



REQUEST FOR SUPPORT: THE JO COX FOUNDATION

Report by Chief Executive

PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of the Report is to advise of an approach by the Jo Cox Foundation seeking a donation from Comhairle nan Eilean Siar towards its work.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Jo Cox Foundation was established following the murder of Jo Cox MP and works in three areas: Nurturing Stronger Communities; Championing Respect in Politics; and Advocating for a Fairer World. The Civility Commission of the Foundation produced a report in January 2024 entitled “No Place in Politics: Tackling Abuse and Intimidation”, which included a conclusion and recommendations. A link to the report is here: [our call to action with 28 cross-sectoral recommendations](#) and a number of the recommendations are relevant to elected representatives within Local Government.
- 2.2 The foundation has a budget of around £600k, and is supported by a number of charitable trusts and foundations, corporate donors, government grants and individual donations. The charity seeks support by way of a small contribution of no more than £1000 to take forward its work, and this request is placed before the Committee for its view.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 **The Comhairle is recommended to:**
 - (a) **note the request from the Jo Cox Foundation for financial assistance up to a maximum sum of £1000; and**
 - (b) **consider whether to make a financial contribution to the work of the Foundation, and, if so, in what amount.**

Contact Officer: Malcolm Burr, Chief Executive
Appendix: n/a
Background Papers: None

IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The following implications are applicable in terms of the Report.

Resource Implications	Implications/None
Financial	Financial Implications are set out in Paragraph 2.2 above
Legal	The Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 permits a Local Authority to contribute to the funds of any charitable body in furtherance of its work in the UK or to the funds of any organisation which provides a public service in the UK otherwise than for the purposes of gain.
Staffing	None
Assets and Property	None
Strategic Implications	Implications/None
Risk	None
Equalities	None
Corporate Strategy	None
Environmental Impact	None
Consultation	None