



## **COUNCIL EXECUTIVE**

### **COUNCILLORS' LOCAL DISBURSEMENT FUND**

### **REPORT BY HEAD OF CORPORATE SERVICES**

#### **A. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To advise the Council Executive of expenditure from the Councillors' Local Disbursement Fund for the period 1 April 2022 to 30 September 2022

#### **B. RECOMMENDATION**

To note the expenditure from the Councillors' Local Disbursement Fund for the period 1 April 2022 to 30 September 2022

#### **C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

<b>I Council Values</b>	Focusing on our customers' needs; making best use of our resources; and working in partnership
<b>II Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)</b>	<p>The guidelines for the operation of the Local Members' Disbursement Fund were established by the Policy and Resources Committee in 1996</p> <p>New forms and procedures were introduced as a result of the council's implementation of "Following the Public Pound" in October 2005 and were further revised in 2007</p> <p>The name of the Fund was changed in April 2007</p>
<b>III Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers</b>	None.
<b>IV Impact on performance and performance Indicators</b>	None.
<b>V Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement</b>	None.
<b>VI Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)</b>	The budget for 2022/23 was £98,400.00 divided equally amongst the 33 elected members
<b>VII Consideration at PDSP</b>	Not required
<b>VIII Other consultations</b>	None

## D. TERMS OF REPORT

The guidelines for the operation of the Fund include a requirement for a summary report of expenditure from the Fund to be submitted to the Council Executive every six months. This report provides information regarding the half year position for the period 1 April 2022 to 30 September 2022.

The budget for the Fund for 2022/23 is £98,400.00 allocated equally to each elected Member. During the reporting period, a Local Government election took place on 5 May 2022. Each member of the Council as at 1 April 2022 was allocated a pro-rated budget up to 4 May 2022, amounting to £277.75. Members elected at the 5 May 2022 election were allocated a pro-rated budget for the remainder of the financial year, amounting to £2,704.06.

One elected Member made no disbursement from their budget allocation for the period 1 April 2022 to 4 May 2022 (£277.75). Historically, funds which have not been allocated by Members have been allocated equally to Ward Members budget allocation for the remainder of the financial year. On that basis the Members for Ward 3, Livingston North, will have additional pro-rated budget to disburse in this financial year.

During the reporting period, Cllr Ann Davidson passed away. The late Cllr Davidsons unallocated budget of £2,354.06 will be allocated to the newly elected member following the By Election to take place in Ward 2, Broxburn, Uphall and Winchburgh, on 1 December 2022.

Appendix 1 to the report details pro-rated disbursement payments made by Members for the period 1 April 2022 to 4 May 2022. Appendix 2 to the report details disbursements made by Members against the pro-rated budget from 5 May 2022. Members receive regular information about sums they have allocated and the balance remaining for allocation by them. Members can request this information at any time.

In order for a disbursement to come within the guidelines for the scheme there should be some evidence in the application of a benefit to the community rather than a benefit only to an individual

## E. CONCLUSION

Reporting the spend from the Fund for the first half of the year ensures compliance with the rules governing the scheme.

## F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

Policy and Resources Committee - 23 April 1996

Policy Partnership & Resources Committee - 20 June 2001, 25 October 2005, 5 December 2006 and 6 February 2007

Appendices/Attachments:

