

North Lanarkshire Council

Report

Finance and Resources Committee



approval



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Community Council Funding – Financial Years 2019/20 and 2020/21

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Executive Summary

This report advises of the level of financial support for Community Councils for the financial years 2019/20 and 2020/21.

Recommendations

The Committee is asked to approve that the status quo prevail in relation to the funding for Community Councils in financial years 2019/20 and 2020/21.

Supporting Documents

Council business plan to 2020: Improving relationships with the communities and Third Sector.

1. Background

The Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 places a statutory duty on the Council to establish and review the Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils and provide financial and administrative support to Community Councils.

2. Report

2.1. At a meeting of the former Finance and Organisational Business Sub-Committee held on 2 August 2017 consideration was given to a report on funding of Community Councils for the financial years 2017/18 and 2018/19 and it was agreed, at that time, that the sum of £350 per Community Council plus £9 per 100 of the electorate, rounded down to the nearest 100, be paid to each Community Council.

2.2. Upon receipt and verification of Community Councils' audited accounts by the Head of Financial Solutions, and confirmation that the Community Council has submitted the Minutes of its meetings on a regular basis to the Council, the appropriate grant is then forwarded to each Community Council.

- 2.3. In terms of the budget for Community Council Grants, and following the Council's budget savings exercise, a figure has been set aside in the estimates for the financial year in the sum of £25,000.

3. Equality and Diversity

3.1. Fairer Scotland

Not applicable.

3.2. Equality Impact Assessment

Not applicable.

4. Implications

4.1. Financial Impact

The funding to support these grant awards is at present contained within the current budget.

4.2. HR/Policy/Legislative Impact

There is no HR/Policy/legislative impact.

4.3. Environmental Impact

There is no environmental impact.

4.4. Risk Impact

There is no risk impact.

5. Measures of Success

To support and assist Community Councils by way of the provision of funding.



Head of Legal and Democratic Solutions