

<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	Common Good Committee
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	12 March 2026
<b>BY:</b>	Depute Chief Executive Resources and Economy
<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	Common Good Budget Update February 2026
<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 The summaries for each Common Good area in terms of income & expenditure can be found detailed in the attached appendices.

- 3.3 Finance colleagues are working alongside Estates colleagues to finalise rent entries for 2025/26 ahead of year-end.
- 3.4 Other Income, namely Interest and Investment Income and Dividend Income, and Other Premises Costs, namely Depreciation charges, will be largely affected by year-end entries.
- 3.5 In Dunbar Common Good, within the overall expenditure of £45,154 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.
- 3.6 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.
- 3.7 In line with the approved standing orders, the 2026/27 Common Good budgets will be submitted to and approved by Council.

#### **4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 None

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

- 5.1 Finance: Outlined within this report and supporting appendices
- 5.2 Human Resources: None
- 5.3 Other (e.g. Legal/IT): None
- 5.4 Risk: None

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

- 6.1 The subject of this report has been considered and given there is no change in policy direction, there is no requirement to undertake any further impact assessment.

#### **7 APPENDICES**

- 7.1 Appendix 1 – Common Good Income & Expenditure.
- 7.2 Appendix 2 – Common Good Grant Expenditure & Commitments

## **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

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**Appendix 1**

**Common Good Income & Expenditure**

<i>Common Good Income &amp; Expenditure to Feb 2026</i>	Dunbar Common Good			North Berwick Common Good			Musselburgh Common Good			Haddington Common Good			Consolidated Common Good		
	Budget £	Actual £	Remaining £	Budget £	Actual £	Remaining £	Budget £	Actual £	Remaining £	Budget £	Actual £	Remaining £	Budget £	Actual £	Remaining £
<b>Income</b>															
Rents	-14,000	-800	13,200	-38,000	-36,682	1,318	-219,000	-143,471	75,529	-27,000	0	27,000	-298,000	-180,953	117,047
Other Income	-1,000	-23,289	-22,289	-4,000	0	4,000	-78,000	0	78,000	-2,000	0	2,000	-85,000	-23,289	61,711
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>-15,000</b>	<b>-24,089</b>	<b>-9,089</b>	<b>-42,000</b>	<b>-36,682</b>	<b>5,318</b>	<b>-297,000</b>	<b>-143,471</b>	<b>153,529</b>	<b>-29,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29,000</b>	<b>-383,000</b>	<b>-204,242</b>	<b>178,758</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>															
Repairs	5,000	45,154	40,154	10,000	110	-9,890	70,000	34,961	-35,039	12,000	0	-12,000	97,000	80,226	-16,774
Grants	4,000	3,250	-750	10,000	6,156	-3,844	112,000	54,890	-57,110	10,000	10,000	0	136,000	74,296	-61,704
Other Premises Costs	30,000	0	-30,000	6,000	5,129	-871	91,000	41,143	-49,857	0	0	0	127,000	46,272	-80,728
Other Expenditure	4,000	477	-3,523	9,000	490	-8,510	298,000	262,749	-35,251	1,000	480	-520	312,000	264,196	-47,804
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>43,000</b>	<b>48,882</b>	<b>5,882</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>11,886</b>	<b>-23,114</b>	<b>571,000</b>	<b>393,743</b>	<b>-177,257</b>	<b>23,000</b>	<b>10,480</b>	<b>-12,520</b>	<b>672,000</b>	<b>464,990</b>	<b>-207,010</b>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>28,000</b>	<b>24,793</b>	<b>-3,207</b>	<b>-7,000</b>	<b>-24,796</b>	<b>-17,796</b>	<b>274,000</b>	<b>250,272</b>	<b>-23,728</b>	<b>-6,000</b>	<b>10,480</b>	<b>16,480</b>	<b>289,000</b>	<b>260,748</b>	<b>-28,252</b>

## Appendix 2

### Grant Expenditure & Commitments

Applicant	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
NB Veterans	NBCG	1,000.00
NB Rotary Club	NBCG	2,844.08
Musselburgh Athletic Football Club	MCG	35,240.00
9th Musselburgh guides	MCG	2,300.00
Stoneyhill Play Group	MCG	8,350.00
Enjoy Leisure	MCG	2,162.11

<b>Total Grant Commitments</b>	<b>126,192.20</b>
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Grant Commitments to Feb 2026	Grant Budget £	Grant Spend to Date £	Grant Spend to Come £	Total Grant Spend £	Remaining Grant Budget £
Dunbar Common Good	4,000.00	3,250.00	0.00	3,250.00	750.00
North Berwick Common Good	10,000.00	6,155.92	3,844.08	10,000.00	0.00
Musselburgh Common Good	112,000.00	54,890.09	48,052.11	102,942.20	9,057.80
Haddington Common Good	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>136,000.00</b>	<b>74,296.01</b>	<b>51,896.19</b>	<b>126,192.20</b>	<b>9,807.80</b>