

Monitoring Report for 9 Months to 31 December 2015

Report by the Chief Financial Officer

Jedburgh Common Good Sub Committee

3 February 2016

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides the details of the income and expenditure for the Jedburgh Common Good Fund for the 9 months to 31 December 2015 and full year projected out-turn for 2015/16 and projected balance sheet values to 31 March 2016.
- 1.2 Appendix 1 provides a projected Income and Expenditure position. This shows a projected surplus of £6,485 for the year.
- 1.3 Appendix 2 provides a projected Balance Sheet to 31 March 2016. It shows a projected decrease in the reserves of £23,085.
- 1.4 Appendix 3 provides a breakdown of the property portfolio showing actual Income and Expenditure to 31 December 2015.
- 1.5 Appendix 4 shows the value of the Newton Fund to 31 December 2015.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Common Good Sub Committee:
 - (a) Agrees the projected Income and Expenditure for 2015/16 in Appendix 1 as the revised budget for 2015/16.
 - (b) Notes the projected Balance Sheet value to 31 March 2016 in Appendix 2.
 - (c) Notes the summary of the property portfolio in Appendix 3.
 - (d) Notes the current position of the investment in the Newton Fund in Appendix 4.
 - (e) Notes the Income from Sale of 3 Exchange Street as full and final settlement (see para 4.4)

3 BACKGROUND

3.1 This report provides the Committee with financial information for the period to 31 December 2015 and projections to 31 March 2016. The report also contains a projected balance sheet for the Common Good Fund to 31 March 2016.

4 FINANCIAL POSITION 2015/16

4.1 Appendix 1 provides detail on income and expenditure for the 2015/16 financial year. The projected net position for the year is a surplus of £6,485, assuming full expenditure of the grants and donations budget of which £20,858 remains to be allocated.

4.2 **Income & Expenditure – Rental Income**

There is no Rental Income due from the Jedburgh Common Good properties.

4.3 Income & Expenditure - Non-Property Related Income

The projected out-turn includes an estimate for the interest receivable on cash deposited with the Council. This, however, does not show as an actual income until the end of the financial year as amount is dependent on interest rates and the average cash revenue balance invested with the Council over the full financial year. The annual rate of interest applied to the cash deposits is 0.4%, an amount of £225 has been budgeted for.

- 4.4 As a result of the successful sale of 3 Exchange Street, Jedburgh on 18 December 2015, a grant has been paid from Scottish Borders Council to the Jedburgh Common Good Fund, recognising the long standing use and inferred "ownership" of part of this property by the Common Good Fund. This has increased the income by £13,100 in 2015/16 funded by share of capital receipt. This is in full and final settlement.
- 4.5 The capital reserve is invested in the Newton Fund and distributions are made twice a year in September and February. Dividends of £12,823 were received in September 2015 in line with the proposed budget of £23,900 for the year. The proposed budget for 2015/16 is based on a distribution of 2.5% which will be subject to the overall performance of the fund.

4.6 Income & Expenditure – Property Expenditure

There are no Property Expenses on the Jedburgh Common Good properties.

4.7 Income & Expenditure - Grants & Other Donations

The grants and other donations distributed to 31 December 2015 are shown below.

Grant Recipients	Approved	£
Approved and Paid to 31 December 2015		
Jethart Callant Festival	03/06/15	5,000
Jed Horticultural Society	03/06/15	2,142
Total Paid to 31 December 2015		7,142
Approved but not yet paid Riverside Rock – towards overall running costs	09/12/15	2,000
Total Grants Approved		9,142
Budget 2015/16		30,000
Unallocated Budget		20,858

4.8 Income & Expenditure – Depreciation Charge

The depreciation charge is projected to be £11,600 based on the revaluation of the properties at 1 April 2014. This is not a cash transaction and is off-set by a corresponding contribution from the Revaluation Reserve.

4.9 Appendix 2 provides the balance sheet value to 31 March 2015, the projected movement in year and a projected balance at 31 March 2016.

4.10 Balance Sheet - Fixed Assets

All fixed assets of the Common Good Fund are revalued every 5 years as part of the Council's rolling programme. The fixed assets were revalued at 1 April 2014. Appendix 3 shows the values of the individual properties at 31 March 2015, projected depreciation charges 2015/16 and projected value at 31 March 2016.

