

COMMITTEE:	Common Good Committee
MEETING DATE:	4 September 2025
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 balances for each fund are as follows:

- Dunbar: Grants - £3,250; Repairs/maintenance - £6,869
- Haddington: Grants - £4,000; Repairs/maintenance - £0
- Musselburgh: Grants - £40,890; Repairs/maintenance - £15,877
- North Berwick: Grants - £4,000; Repairs/maintenance - £110

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	
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

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	