

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

MINUTES OF THE EXTERNAL FUNDING PANEL

**HELD AT COMMITTEE ROOM 5, GUILDHALL, SWANSEA ON
WEDNESDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2016 AT 3.00 PM**

PRESENT: Councillor R C Stewart (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

M C Child
J A Raynor

Councillor(s)

R Francis-Davies
C Richards

Councillor(s)

C E Lloyd

Officer(s)

Claire Lewis
Allison Lowe
Sandie Richards
Elliott Williams
Gaynor Winsor

School Project Business Case Development Manager
Democratic Services Officer
Principal Lawyer
European & External Funding Programme Officer
Accountant

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): W Evans, J E C Harris, D H Hopkins and A S Lewis
Officers(s): S Martin

28 **DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS.**

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea, no interests were declared.

29 **MINUTES.**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the External Funding Panel held on 5 October 2016 and the Special External Funding Panel held on 2 November 2016 be approved as a correct record subject to the following amendment:

Sandie Richards, Principal Lawyer be added to the attendees present for the External Funding Panel held on 5 October 2016.

30 **FLYING START CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016-2017.**

The School Project Business Case Development Manager presented a report to outline the capital proposal included in the Additional Funding Application submitted to Welsh Government in respect of the Flying Start Programme 2016/17.

RESOLVED that the bid as detailed, together with financial implications, be included in the capital programme, in anticipation of the bid being approved by Welsh Government.

31 **COMMUNITY ACTION TRANSFORMATION FUND.**

The European Programme Officer presented a report regarding the future of the Community Action Transformation Fund (CATF) on behalf of the Voluntary Sector Relationship Coordinator.

The report had been deferred from the Special External Funding Panel on 2 November 2016.

RESOLVED that the Community Action Transformation Fund would continue subject to budget approval.

32 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC.**

The Committee was requested to exclude the public from the meeting during the consideration of the item of business identified in the recommendations to the report on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as set out in the exclusion paragraph of 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007, relevant to the item of business as set out in the report.

The Committee considered the Public Interest Test in deciding to exclude the public from the meeting for the item of business where the Public Interest Test was relevant, as set out in the report.

It was **RESOLVED** that the public be excluded for the following item of business.

(CLOSED SESSION)

33 **OVERVIEW OF CURRENT AND FORTHCOMING EUROPEAN AND EXTERNAL FUNDING APPLICATIONS.**

The European Programme Officer presented a report that provided an update on current and planned European and other external funding applications.

The Cabinet Member for Enterprise, Development & Regeneration commended the Officers for the innovative manner in which they had explored all funding options and streams.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) The updates on projects in sections 2 to 9 be noted;
- 2) Bids to Visit Wales and Cadw to restore the Musgrave Engine House be supported and that Special External Funding Panel meetings be called for any urgent approval of funding bids that need to be submitted;
- 3) The Panel supports the development and submission of an application for funding to the Coastal Communities Fund to deliver the Swansea Bay Coastal Access for Business Investment Project;

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- 4) The Panel supports any funding offers received from Welsh Government for schemes proposed under the Vibrant and Viable Places: Swansea City Centre Programme.

The meeting ended at 3.25 pm

CHAIR