



City and County of Swansea

Notice of Meeting

You are invited to attend a Meeting of the

External Funding Panel

At: Committee Room 5 - Guildhall, Swansea

On: Wednesday, 7 February 2018

Time: 2.00 pm

Chair: Councillor Rob Stewart

Membership:

Councillors: J E Burtonshaw, M C Child, W Evans, R Francis-Davies, D H Hopkins, A S Lewis, C E Lloyd, J A Raynor and M Thomas

Agenda

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| 1 | Apologies for Absence. | |
| 2 | Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.
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| 3 | Minutes:
To approve & sign the Minutes of the previous meeting(s) as a correct record. | 1 - 3 |
| 4 | Welsh Government Safer Routes in Communities Grant Application 2017/18 - Additional Funding (December 2017). | 4 - 6 |

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 7 March 2018 at 2.00 pm

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Huw Evans
Head of Democratic Services
Wednesday, 31 January 2018

Contact: Democratic Services - 636923



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the **External Funding Panel**

Committee Room 5 - Guildhall, Swansea

Wednesday, 10 January 2018 at 2.00 pm

Present: Councillor C E Lloyd (Vice Chair) (Minutes 29-31 (Items 1,21,22))
Councillor R C Stewart (Chair) (Minute 31 (Items 2-20) Presided

Councillor(s)

M C Child
J A Raynor

Councillor(s)

W Evans
M Thomas

Councillor(s)

A S Lewis

Officer(s)

Spencer Martin
Jeremy Parkhouse
Sandie Richards
Jane Whitmore

Voluntary Sector Relationship Coordinator
Democratic Services Officer
Principal Lawyer
Partnership & Commissioning Manager

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): J E Burtonshaw, R Francis-Davies and D H Hopkins

29 Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea, the following interests were declared: -

Councillor J A Raynor – Minute No.31 – Swansea Compact Funding 2018/19 (Item 8) – Duvant Rugby Club host Bikeability – personal.

Councillor R C Stewart - Minute No.31 – Swansea Compact Funding 2018/19 (Item 4) – I know the owner of Whitehead Ross - mentioned as a provider in the bid paper – personal.

30 Minutes:

Resolved that the Minutes of the External Funding Panel held on 7 December 2017 be signed and approved as a correct record.

31 Swansea Compact Funding 2018/19.

The Partnerships & Commissioning Officer presented a report which sought decisions upon applications to a one-off round of funding of the Swansea Compact Fund 2018/19.

It was outlined that 23 applications for funding in 2018/19 were received by the closing date on 18 November 2017. The applications by Swansea West CAP Debt Centre and British Training Board were deemed ineligible.

£146,000 was available for allocation and the total amount of funding requested by the 21 applications was £356,688.

Resolved that: -

1) The following applications be supported for 2018/19: -

Item	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
1	EYST	£25,855	£12,928
2	SBREC	£30,000	£15,000
6	Swansea Women's Aid	£20,164	£20,164
7	BAWSO	£24,700	£12,350
8	Bikeability	£20,000	£10,000
9	Local Aid	£7,310	£3,600
11	Coeden Fach Outdoor Activity Centre	£5,000	£5,000
12	Swansea Community Farm	£20,000	£10,000
13	Pontarddulais Partnership	£14,070	£7,000
15	Cyfle I Dyfu	£26,000	£13,000
18	Hillside Animal Sanctuary	£20,000	£17,000
22	Circus Eruption	£10,314	£5,157
	Total		£138,689

2) The following applications be deferred for 2018/19 subject to the receipt of additional information: -

Item	Organisation	Amount Requested
5	City of Sanctuary	£7,500

3) The following applications be refused for 2018/19: -

Item	Organisation
3	Swansea Bay Asylum Seeker Support Group
4	African Community Centre
10	Forest School
14	Ty Croeso - Clydach
16	Colvertv.Com CIC
19	Swansea Carers Centre

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20	Menter Iaith Abertawe
21	Chinese in Wales Association

