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To:  
Community Councils  
Area Forums  
Moray Forum  
Chair, Joint Community Council

**Community Engagement Funding Arrangements Consultation**

It was agreed that a final consultation period would take place on the funding arrangements suggested last year for Community Councils and Area Forums. Following discussion with the Moray Forum and the Joint Community Council earlier this year it was agreed to seek comments on the questionnaire. This phase is now complete and I am now asking that the final consultation is returned by 30 July 2010.

As part of the process of seeking comments a number of groups have already made opinions on the consultation known and, if people are content with the content of their initial responses, I will ensure that these comments will be included in the overall response presented to Council. I appreciate your assistance in this matter.



Yours sincerely

**John Ferguson**

## Financial Assistance Consultation

We are seeking firstly your opinions on options outlined initially by the Moray Council.

The Council made changes to the support offered to Community Councils and Area Forums with the establishment of the Community Support Unit (CSU). Community Councils and Area Forums felt that we could not progress the issue of funding until they were clear on the level of support they would receive from the new unit. With the creation of the CSU team plan and the development of support agreements, it is now clear the level of support Community Councils and Area Forums will receive from CSU staff. These were presented earlier this year to both a meeting of the Joint Community Councils and to the Moray Forum.

**Option 1** outlined by the Council for funding of Area Forums and Community Councils was: *“Community Councils and Area Forums are given a grant of £1000 each. An amount of £500 would be for administration costs and the remainder as a grant to support projects initiated by the group. £500 each would be allocated to the Moray Forum and to the Joint Community Council.”*

**Option 2** outlined by the Council to support community Councils and Forums is to *“provide a £500 basic grant and per capita amount to Area Forums and Community Councils based on the current per capita formula for Community Councils. £500 each would be allocated to the Moray Forum and to the Joint Community Council and could leave a small Moray wide fund to be available to Community Councils and Area Forums*

**Option 3** was to *“combine Community Council and Area Forum grants and allocating a base grant of £1500 for the area and a per capita amount per area (aligned to Area School Group areas.) £500 each would be allocated to the Moray Forum and to the Joint Community Council. The Area Forums jointly with the Community Councils then allocate this across the area. This would allow for example some areas to provide support to community associations or other specific community engagement organisations.”*

If you have an alternative scheme which you feel should be considered we would be interested to look at this and consider as an alternative.

There are 2 sets of figures attached for information. Firstly the figures as proposed at the Council meeting last year and, secondly, the amounts that would be allocated if the entire budget was made available. It was felt strongly that the full budget figure should be used so we have provided figures for the proposals offered by the Council and if we were to use the entire budget as was suggested during the previous consultation. The figures are based on the full population figures for each area and not the electorate.

There were some other questions which have been raised to which we would like your opinion.

The key questions we would like to ask are as follows:

- Which of the proposed options is your preferred model Option 1, 2 or 3? *(it would be useful to suggest why you have chosen that option)*
- Do you have an alternative suggestion for how the budget could be distributed fairly?

- Should the amount be for administration costs only, or should this amount be used for purposes decided by the group?
- Should a standard amount be given over for administration purposes?
- If an organisation does not spend its allocation for a financial year then the Council will only provide a top up to bring the amount an organisation has to its annual level

We would welcome any other comments that Forums or Community Councils may have. I appreciate your assistance and patience in this matter.

## Appendix A

### Original proposals

#### Option 1

Each Community Council and Area Forum would receive a grant of £1000, cost to Council £24,000, plus £500 each for the Joint Community Council and the Moray Forum.

#### Community Councils

Buckie	£1,000
Burghead and Cummington	£1,000
Cullen and Deskford	£1,000
Dyke Landward	£1,000
Elgin	£1,000
Findhorn and Kinloss	£1,000
Findochty and District	£1,000
Forres	£1,000
Heldon	£1,000
Innes	£1,000
Keith	£1,000
Lennox	£1,000
Lossiemouth	£1,000
Portknockie	£1,000
Rathven and Arradoul	£1,000
Strathisla	£1,000
Joint Community Councils	£500
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>£16,500</b>

#### Area Forums

Buckie	£1,000
Elgin North	£1,000
Elgin South	£1,000
Forres	£1,000
Keith	£1,000
Laich	£1,000
Milne's	£1,000
Speyside	£1,000
The Moray Forum	£500
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>£8,500</b>

