

16th December 2008

CAPITAL RECEIPTS

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 Further to previous reports in regard to the Area Capital Receipt Fund a request has been made to the fund, the details of which follow.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That Members consider the current application for Capital Receipt expenditure.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Capital receipt monies can be used to fund expenditure in accordance with the revised criteria agreed by the Executive Committee on 20 March 2008. Area Committees must use funds in a way that contributes to the Corporate Plan and Statement of Intent. Funding can be used as a contribution to projects in either the revenue or capital budget.

Where funding is being used for a capital project then the criteria for capital expenditure are as follows:

- The expenditure must result in the creation of an asset owned by the Council.
- The expenditure must be in respect of an asset already owned by the council and must:
 - significantly increase the value of the asset.
 - Extend the useful life of the asset.
 - Enhance the operating capability of the asset.

It is noted that the general intention is for capital receipts to be used within the year of allocation, and the reason why officers are asked for input in these allocations is to try and ensure monies are allocated where the project has a good chance of delivery within the current financial year. That being said, sums not spent can be carried forward into the next financial year if required.

- 3.2 A balance of £14,740 remains for allocation to Bute from 2008/09 monies, and a balance of £32,500 remains for allocation to Cowal.

- 3.3 Application has been received from Fyne Homes for £3000 capital receipt funding to acquire and retain the Rothesay town bell which has been removed from the former Council Chambers. The community will be asked how they want the bell to be displayed to maximise it's accessibility and benefit to the town of this important piece of Rothesay's heritage. Retention of the bell would fit with the priority detailed in the Bute and Cowal Area Strategy to restore and maintain civic pride in our population centres.
- 3.4 Support for this application would be from the Rothesay allocation of monies, and if agreed would leave a balance of £11,740 for future allocation.

4. IMPLICATIONS

Policy	The application is in line with the Bute and Cowal Area Strategy
Financial	If the project is supported then £11,740 would still be available for distribution in Bute in 2008/09.
Personnel	None
Equal Opportunities	None
Legal	None
Community	Supporting Events and community assets.

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