The meeting ended at 3.23 pm

Chair



Report of the Director of Place

External Funding Panel – 7 February 2018

Welsh Government Safe Routes in Communities Grant Application 2017/18 (Additional funds December 2017)

Purpose:	Provide additional information on Welsh Government Safe Routes in Communities Grant Application 2017/18
Policy Framework:	Emerging Five Council Key Priorities and Welsh Government Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013.
Consultation:	Access to Services, Finance and Legal.
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) The External Funding Panel allows officers to accept Safe Routes in Communities (SRIC) additional grant funding.2) Projects are developed and implemented to create safer walking and cycling environments along Llangyfelach Street/Road to Cwm Level Road3) Projects are developed and implemented to create safer walking and cycling environments within Gower.
Report Author:	Jeff Green
Finance Officer:	Jayne James
Legal Officer:	Jonathan Wills
Access to Services Officer:	Sherill Hopkins

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide information on the application to the Welsh Government for Safe Routes in Communities (SRIC) Grant funding and the additional funding that has now been provided by Welsh Government.

2. Detail of Proposals

- 2.1 The Safe Routes in Communities initiative enhances the provision of walking and cycling in communities, particularly outside and in the vicinity of schools. This is targeted at encouraging a more sustainable lifestyle in communities and addressing social exclusion issues.
- 2.2 The submission of funding is based upon an application to Welsh Government that occurs during the first quarter of the New Year for funding to be received during the following financial year and beyond. i.e. February 2017 to be delivered during 2017/18.
- 2.3 The initiative links to National Policies such as the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 Road Safety Framework for Wales 2013, Learner Travel Statutory Provision and Learner Guidance 2014. The overall aim is to create safer walking and cycling routes for communities and promote these as a more sustainable method of travelling around communities. It will also help to ease vehicular congestion outside schools as more sustainable methods of transport are used.
- 2.4 The initiative also supports the Council's own priorities in that it is safeguarding vulnerable people (Prevention of accidents to children and young people), improving pupil attainment (Involving pupils in the process), tackling poverty and building sustainable communities (Encouraging walking and cycling).
- 2.5 The original application included bids for the following three schemes:
- 1) Gower Area
 - 2) St. Thomas
 - 3) Llangyfelach Street/Road to Cwm Level Road
- 2.6 In March 2017 funding of £218,600 was confirmed for the St. Thomas scheme with the other schemes not successful in receiving funding. The scheme for St. Thomas has been progressed however officers were contacted by Welsh Government in November 2017 to ask what elements of the unsuccessful bids could be delivered during the remainder of this financial year. Welsh Government required a swift response and options were confirmed with our Cabinet Member.
- 2.7 On the 18th December 2017 Welsh Government confirmed revised additional funding for Safe Routes in Communities to include schemes for Gower and Llangyfelach Road to Cwm Level Road.

3. Equality and Engagement Implications

- 3.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Form has been completed with the agreed outcome that a full EIA report is not required.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The original funding for St. Thomas was based on a grant of £218,600 from Welsh Government in year 2017/18 with support of £34,800 of Section 106 contribution designed to support the overall initiative.
- 4.2 The additional revised grant funding is based on a grant of £110,300 for Llangyfelach Road to Cwm Level Road and a grant of £108,000 for the Gower Area. The grant provides 100% funding for the planned works.
- 4.3 There are no ongoing financial implications in relation to staff as the grant from the bids will include for design fees which support existing operations within Traffic and Highway Network Management.
- 4.4 The implementation of the work will impact on road maintenance budgets resulting in a modest increase of costs going forward in future years.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Highways Act 1980 Section 41(1) places a statutory duty of care on the Highway Authority towards road users of all kinds. The Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 legislates for the provision of routes designed for walking and cycling. The success of this bid will help the Council in meeting its obligations in this regard.

Background Papers:

Letter dated 18 December 2017 from Welsh Government.
EIA Screening Form

Appendices:

None