**Cost of Option 1    £25,000**

## Option 2

A £500 basic grant would be given to each Area Forum and Community Council plus a per capita amount based on the population figures

### Community Councils

Buckie	663.44
Burghead and Cummington	536.04
Cullen and Deskford	535.82
Dyke Landward	518.20
Elgin	916.96
Findhorn and Kinloss	570.38
Findochty and District	522.12
Forres	686.64
Heldon	570.60
Innes	607.46
Keith	591.94
Lennox	565.52
Lossiemouth	650.74
Portknockie	524.34
Rathven and Arradoul	511.38
Strathisla	560.12
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>£9,531.70</b>

### Area Forums

Buckie	754.74
Elgin North	800.58
Elgin South	672.00
Forres	795.38
Keith	661.96
Laich	757.00
Milne's	666.34
Speyside	647.40
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>£5,755.40</b>

Joint Community Council	£500
The Moray Forum	£500

**Total Cost of Option 2** **£16,287.10**

### Option 3

Combining Community Council and Area Forum grants and giving each Associated School Group area a per capita sum. The area forums and community councils would then decide jointly how that amount could be distributed in their area. Additionally a £500 grant to the Joint Community Council and the Moray Forum.

Buckie	2964.75
Elgin North	3228.33
Elgin South	2489.00
Forres	3198.43
Keith	2431.27
Laich	2977.75
Milne's	2456.45
Speyside	2347.55
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>22093.53</b>

The Moray Forum	500.00
Joint Community Council	500.00

**Total Cost of Option 3** **£23,099.53**

## APPENDIX B (Figures adjusted to make full use of Budget)

The following options are listed following a request from Moray Forum to consider these options by spending the entire budget. This is an illustration. At this stage it was not in the initial proposals put to elected members, however all proposals will be welcome.

### Option 1

Each Community Council and Area Forum would receive a grant of £1000, cost to Council £24,000, plus £500 each for the Joint Community Council and the Moray Forum.

### Community Councils

Buckie	£1,000
Burghead and Cummington	£1,000
Cullen and Deskford	£1,000
Dyke Landward	£1,000
Elgin	£1,000
Findhorn and Kinloss	£1,000
Findochty and District	£1,000
Forres	£1,000
Heldon	£1,000
Innes	£1,000
Keith	£1,000
Lennox	£1,000
Lossiemouth	£1,000
Portknockie	£1,000
Rathven and Arradoul	£1,000
Strathisla	£1,000
Joint Community Councils	£500
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>£16,500</b>

### Area Forums

Buckie	£1,000
Elgin North	£1,000
Elgin South	£1,000
Forres	£1,000
Keith	£1,000
Laich	£1,000
Milne's	£1,000
Speyside	£1,000
The Moray Forum	£500
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>£8,500</b>

**Cost of Option 1    £25,000**

## Option 2

A £500 basic grant would be given to Area Forums and Community Councils plus a per capita amount based on the population figures.

### Community Councils

Buckie	1092.47
Burghead and Cummington	630.65
Cullen and Deskford	629.85
Dyke Landward	565.98
Elgin	2011.48
Findhorn and Kinloss	755.13
Findochty and District	580.19
Forres	1176.57
Heldon	755.93
Innes	889.54
Keith	833.28
Lennox	737.51
Lossiemouth	1046.43
Portknockie	588.23
Rathven and Arradoul	541.25
Strathisla	717.94
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>£13,552.41</b>

### Area Forums

Buckie	1423.43
Elgin North	1589.60
Elgin South	1123.50
Forres	1570.75
Keith	1087.10
Laich	1431.63
Milne's	1102.98
Speyside	1034.33
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>£10,363.33</b>

Joint Community Council	£500
The Moray Forum	£500

**Total Cost of Option 2** **£24,916**

### Option 3

Combining Community Council and Area Forum grants, giving each Associated School group area a per capita sum. The area forums and community councils would then decide jointly how that amount could be distributed in their area.

Buckie	2964.75
Elgin North	3228.33
Elgin South	2489.00
Forres	3198.43
Keith	2431.27
Laich	2977.75
Milne's	2456.45
Speyside	2347.55
<b>Total</b>	<b>22093.53</b>
The Moray Forum	<b>500.00</b>
Joint Community Council	<b>500.00</b>

**Total Cost of Option 3** **£23,093.53**