**Appendix 1** Summary of Councillors Local Disbursement Fund Spending - 1 April - 4 May 2022

**Appendix 2** Summary of Councillors Local Disbursement Fund Spending - 5 May - 30 Sept 2022

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15 November 2022

**APPENDIX 1****COUNCILLORS LOCAL DISBURSEMENT FUND – SPENDING SUMMARY****1 APRIL 2022 TO 4 May 2022**

<b>WARD AND MEMBER</b>	<b>AMOUNT ALLOCATED</b>
<b>Ward 1 – Linlithgow</b>	
Tom Conn	£277.75
Tom Kerr	£277.75
David Tait	£277.75
<b>Ward 2 – Broxburn, Uphall and Winchburgh</b>	
Diane Calder	£277.75
Janet Campbell	£277.75
Angela Doran - Timson	£277.75
Chris Horne	£277.75
<b>Ward 3 – Livingston North</b>	
Alison Adamson	£277.75
Robert de Bold	£277.75
Dominic McGuire	£0.00
Andrew Miller	£277.75
<b>Ward 4 – Livingston South</b>	
Lawrence Fitzpatrick	£277.75
Peter Heggie	£277.75
Maria MacAulay	£277.75
Moir McKee Shemilt	£277.75
<b>Ward 5 – East Livingston and East Calder</b>	
Frank Anderson	£277.75
Carl John	£277.75
Damian Doran - Timson	£277.75
Tom Ullathorne	£277.75

**Ward 6 – Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley**

David Dodds	£277.75
Pauline Clark	£277.75
Cathy Muldoon	£277.75

**Ward 7 – Whitburn and Blackburn**

Jim Dickson	£277.75
Bruce Fairbairn	£277.75
George Paul	£277.75
Kirsteen Sullivan	£277.75

**Ward 8 - Bathgate**

Willie Boyle	£277.75
Harry Cartmill	£277.75
Charles Kennedy	£277.75
John McGinty	£277.75

**Ward 9 – Armadale and Blackridge**

Stuart Borrowman	£277.75
Sarah King	£277.75
Andrew McGuire	£277.75

<b>Total Pro-Rated Budget for 1 April 2022 to 4 May 2022</b>	<b>£9,165.75</b>
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<b>Amount allocated to 4 May 2022</b>	<b>£8,888</b>
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<b>Amount Pro-Rated to Ward 3 Livingston North Members for allocation</b>	<b>£277.75</b>
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# **COUNCILLORS LOCAL DISBURSEMENT FUND – SPENDING SUMMARY**

**5 May 2022 to 30 September 2022**

<b>WARD AND MEMBER</b>	<b>AMOUNT ALLOCATED</b>
<b>Ward 1 – Linlithgow</b>	
Tom Conn	£600.00
Pauline Orr	£1349.24
Sally Pattle	£1,295.00
<b>Ward 2 – Broxburn, Uphall and Winchburgh</b>	
Diane Calder	£900.00
Janet Campbell	£400.00
Ann Davidson	£350.00
Angela Doran-Timpson	£750.00
<b>Ward 3 – Livingston North</b>	
Alison Adamson	£1,225.00
Robert de Bold	£1,580.00
Anne McMillan	£495.00
Andrew Miller	£330.00
<b>Ward 4 – Livingston South</b>	
Lawrence Fitzpatrick	£1,495.00
Peter Heggie	£1,825.00
Maria MacAulay	£2,335.00
Moir McKee Shemilt	£1,350.00
<b>Ward 5 – East Livingston and East Calder</b>	

Carl John	£400.00
Damian Doran - Timson	£1,600.00
Danny Logue	£975.00
Veronica Smith	£0.00

#### **Ward 6 – Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley**

Pauline Clark	£1,600.00
Craig Meek	£500.00
Cathy Muldoon	£975.00

#### **Ward 7 – Whitburn and Blackburn**

Jim Dickson	£1,800.00
Mary Dickson	£1,650.00
George Paul	£1,550.00
Kirsteen Sullivan	£1,625.00

#### **Ward 8 - Bathgate**

Willie Boyle	£0.00
Harry Cartmill	£870.00
Tony Pearson	£2,195.00
Pauline Stafford	£600.00

#### **Ward 9 – Armadale and Blackridge**

Stuart Borrowman	£475.00
Linda Kenna	£1,500.00
Andrew McGuire	£900.00

<b>Total Pro-Rated Budget for 5 May 2022 to 31 March 2023</b>	<b>£89,512</b>
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<b>Budget allocated to 30 September 2022</b>	<b>£8,888</b>
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**Budget remaining for Allocation**

**£80,624**