4.11 Balance Sheet - Newton Investment

- a) Investment markets continue to remain volatile. This is partly due to increasing uncertainties relating to the cooling Chinese economy and its sinking currency (significant losses on the Shanghai Stock Market resulted in it to be abandoned early twice in 4 days in early January). This volatility is also compounded by uncertainty on how the US economy will react to the 0.25% interest rate rise announced by the US Central Bank, the first rate rise for nearly a decade, with a pledge for further rate rises. There was a small but positive return in the Newton Fund of 1.3% for the quarter despite market volatility.
- b) Due to the volatility of the market conditions the projections do not include estimates for movements in the unrealised gains. Appendix 4 shows the performance of the Newton Fund since inception.

4.12 Balance Sheet - Cash Balance

The cash held by the fund is projected to be £40,124, an in year projected increase of £11,485 mainly due to the increase in projected repayment of Principal on the Jedburgh Bowling Club Loan from £5,590 to £9,000 and income received for sale of Exchange Street property. The projected cash movement for 2015/16 is as follows:

Cash Balance	£	£
Opening Balance at 1 April 2015		28,639
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Repayment of Principal (Long Term Debtors)		
Jedburgh Bowling Club Loan	9,000	
Jedburgh Golf Club Loan	1,000	
	1	11 000
Jedburgh Community Trust Loan	1,000	11,000
Movement of Creditor in year		(6,000)
Projected Surplus for year from Income &		
Expenditure Statement		6,485
Projected Closing Balance at 31 March 2016		40,124

4.13 Balance Sheet - Capital Reserve

The projections for the Capital Reserves include the unrealised gain for the Newton Fund as at 31 March 2015 but due to the extremely volatile nature of the markets no estimate has been made for the current years' movement.

4.14 Contingent Asset – Jedburgh Golf Club

The final accounts will also include a Contingent Asset of £25,000 for the remaining balance of the secured grant given to Jedburgh Golf Club in January 2005 for the purchase of two additional fields. This position will be reviewed on an annual basis to assess the likelihood of the Golf Club disposing of the fields.

4.15 Proposals by the Jed Shed to purchase 15 Abbey Place, Jedburgh have been noted and written proposals and funding applications to be submitted to Jedburgh Common Good.

5 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Financial

There are no further financial implications other than those explained above in Section 4.

5.2 **Risk and Mitigations**

There is a risk that investments in the Newton Fund may reduce in value due to market or investment performance. This risk cannot be fully mitigated; however it is being managed by the selection of a Fund Manager with a clear objective of preserving capital values while aiming to produce returns in line with the benchmark

5.3 **Equalities**

It is anticipated that there are no adverse equality implications arising from the proposals contained in this report.

5.4 **Acting Sustainably**

Whilst there are no economic, social or environmental effects arising from the proposals contained in this report, there are, through the activities reported upon, positive impacts upon the economy through protection of employment, positive impacts upon the quality of community life and improvements in local amenities and nurturing of local talent. The potential improvement in levels of income through the use of the new investment fund will act to make the Common Good Fund more sustainable in the future.

5.5 **Carbon Management**

There are no effects on carbon emissions arising from the proposals contained in this report.

5.6 Rural Proofing

There are no effects on rural proofing arising from the proposals contained in this report.

5.7 **Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation**There are no changes required to the Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation arising from the proposals contained in this report.

6 CONSULTATION

6.1 The Monitoring Officer, the Chief Legal Officer, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Chief Officer HR and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted and their appropriate comments have been incorporated into this report.

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Previous Minute Reference: Jedburgh Common Good Committee 9 December 2015

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JEDBURGH COMMON GOOD FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2015/16

