

Blairgowrie Common Good Fund Committee – 19 December 2012**APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE****Report by Depute Director (Environment)****ABSTRACT**

The report asks Blairgowrie Common Good Fund Committee to consider an application for financial assistance.

1. RECOMMENDATION

A young person be awarded a grant of £100 towards the costs of volunteering in South Africa.

2. APPLICATION**2.1 Young person volunteering in South Africa**

2.1.1 An application has been received by a young person residing in Blairgowrie seeking a grant towards the costs of volunteering and teaching English to local teenagers in South Africa via the Project Trust. The person has to raise the sum of £5,400 by July 2013. It is recommended that Blairgowrie Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £100 towards the project in line with guidance (Criteria 8: Voluntary work overseas - 6 months or more up to £100). The shortfall would be raised by the applicant through other fundraising activities. The grant will contribute to promote lifelong learning.

3. CONSULTATION

3.1 The Head of Democratic Services and the Head of Finance have been consulted.

4. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

4.1 The recommendations contained within this report are in accordance with the priorities of Blairgowrie Common Good Fund's criteria for financial assistance.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATION

5.1 The recommendation contained within this report will be funded from the contributions to organisations provision for 2012/13.

6. EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EqIA)

6.1 An equality impact assessment needs to be carried out for functions, policies, procedures or strategies in relation to race, gender and disability and other relevant protected characteristics. This supports the Council's legal requirement to comply with the duty to assess and consult on relevant new and existing policies.

- 6.2 The function, policy, procedure or strategy presented in this report was considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcome: No further action is required as the items summarised in the committee report do not require further assessment as they do not have an impact on people's wellbeing or equality protected characteristics other than improving access to social activities and all the benefits this brings to everyone.

7. STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is a legal requirement under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that applies to all qualifying plans, programmes and strategies, including policies (PPS). The matters presented in this report were considered under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 and no further action is required as it does not qualify as a PPS as defined by the Act and is therefore exempt.

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Background Papers – 1 application for financial assistance

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