



# Town Centre Greening Scheme Guidance Note

## Introduction

Moray Council is committed to enhancing Moray's town centres. Within Moray there are a number of towns where work will be undertaken to improve the character and appearance of the town centres. As part of this, funding has been made available for community groups to enhance and/or create new green spaces in town centres.

## What funding is available to create green spaces?

Through funding provided through the Scottish Government's Place Based Investment Fund, a Greening Scheme has been set up by Moray Council to help community groups to enhance and/or create new green spaces within town centres. A total of £30,000 of funding is available. This will be allocated between 6 towns in Moray, with each town receiving a maximum of £5,000 funding.

The 6 towns where funding will be available for are:

- Aberlour
- Buckie
- Dufftown
- Forres
- Keith
- Lossiemouth

## What is eligible for funding?

Funding is for the specific purpose of enhancing town centres through the creation of new green spaces by planting and food growing. This funding can only be spent by community groups directly on plants and items which facilitate planting, e.g. soil, compost and planters. Funding must not be spent on equipment or polytunnels. Funding cannot be spent on replacement planting.

Individuals and businesses are not eligible for funding.

Applications will open on Monday 7th November and will close on Friday 3rd February 2023. All applications received will be evaluated and decisions will be communicated to groups once the applications have closed.

If there is unallocated funding for any town after submissions have been evaluated the remainder of funding may be split between other towns where there was a surplus of eligible applications.

All groups which are successful in securing funding will be responsible for maintenance of the plants and planters.

If works require planning permission then further details will be sought from the community group.

## **How can I apply?**

Applications for funding can be made by completing the attached form. Forms should be emailed to [localdevelopmentplan@moray.gov.uk](mailto:localdevelopmentplan@moray.gov.uk) or posted to Local Development Plan, Moray Council, PO BOX 6760, Elgin, IV30 1BX by 5pm on Friday, 3rd February 2022. Application forms must be submitted with a quotation to evidence the items which will be purchased if the application is successful.

All successful groups will be required to complete and sign a conditions of funding form. Funding will be released upon receipt of invoices. Invoices must be submitted when the approved items are purchased. Invoices should be addressed to the community group, not Moray Council.

For any questions or advice relating to this project, please email [localdevelopmentplan@moray.gov.uk](mailto:localdevelopmentplan@moray.gov.uk).