	Actuals at	Full Year	Full Year	Full Year	Para	Commentary
	31/12/15	Approved	Projected	Projected	Ref	
		Budget	Out-turn	Over/		
		2015/16	2015/16	(Under)		
	£	£	£	Spend £		
Property Income	_					
Rentals Receivable	0	0	0	0		
Non-Property Related Income						
Interest Receivable from Loans to –						
Jedburgh Bowling Club	(1,111)	(1,265)	(1,265)	0		
Jedburgh Golf Club	(112)	(224)	(224)	0		
Interest on Cash deposited with Council	0	(225)	(225)	0	4.3	Calculated at 0.4%
Grant from SBC	(13,100)	0	(13,100)	(13,100)	4.4	Sale of 3 Exchange Street
Newton Fund Investment – Dividends Rec'd	(12,823)	(23,900)	(23,900)	0	4.5	Calculated at 2.5%
Total Income	(27,258)	(25,614)	(38,714)	(13,100)		
Property Expenditure						
Property Costs – General	0	0	0	0		
Total Property Expenditure	0	0	0	0		
Grants & Other Donations	7,142	30,000	30,000	0	4.6	£20,858 Unallocated
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Running Costs						
Central Support Service Charge	3,621	3,621	3,621	0		
SBC Grant towards Service Charge	(1,392)	(1,392)	(1,392)	0		
Net Running Costs	2,229	2,229	2,229	0		
Depreciation						
Depreciation Charge	0	11,600	11,600	0		
Contribution from Revaluation Reserve	0	(11,600)	(11,600)	Ö		
Net impact of Depreciation on Rev Res	0	0	0	0		
Total Net (Surplus)/Deficit for year	(17,887)	6,615	(6,485)	(13,100)		

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PROJECTED BALANCE SHEET VALUE AT 31 MARCH 2016

	Opening Balance at 01/04/15	Projected Movement in Year	Projected Balances at 31/03/16
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets			
Land & Buildings	488,400	(11,600)	476,800
Feu Duties	0	0	0
Total Fixed Assets	488,400	(11,600)	476,800
Capital in Newton			
Investment Fund			
Investment in Newton Fund	915,174	0	915,174
Unrealised Gains/(Loss)	40,115	0	40,115
Market Value	955,289	0	955,289
Long Term Debtors	40.000	(0.000)	40.000
Loan to Jedburgh Bowling Club	49,000	(9,000)	40,000
Loan to Jedburgh Golf Club Loan to Jedburgh Comm Trust	4,500	(1,000)	3,500
Loan to Jeuburgh Commit Hust	4,833	(1,000) (11,000)	3,833
	58,333	(11,000)	47,333
Current Assets			
Debtors	0	0	0
Cash deposited with SBC	28,639	(6,485)	22,154
	28,639	(6,485)	22,154
Command Linkilities			
Current Liabilities Creditors	(6,000)	6 000	0
Receipts in Advance	(6,000)	6,000	0
Receipts in Advance	(6,000)	6,000	0
	(0,000)	0,000	
Net Assets	1,524,661	(23,085)	1,501,576
Funded by:			
Reserves			
Revenue Reserve	(80,972)	11,485	(69,487)
Capital Reserve	(957,962)	0	(957,962)
Revaluation Reserve	(485,727)	11,600	(474,127)
Total Reserves	(1,524,661)	23,085	(1,501,576)

APPENDIX 3

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PROPERTY PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE FOR 2015/16 (Actual Income and Expenditure to 31 December 2015)

Fixed Assets	Net Book Value at	Projected Depn	Projected Net Book	Projected Rental	Actual Property Expenditure at 31/12/15			1/12/15	
		Charge	Value at	Income	Repairs	Rates,	Ins	Other	Total
	31/03/15	2015/16	31/03/16	2015/16		Water &			
						Power			
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Jedburgh Provosts Room	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jedburgh Castle Jail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mary Queen of Scots House	488,400	11,600	476,800	0	0	0	0	0	0
Murray's Green Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dounehill (Dunshill)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ramparts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Market Cross	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Property Expenditure (General)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	488,400	11,600	476,800	0	0	0	0	0	0

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INVESTMENTS EXTERNALLY MANAGED IN NEWTON REAL RETURN FUND

Cost of Investment	Units	£
13 December 2013	23,377	43,708
17 January 2014	147,816	280,185
24 January 2014	146,191	276,008
3 February 2014	140,878	265,273
5 March 2015	25,576	50,000
Total Invested to 31 December 2015	483,838	915,174

Value of Investment	£
31 March 2015	955,289
30 June 2015	928,146
30 September 2015	901,728
31 December 2015	913,969
31 March 2016	·
Increase/(Decrease) from Total Cash Invested	(1,205)

The following chart shows the Newton Funds quarterly return performance against the Benchmark and against an equity performance index (MSCI AC World Index).

