

ACT2 (ABERDEENSHIRE CHARITIES TRUST)

WOODHILL HOUSE, ABERDEEN, 16 JANUARY, 2020

Present: Councillors K Adam, W Agnew, D Aitchison, A Allan, P Argyle, N Baillie, D Beagrie, L Berry, A Bews, G Blackett, R Bruce, C Buchan, M Buchan, S Calder, G Carr, R Cassie, J Cox, I Davidson, S Dickinson, E Durno, A Evison, M Ewenson, M Findlater, M Ford, A Forsyth, P Gibb, J Gifford, A Hassan, W Howatson, J Hutchison, M Ingleby, J Ingram, P Johnston, A Kloppert, A Kille, J Latham, S Leslie, D Lonchay, A McKelvie, D Mair, I Mollison, G Owen, C Pike, G Reid, D Robertson, A Ross, M Roy, A Simpson, N Smith, S Smith, A Stirling, I Sutherland, I Taylor, B Topping, I Walker, L Wilson, R Withey and J Whyte.

Apologies: Councillors A Buchan, A Duncan, A Fakley, V Harper, F Hood, R McKail, H Partridge, G Petrie (maternity leave), G Reynolds, H Smith, R Thomson and A Wallace

Officers: Chief Executive, Director of Business Services, Head of Finance, Head of Legal and Governance, and Principal Committee Services Officer.

CHAIR

Councillor W Howatson, Provost of the Council, presided.

1. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

The Provost asked members if they had any interests to declare in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

Councillor Blackett declared an interest in Item 4 as her husband was the Chair of Braemar Community Limited, one of the applicant's for funding previously determined by the Marr Area Committee, and having applied the objective test concluded that the interest was not clear and substantial and would remain and participate in the meeting.

2. PUBLIC SECTOR EQUALITY DUTY

In making decisions on the following items of business, the Council **agreed**, in terms of Section 149 of the Equality Act, 2010:-

- (1) to have due regard to the need to:-
 - (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation;
 - (b) advance equality of opportunity between those who share a protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; and
 - (c) foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- (2) where an Equality Impact Assessment was provided, to consider its contents and take those into account when reaching their decision.

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of ACT2 (Aberdeenshire Charities Trust) of 27 September, 2018, had been circulated, was **approved** as a correct record, and thereafter signed by the Chair.

4. ACT2 (ABERDEENSHIRE CHARITIES TRUST) - ANNUAL UPDATE 2018/19

With reference to the Minute of Meeting of the Trust of 27 September, 2018 (Item 3), there had been circulated a report dated 9 October, 2019 by the Director of Business Services seeking Members views on how the trust funds had been accessed from 1 April, 2018 to 30 September, 2019 and providing a breakdown of all applications received by Area Committees during that period, along with amounts awarded and a note of the charitable purpose under which they were awarded, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report. The report advised (1) that there had been an increase in applications over the reporting period during which 11 applications had been received resulting in awards totalling £11,800, (2) that officers would continue to promote the availability of the trust funds where appropriate, and (3) that future applications for the fund specifically designated for war wounded personnel should be dealt with by the Business Services Committee, on the basis that this was a cross Aberdeenshire fund and not specific to an Area.

The Trust **agreed**:

- (1) to note the ACT2 applications made to and determined by Area Committees from 1 April, 2018 to 30 September, 2019 as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (2) to delegate any decision making in respect of the ACT2's fund for support for those wounded by war to the Business Services Committee of Aberdeenshire Council; and
- (3) that further updates on the operation of ACT2 be presented to the Trust as appropriate.