



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, 6 June 2018

Time: 2.00 pm

Chair: Councillor Rob Stewart

Membership:

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

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Huw Evans
Head of Democratic Services
31 May 2018

Contact: Democratic Services - 636923



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the **External Funding Panel**

Committee Room 5 - Guildhall, Swansea

Wednesday, 7 March 2018 at 2.00 pm

Present: Councillor C E Lloyd (Vice Chair) Presided – Items 1-7
Councillor R C Stewart (Chair) Presided – Items 8-13

Councillor R C

Councillor(s)
M C Child
J A Raynor

Councillor(s)
W Evans
M Sherwood

Councillor(s)
A S Lewis

Officer(s)

Chris Davies
Alan Ferris
Ben George
Allison Lowe
Spencer Martin
Paul Relf
Sandie Richards
Kelly Small
Elliott Williams
Gaynor Winsor

Principal Finance Partner (People)
Senior Engineer
Transport Strategy Officer
Democratic Services Officer
Third Sector & Trust Fund Commissioning Co-ordinator
Economic Development & External Funding Manager
Principal Lawyer
Head of Funding and Information Unit
External Funding Manager
Accountant

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): R Francis-Davies and D H Hopkins

36 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 M Sherwood declared a Personal & Prejudicial interest in Minute 42 “Swansea Compact Fund 2018/19” – as a member of the City of Sanctuary (Swansea) Management Committee and withdrew from the meeting prior to its consideration.

37 Minutes.

Resolved that the Minutes of the External Funding Panel held on 7 February 2018 be approved and signed as a correct record.

38 Reducing Infant Class Sizes and Raising Standards - Welsh Government Grant Funding.

The Cabinet Member for Children, Education & Lifelong Learning presented a report to inform the Panel of the intention to apply for Reducing Infant Class Sizes and Raising Standards – Welsh Government Grant funding.

The Welsh Government had offered Local Authorities a new grant with the intention of reducing infant class sizes and raising standards. The focus being on schools with classes of 29 learners or over, and where the schools demonstrate at least one, or a combination, of:

- Significant levels of free school meals;
- Below average outcomes and where a school is judged to be red or amber (according to regional ERW categorisation);
- Significant levels of special educational and additional learning needs;
- Significant levels of where Welsh/English is not the first language.

The proposed bid is to establish one new class base at the following schools with associated capital and revenue funding:

- Hendrefoilan Primary School (classroom extension);
- Penyrheol Primary School (internal remodelling);
- Sea View Primary School (small extension and remodelling);
- YGG Bryniago (internal remodelling).

Resolved that the bid for Reducing Infant Class Sizes and Raising Standards be approved.

39 Welsh Government Safe Routes in Communities Grant Application 2018/19.

The Traffic Management Engineer presented a report to provide information on Welsh Government Safe Routes in Communities Grant Application 2018/19.

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.

The application for funding includes bids for the following 3 areas:

- Gower;
- Gorseinon and Penyrheol;
- Llangyfelach and Mynyddbach.

Resolved that the application to Welsh Government for Safe Routes in Communities (SRIC) grant funding for 2018/19 be approved and officers accept any allocation made associated with the following submissions:

- a) The development of safer walking and cycling environments in the Gower area building on works already undertaken in the area;
- b) The development and introduction of safer walking and cycling environments in the Gorseinon and Penyrheol areas;
- c) The development and introduction of safer walking and cycling environments in the Llangyfelach and Mynyddbach areas.

40 Welsh Government Road Safety (Capital) Grant Application 2018/19.

The Traffic Management Engineer provided information on Welsh Government Road Safety (Capital) Grant Application 2018/19.

The Road Safety (Capital) Grant enables Local Authorities throughout Wales to bid for funding which is aimed at supporting key initiatives to help meet the road casualty reduction targets identified in the Road Safety Framework for Wales 2018. In particular it is aimed to meet the following casualty reduction targets:

- 40% fewer people killed and seriously injured on Welsh roads;
- 25% fewer motorcyclists killed and seriously injured on Welsh roads;
- 40% fewer young people (aged 16-24) killed and seriously injured on Welsh roads.

