

<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	Common Good Committee
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	30 October 2025
<b>BY:</b>	Depute Chief Executive – Resources and Economy
<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	Common Good Budget Update
<b>REPORT STATUS:</b>	Public

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## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To provide an update on the grants and repairs/maintenance budget positions for each of the Common Good areas.

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

Members are recommended to:

- 2.1 Note the current position in relation to the grants budget and repairs/maintenance budget for each of the Common Good areas; and
- 2.2 Take account of fund balances when considering applications for grant funding.

## **3 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The 2025/26 Common Good budgets were set by Council in April 2025, with the budgets for grants and repairs/maintenance as follows:
- Dunbar: Grants - £4,000; Repairs/maintenance - £5,000
  - Haddington: Grants - £10,000; Repairs/maintenance - £12,000
  - Musselburgh: Grants - £112,000; Repairs/maintenance - £70,000
  - North Berwick: Grants - £10,000; Repairs/maintenance - £10,000
- 3.2 As of the date of this report, the expenditure and balance available are as follows:

## Grants:

Common Good Grant Awards				
April 25 to Sept 25				
	Common	Annual	Amount	Budget
	Good	Budget	Awarded	Available
Dunbar Common Good	DCG	£4,000.00	£3,250.00	£750.00
Haddington Common Good	HCG	£10,000.00	£4,000.00	£6,000.00
Musselburgh Common Good	MCG	£112,000.00	£40,890.09	£71,109.91
North Berwick Common Good	NBCG	£10,000.00	£4,000.00	£6,000.00
Total		£136,000.00	£52,140.09	£83,859.91
	Common		Amount	
Applicants	Good		Awarded	
The Ridge	DCG		£3,250.00	
Nungate Gala	HCG		£4,000.00	
Honest Toun Association	MCG		£15,000.00	
Musselburgh Congregational Church	MCG		£20,000.00	
Musselburgh Community Pantry	MCG		£5,890.09	
Fringe by the Sea	NBCG		£4,000.00	
Total			£52,140.09	

## Repairs:

Common Good Repairs				
April 25 to Sept 25				
	Common	Annual	Amount	Budget
	Good	Budget	Spent	Available
Dunbar Common Good*	DCG	£5,000	£20,995	-£15,995
Haddington Common Good	HCG	£12,000	£0	£12,000
Musselburgh Common Good	MCG	£70,000	£22,753	£47,247
North Berwick Common Good	NBCG	£10,000	£110	£9,890
Total		£97,000	£43,858	£53,142
Dunbar Common Good* £18,413 of repairs included in the £20,995 cost relates to bringing St Margarets Club House up to appropriate standard before Winterfield Golf Club took on the lease for the Club House and Golf Course.				

- 3.3 In accordance with the Scheme of Administration, the Committee has the authority to award a grant of up to £50,000, provided there are sufficient funds within the budget for that area. Should funding in excess of £50,000 be recommended, then the Committee will put forward a recommendation to the Head of Communities, who, in consultation with

the Head of Finance and the Monitoring Officer, will prepare a report to Council, and that it will be for the Council to determine the allocation of funding, and any required variation of the approved budget.

#### **4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None

#### **5 RESOURCE AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Finance: None

5.2 Human Resources: None

5.3 Other (e.g. Legal/IT): None

5.4 Risk: None

#### **6 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

6.1 ***Select the statement that is appropriate to your report by placing an 'X' in the relevant box.***

An Integrated Impact Assessment screening process has been undertaken, and the subject of this report does not affect the wellbeing of the community or have a significant impact on equality and human rights; tackling socio-economic disadvantages and poverty; climate change, the environment and sustainability; the Council's role as a corporate parent; or the storage/collection of personal data.

X

**or**

The subject of this report has been through the Integrated Impact Assessment process and impacts have been identified as follows:

Subject	Impacts identified (Yes, No or N/A)
Equality and human rights	
Socio-economic disadvantage/poverty	
Climate change, the environment and sustainability	

Subject	Impacts identified (Yes, No or N/A)
Corporate parenting and care-experienced young people	
Storage/collection of personal data	
Other	

*[Enter information on impacts that have been identified]*

The Integrated Impact Assessment relating to this report has been published and can be accessed via the Council's website:

[https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/info/210602/equality\\_and\\_diversity/12014/integrated\\_impact\\_assessments](https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/info/210602/equality_and_diversity/12014/integrated_impact_assessments)

## **7 APPENDICES**

7.1 None.

## **8 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 8.1 East Lothian Council Standing Orders: Scheme of Administration
- 8.2 Report to East Lothian Council, 29 April 2025: Common Good Budget 2025/26

## **9 AUTHOR AND APPROVAL DETAILS**

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**Head of Service Approval**

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<b>Designation</b>	
<b>Confirmation that IIA and other relevant checks (e.g. finance/legal) have been completed</b>	
<b>Approval Date</b>	