

REPORT TO COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 7 SEPTEMBER 2023

LIVE LIFE ABERDEENSHIRE – GRANT FUNDING FOR THE MUSEUM OF SCOTTISH LIGHTHOUSES

1 Executive Summary / Recommendations

1.1 Aberdeenshire Council is committed to and recognises the value of partnership working. In Arts, Heritage and Community Learning & Development (CLD), the Council has long-established partnership arrangements, with council funding supporting a range of activities that bring significant benefit to Aberdeenshire's residents and communities. This report outlines proposed financial support to The Museum of Scottish Lighthouses in Fraserburgh.

1.2 The Committee is recommended to:

1.2.1 Agree the grant payment to The Museum of Scottish Lighthouses for 2023 (3.6 & 3.7)

1.2.2 Direct officers to negotiate a new Grant Funding Agreement with the board of The Museum of Scottish Lighthouses (3.7)

1.2.2 Agree the Grant Funding Agreement be for a three-year period (3.7)

2 Decision-Making Route

2.1 The Communities Committee is the policy committee for Live Life Aberdeenshire and is the lead on Culture and Sport in Aberdeenshire.

2.2 At the Education and Children's Services Committee on 23 March 2017, the Committee agreed the £90,000 grant payment to The Museum of Scottish Lighthouses in Fraserburgh for 2017/18

2.3 At the Communities Committee on 14 October 2021, the Committee agreed to the £90,000 grant payment to the Museum of Scottish Lighthouses in Fraserburgh for 21/22.

3 Discussion

3.1 The Museum of Scottish Lighthouses (MoSL) is a purpose-built museum located in Fraserburgh. It sits next to the Kinnaird Head Lighthouse – the very first lighthouse built on mainland Scotland in 1787.

3.2 The museum attracts more than 9000 visitors annually, with 9281 visits during 2022/23, bringing visitors and economic benefits to the town.

3.3 The museum has an active educational programme for preschool, primary and secondary schools. For groups or schools unable to visit, the museum offers a loan box to educate, engage and inspire young people in the story of the Northern Lighthouse Board, the engineering and challenges of building lighthouses, and the stories of the lighthouse keepers.

- 3.4 The grant agreement is between the board of trustees of the Museum of Scottish Lighthouses and Aberdeenshire Council.
- 3.5 As the grant was on the Aberdeenshire Council Grants register, the payment for Q1 £22,500 2023/24 has been made. However, when a review was undertaken in preparation for the proposal to agree to a new grant award, the governance was not in place, and officers request a retrospective agreement from the Committee for the Q1 payment.
- 3.6 The balance of the grant of £67,500 is to be paid quarterly for 2023/24.
- 3.7 Officers recommend the grant of £90,000 be awarded under a new agreement and a term of three years be agreed to, subject to council budgets. The grant agreement should run from 2023/24 through to and including 2025/26.

4 Council Priorities, Implications and Risk

- 4.1 This report and the Live Life Aberdeenshire Business Plan will contribute to the delivery of Council priorities, particularly Health and Wellbeing and Education within the People Pillar and Resilient Communities within the Environment Pillar.
- 4.2 This report helps deliver on the LOIP Priority – Connected and Cohesive Communities.

<https://www.ouraberdeenshire.org.uk/our-priorities/connected-and-cohesive-communities/>

- 4.3 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendation(s) is(are) agreed.

Subject	Yes	No	N/A
Financial	X		
Staffing		X	
Equalities and Fairer Duty Scotland		X	
Children and Young People's Rights and Wellbeing		X	
Climate Change and Sustainability		X	
Health and Wellbeing		X	
Town Centre First		X	

- 4.4 At the Communities Committee on 16 February 2023, a Business Plan and Delivery plan 2022/23 was agreed
- 4.5 An Integrated Impact Assessment is not required because the screening as part of Stage One of the IIA has not identified the requirement for any further detailed assessments to be undertaken.
- 4.6 The following Risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level:

- ACORP004 Business and organisational change (including: ensuring governance structures support change; and, managing the pace of change) Corporate Risk Register.
- ACORP005 Working with other organisations (e.g. supply chains, outsourcing and partnership working)
- ACORP006 Reputation management (including social media)
- ECSR0004 To develop and deliver a revised LLA Business Plan focused on the three pillars of Live Life Outdoors, Live Life Well and Live Live @ Home

5 Scheme of Governance

- 5.1 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report, their comments are incorporated within the report and they are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.
- 5.2 The Communities Committee is able to consider this matter as per its delegations in Section D6, paragraphs 6.2, 6.3 and 6.4 in Part 2A, List of Committee Powers in the Scheme of Governance.

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