2005, the Policy and Resources Committee noted the success of the Community Development Fund for the New Millennium in achieving community development, providing a focus for community spirit, and gaining substantial partnership funding.

3.3.

A working group was subsequently established to review the Community Development Fund for the New Millennium and, as a result, further funding was allocated to the fund, renamed the Community Development Fund.

3.4.

Tranches of funding have continued to be made available, following a review of the Community Development Fund when outstanding balances were nearing full allocation.

4. Remit

4.1.

The Community Development Fund Sub-committee has full delegation to determine applications for financial assistance from the Community Development Fund towards capital projects.

4.2.

Eligibility criteria for the Community Development Fund are flexible, with each project being considered on its own merits. All projects assisted by the Community Development Fund must provide benefit to, or be available to, the community as a whole. Funding is not prioritised to any particular area or areas of Orkney.

4.3.

The following basic principles are applied:

- The Community Development Fund should attract the maximum amount of external match funding into Orkney.
- There should be no ongoing cost to the Council as a result of any of the projects supported by the Community Development Fund.
- No assistance from the Community Development Fund should be given to projects that would normally be carried out by the Council itself.

4.4.

On 22 June 2021, the Policy and Resources Committee considered a framework for a scheme to enable legally constituted community organisations to seek access to grant funds to which only local authorities or partnerships involving local authorities can apply.

4.4.1.

The framework, which was subsequently approved by Council, set out the governance process as follows:

- In accordance with the Council's Scheme of Administration and subject to the limitations and conditions stated therein, the Community Development Fund Sub-committee has delegated authority to determine requests to the Council; to submit expressions of interest; or funding applications on behalf of a third party.
- The Sub-committee will meet as required to consider third-party funding applications, allowing submissions to be determined within the, often tight timelines set by funders.
- At each meeting of the Sub-committee, a monitoring report will be submitted to advise of the outcomes of third-party funding applications submitted and to report progress on all projects that have been processed via this framework.

5. Membership

5.1.

The Community Development Fund Sub-committee, which reports directly to the Council, previously comprised the following membership:

- Convener – Councillor J Harvey Johnston.
- Leader – Councillor James W Stockan.
- Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee – Councillor Graham L Sinclair.
- Vice Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee – Councillor Andrew Drever.
- Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee – Councillor Gwenda M Shearer.
- Vice Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee – Councillor Alexander G Cowie.
- Two other members:
 - Councillor Robin W Crichton.
 - Councillor Rachael A King.

5.2.

The Council is requested to appoint two other members to the Sub-committee, noting that, if required, any further vacancies arising as a result of the appointment of Vice Chairs of the service committees will be addressed at the General Meeting of the Council to be held on 5 July 2022.

5.3.

In accordance with Standing Orders, appointments made at this meeting will last until the Special General Meeting of the Council scheduled for May 2024.

6. Corporate Governance

This report relates to the Council complying with governance and procedural issues and therefore does not directly support and contribute to improved outcomes for communities as outlined in the Council Plan and the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan.

7. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising directly as a result of the recommendations of this report.

8. Legal Aspects

The Local Government (Scotland) Acts authorises the Council to establish, conduct its business through and delegate to Committees, Sub-committees and officers of the Council.

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