

## ADMINISTRATION OF COMMON GOOD FUNDS

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### 1. SUMMARY

This report sets out information in regard to the administration of Common Good Funds and decisions made by the Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2012.

### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

**2.1** The Area Committee is asked to appoint Members to the Rothesay Common Good Fund and the Dunoon Common Good Fund in accordance with the details in the report submitted to the Council meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2012.

### 3. DETAIL

**3.1** At its meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2012 the Council considered a report submitted by the Executive Director of Customer Services in relation to the Administration of Common Good Funds (attached herewith).

**3.2** After consideration of the submitted report on 22<sup>nd</sup> May the Council agreed :

1. That the Council appoint panels of 3 Councillors in the case of the Campbeltown, Rothesay, Lochgilphead and Dunoon Common Good Funds, and 4 Councillors in the case of the Oban Common Good Fund, to be the common good fund trustees and the determination of applications for financial assistance to note that all decisions in regard to financial matters relating to the common good funds including advice and investments should in accordance with the Councils Fund reporting be made by the Head of Strategic Finance who will report regularly to the trustees on the Fund management.
2. Agreed to delegate to the relevant Area Committees, to determine the Membership of the relevant Fund.

- 3.3** The Area Committee is therefore asked to consider the detail of the attached report and to make appointments to the Rothesay and Dunoon Common Good Funds in light of the detail and recommendation contained therein.

## **5. IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Legal - None
- 5.2 Financial - None
- 5.3 Personnel - None
- 5.4 Equal Opportunities - None
- 5.5 Policy – The delegation to a group of local members is in keeping with the council’s policy of bringing decision making to the lowest possible level.

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Executive Director – Customer Services  
May 2012

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This report sets out the administration of common good funds for the new council.

### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**2.1** The council agree to appoint a panel of members to be the common good fund trustees and to make all decisions in regard to financial matters relating to the common good funds including advice and investments from the Head of Strategic Finance and the determination of applications for financial assistance.

**2.2** In respect of the Campbeltown, Rothesay and Lochgilphead common good funds the members for the South Kintyre, Mid Argyll and Bute wards be the panel and that in respect of the Oban common good fund that the Council appoint 2 members from those members elected within the Oban South and the Isles and 2 members Oban North and Lorn wards.

### **3. DETAIL**

**3.1** Members will be aware that there are common good funds in existence for Oban, Campbeltown, Rothesay and a very small one for Lochgilphead.

**3.2** In the past these have been administered by the council on the basis of the local members appointed for the Burgh areas being the panel which makes decision on the recent request for final assistance in accordance with the rules which apply to common good funds.

- 3.3** Since the introduction of the multi member awards these have been administered as follows:-

In respect of Campbeltown, Rothesay and Lochgilphead, the multi member ward which covers the Burgh area comprises of 3 Councillors and these Councillors have been identified as the decision making body for common good applications in respect of each of those common good funds.

In respect of Oban where the 2 multi member awards Oban South and the Isles and Oban North and Lorn both have an interest in the Burgh of Oban the council, since January 2011 have appointed 2 members from Oban South and the Isles and 2 members from Oban, North and Lorn to serve as the decision making panel for Oban Common Good Fund applications.

- 3.4** The procedure for dealing with financial requests would be in accordance with existing practice.
- 3.5** The quorum for a meeting of the common good fund members would be a full representation of members and this will ensure that matters can be dealt with in an efficient manner.

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