

# Finance and Budget Committee

10.00am, Thursday, 6 June 2013

## The City of Edinburgh Charitable Trusts – Donations from the Surplus Fire Fund

Item number	7.5
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Wards	All

### Links

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Coalition pledges	None
Council outcomes	<a href="#">CO3; CO10</a>
Single Outcome Agreement	<a href="#">SO2</a>

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# Executive summary

## The City of Edinburgh Charitable Trusts – Donations from the Surplus Fire Fund

### Summary

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The City of Edinburgh Council administers a number of charitable funds. The Surplus Fire Fund makes donations to benefit those who have suffered from fire in the Edinburgh area. Requests have been received from the Sick Kids Friends Foundation for donations to fund equipment for the Burns Unit of the Royal Hospital for Sick Children.

### Recommendations

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It is recommended that the Finance and Budget Committee approve the a donation of £26,648 to the Sick Kids Friends Foundation to partially fund the purchase of a Mini Image Intensifier.

### Measures of success

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Making a life changing difference to children who are affected by burns.

### Financial impact

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The donation of £26,648 can be met by the Surplus Fire Fund.

### Equalities impact

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No full Equalities Impact Assessment is required.

### Sustainability impact

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None.

### Consultation and engagement

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None.

### Background reading / external references

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## The City of Edinburgh Charitable Trusts – City Fire Fund Donations

### 1. Background

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- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to recommend the approval of a donation to partly fund the purchase of specialist medical equipment for the Royal Sick Children's Hospital to benefit children affected by burns.
- 1.2 Donations have previously been made to purchase specialist equipment to treat patients with severe burns. In 2010 a donation of £25,000 was provided to the Royal Sick Children's Hospital to provide modern equipment which has been particularly useful for those who have suffered with burns. This has provided a benefit to the 75 in-patients and over 800 outpatients who are treated by the burns ward each year. Previous donations from the Surplus Fire Fund have also partially funded a fellowship which was helped to ensure that the Sick Children's Hospital in Edinburgh is a world class leader in paediatric care for the treatment of burns.

### 2. Main report

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- 2.1 The Finance and Budget Committee has delegated responsibility from Council to act in the role of trustee of its charities, the Surplus Fire Fund being one of these charities.
- 2.2 The Royal Sick Children's Hospital does not have the specialist Image Intensifier equipment required to provide high resolution images to treat small bones. The Sick Kids Friends Foundation has submitted a request for £26,648 which represents 50% of the cost of a Mini Image Intensifier. This equipment is used for the visualisation of the optimal fixation of metalwork to small bones. The existing equipment is suitable for large bones, however, its use on children would expose them to higher intensity radiation.
- 2.3 The Mini Image Intensifier will provide more accurate images and is particularly important for children who burn their hands. The damage to the hand often causes the muscles and skin to shrink and the child's hand to curl permanently. Using the Mini Image Intensifier to see the fingers during an operation enables wire to be attached which will gradually stretch the muscles and skin preventing this debilitating condition from occurring. This equipment should therefore enable a child to re-establish complete function after a traumatic burns accident.

- 2.4 Providing this equipment, which is over and above the NHS provision, will make a life changing difference to children who are affected by burns or scalds.
- 2.5 The sum being requested is affordable as the Surplus Fire Fund has over £84k in its bank account available for distribution and received annual investment income of £29k in 2012/13. The amounts distributed over the last 2 years have been less than the income received. The value of investments at 31 March 2013 was £1,180k.

### 3. Recommendations

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- 3.1 It is recommended that the Finance and Budget Committee approve a donation of £26,648 to the Sick Kids Friends Foundation to partially fund the purchase of a Mini Image Intensifier.

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### Links

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<b>Coalition pledges</b>	n/a
<b>Council outcomes</b>	CO3 – Our children and young people at risk, or with a disability, have improved life chances. CO10 – Improved health and reduced inequalities
<b>Single Outcome Agreement</b>	S02 – Edinburgh’s citizens experience improved health and well being, with reduced inequalities in health.
<b>Appendices</b>	n/a