

Finance and Resources Committee

10.00am, Thursday, 26 January 2023

Scottish Crown Estate net revenue allocation

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 Finance and Resources Committee is asked to:
 - 1.1.1 Note that the Council has been allocated £79,283.58 from the Scottish Crown Estate for expenditure in financial year 2022/23;
 - 1.1.2 Note that this funding is required to be utilised to deliver benefits for coastal communities;
 - 1.1.3 Agree that this funding be utilised to deliver the Seafield Development Framework; and
 - 1.1.4 Note that a follow-up report will be brought to Committee regarding options for the usage of future allocations.

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2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The Council has received £79,283.58 from the Scottish Crown Estate for expenditure in financial year 2022/23, which is ring fenced to deliver benefits for coastal communities. It is proposed to utilise this funding towards the delivery of the Seafield Development Framework. A further report will be brought to the Committee concerning the use of future funding for 2023/24.

3. Background

Scottish Crown Estate net revenue

- 3.1 The Scottish Crown Estate comprises various land and property assets in Scotland held in right of the Crown. These include the seabed, foreshore, fishing rights, and rural estates. These assets are managed by Crown Estate Scotland, which generates an income from rents and other sources.
- 3.2 In recent years, net revenue from marine assets within 12 nautical miles held by the Scottish Crown Estate has been distributed to local authorities to deliver benefits for coastal communities. The current methodology was agreed between Marine Scotland and COSLA in 2021/22. A further revision to this methodology is planned to be applied in 2023/2024.
- 3.3 In prior years, funding received by the Council has been utilised as follows:
- 2019/20 (share of revenue from 2017/18) – £5,408.52: utilised for the Granton Waterfront regeneration programme;
 - 2020/21 (share of revenue from 2018/19) – £7,291.25: utilised for the Granton Waterfront regeneration programme; and
 - 2021/22 (share of revenue from 2019/20) – £83,207.22: utilised for repair works to Granton Castle Walled Garden.
- 3.4 This report has been prepared to seek approval for the utilisation of the funding for 2022/23.

Seafield Development Framework

- 3.5 On [22 February 2022](#), the Policy and Sustainability Committee agreed “...to proceed with a partnership between the Council and the local community in order to prepare a masterplan for the Seafield redevelopment opportunity, as identified in City Plan 2030”. The Committee further agreed to the use of up to £50,000, and a further £80,000 contingency, from the City Strategic Investment Fund (CSIF) for the project and preapproved the procurement of consultants to take forward this work.

4. Main report

- 4.1 On 12 December 2022, Marine Scotland advised that a total of £11m would be distributed to Scottish local authorities in 2022/23. This fund must be utilised to deliver benefits for coastal communities. The Council’s share of the funding is £79,283.58, which must be spent or contractually committed during 2022/23.
- 4.2 Following a competitive tender, utilising the Council’s Professional Services Framework, the Council appointed 7N Architects LLP to lead on the preparation of the Seafield Development Framework. Work is set to complete in Q2-Q3 2023.
- 4.3 This report seeks approval to utilise the £79,283.58 towards the delivery of the Seafield Development Framework.
- 4.4 Utilising the funding for the Seafield Development Framework will deliver significant community benefits by supporting the preparation of a community-driven masterplan for the comprehensive regeneration of the area. It will also reduce calls on the Council’s CSIF thereby allowing that fund to be utilised elsewhere.
- 4.5 The funding for 2022/23 has been advised at a relatively late point in the financial year. Once funding for 2023/24 is confirmed, it is proposed that consultation would be undertaken with coastal communities to inform a decision by the Committee on how this future funding should be utilised.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 Officers will progress the delivery of the Seafield Development Framework. If Committee agree that the Scottish Crown Estate funding can be used to deliver the Seafield Development Framework, this will reduce the funding required from the CSIF.
- 5.2 A follow-up report will be presented to Committee concerning the utilisation of the Council’s funding allocation for 2023/24. As noted, a revised methodology is planned to disburse the Crown Estate funding in future years and so it is currently unclear if Edinburgh’s share of funding is likely to increase or decrease. Once the outcome of this is known, a report on the future utilisation of any funding allocated will be prepared for Committee.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 The total cost of delivering the Seafield Development Framework is £128,110.
- 6.2 The Scottish Government has allocated up to £30,000 from its Community Partnership Master Planning budget towards the Framework.
- 6.3 The Scottish Crown Estate funding of £79,283.58 would give a total available budget of £109,283.58.
- 6.4 As noted, the Policy and Sustainability Committee has agreed to the use of up to £50,000 from the CSIF for the Seafield Development Framework. The use of the £109,283.58 would reduce the ask of the CSIF to £18,826.42, leaving additional funds in reserve for other projects.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 The Seafield Development Framework is being delivered on the basis of a partnership with the local community, which has input into the brief for the project and the selection of a supplier. A Seafield Sounding Board has been convened as a forum for inputting into the Framework. The project costs include the appointment of an architectural adviser to the community.
- 7.2 It is anticipated that consultation would be undertaken with coastal communities to inform future usage of the Scottish Crown Estate funding.

8. Background reading/external references

- 8.1 "[Seafield Masterplan Approach](#)" – report to the Policy and Sustainability Committee, Tuesday, 22 February 2022

9. Appendices

- 9.1 None.