



COMMITTEE:	Common Good Committee
MEETING DATE:	27 January 2026
BY:	Executive Director for Council Resources
REPORT TITLE:	Common Good Budget Update
REPORT STATUS:	Public

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 – April 2025 to December 2025	Annual Budget	Amount Awarded	Budget Available
Dunbar Common Good	DCG	£4,000.00	£3,250.00
Haddington Common Good	HCG	£10,000.00	£0.00
Musselburgh Common Good	MCG	£112,000.00	£57,109.91
North Berwick Common Good	NBCG	£10,000.00	£3,844.08
Total		£136,000.00	£61,703.99

Applicants	Common Good	Amount Awarded
The Ridge	DCG	£3,250.00
Nungate Gala	HCG	£4,000.00
Lower Impact Living	HCG	£675.00
Haddington CIC (boxing club)	HCG	£4,445.00
Haddstock	HCG	£880.00
Honest Toun Association	MCG	£15,000.00
Musselburgh Congregational Church	MCG	£20,000.00
Musselburgh Community Pantry	MCG	£5,890.09
Fisherrow Trust	MCG	£14,000.00
Fringe by the Sea	NBCG	£4,000.00
NB Community Council	NBCG	£2,155.92
Total		£74,296.01

Repairs

Common Good – April 2025 to December 2025	Annual Budget	Amount Spent	Budget Available
Dunbar Common Good	DCG	£5,000	£44,503
Haddington Common Good	HCG	£12,000	£0
Musselburgh Common Good	MCG	£70,000	£30,519
North Berwick Common Good	NBCG	£10,000	£110
Total		£97,000	£75,132
			£21,868

3.3 Within Dunbar Common Good, within the overall expenditure of £44,503 there are £34,809 of costs associated with bringing St Margarets Club House up to an appropriate standard before Winterfield Golf Club took on the lease for the Club House and the course itself. This cost is partially offset by UK Shared Prosperity Fund monies of £23,289.

3.4 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	
Corporate parenting and care-experienced young people	
Storage/collection of personal data	

Subject	Impacts identified (Yes, No or N/A)
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

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