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## **CHARITABLE TRUSTS, BEQUESTS AND TRUST FUNDS**

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### **1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee are Trustees for a number of Charitable Trusts, Bequests and Trust Funds. Historically a report has been brought to the Area Committee on an annual basis with recommendations for distribution.
- 1.2 Officers continually seek to simplify and update processes where possible to ensure ongoing compliance with the original terms of the bequests and to reduce the administrative burden of the management and distribution. There remains a number of challenges with a single charitable fund that was established many years ago, and as a consequence of changes in society over time the intended beneficiaries of the bequests are no longer easily identified.
- 1.3 This report provides details of a number of the Trusts and Bequests that remain active in the Helensburgh and Lomond Area and seeks agreement from Members on proposed distribution methods.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee are asked to:
1. note the financial position of the Charitable Trusts, Bequests and Trust Funds as of August 2023,
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the administrative burden and will

## **6.0 CONCLUSION**

6.1 This report has outlined the current position in terms of financial and distribution arrangements of the funds/bequests held in trust by the Area Committees. On approving the recommendations they will provide a clear community benefit while meeting our obligation of ensuring transparent and effective governance.

## **7.0 IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 **Policy** - None.

7.2 **Financial** - None.

7.3 **Legal** - Area Committees, as Trustees, must ensure that the distribution arrangements comply with the terms of the funds/bequests, failure to do so would result in the Council being liable.

7.4 **HR**