The application for funding includes bids for the following 3 projects:

- The upgrade of 4 existing road safety cameras and the development of mobile enforcement sites;
- The introduction of road safety measures to promote safe travel options in the Portmead/Blaenymaes area;
- The improvement of a key junction on Trallwn Road.

Resolved that the application to Welsh Government for Road Safety (Capital) Grant funding for 2018/19 be approved and officers accept any allocation made associated with the following submissions:

- a) The upgrade of 4 existing road safety cameras and the development of mobile enforcement sites;
- b) The introduction of road safety measures to promote safe travel options in the Portmead / Blaenymaes area;
- c) The improvement of a key junction on Trallwn Road.

41 Welsh Government Road Safety (Revenue) Grant Application 2018/19.

The Traffic Management Engineer presented a report to provide information on Welsh Government Road Safety (Revenue) Grant Application 2018/19.

The application for funding includes bids for the following 8 road safety education and training initiatives:

1. Kerbcraft – child pedestrian training for 5-7 year olds (1701 places at a total cost of £51,030);
2. Mega Drive – Pre-driver training for 16-18 year olds (100 places at a total cost of £2,600);
3. Rider Safe – Motorcycle training for 16-24 year olds targeting new moped and low powered 2 wheel riders (60 places at a total cost of £8,100);
4. Bikesafe – Motorcycle assessment for post-test riders in conjunction with South Wales Police (40 places at a total cost of £2,400)
5. Dragon Rider – Motorcycle DVSA training for post-test riders (40 places at total cost of £5,400);
6. Pass Plus Cymru – Post-driver training for newly qualified drivers aged 17-24 (110 places at a total cost of £15,180);
7. National Standards Cycle Training – Levels 1&2 for pupils aged 10/11years and Level 3 for more advanced cyclists aged 16 + (992 places at a total cost of £41,664);
8. Drive for Life – Driver refresher training for drivers aged 65+ (40 places at a total cost of £2,320).

The Panel discussed whether specific Road Safety Education could be included in future bids in order to educate parents/guardians of certain safety issues such as indiscriminate parking, eg on zig zag lines outside schools.

Resolved that the application to Welsh Government for Road Safety (Revenue) Grant funding for 2018/19 be approved and officers accept any allocation made associated with the following submission:

- a) To provide road safety education, training and publicity interventions to help with reducing casualties in high risk and vulnerable road user groups as outlined in the report.

42 Swansea Compact Fund 2018/19.

The Third Sector & Trust Fund Commissioning Co-ordinator presented a report to decide upon the deferred application to a one-off round of funding of the Swansea Compact Fund 2018/19.

The application from City of Sanctuary was deferred for clarification on the aims of the project and the proposed outcomes, the £7,500 full amount requested had been earmarked in the budget in anticipating of the Panel's decision.

The update, which included further information on the project for 2018 and offered new targets was outlined in Appendix B.

The Panel queried the role of the Trustees and the Management Committee and whether the role was a duplication to that already provided by Swansea Council for Voluntary Services (SCVS).

Resolved that the application be **approved** at the reduced figure of £5,000.

43 Winter Pressures Grant.

The Principal Finance Partner (People) presented a report to advise the Panel of the award of funding in relation to supporting delivery of Social Services over the winter period 2017/18.

Welsh Government awarded this grant directly and did not require an application from the Council. Allocations had been offered to all Welsh Councils. The offer was for £795,988 and covered the period to 31 March 2018.

The purpose of the funding is to support delivery of Social Services over the winter period 2017-2018 through:

- Domiciliary care packages from 1 January to 31 March 2018;
- Care and repair services for minor home adaptations and equipment to facilitate discharge and maintain independence;
- Short-term residential care and use of step down beds to facilitate both discharge and transition from hospital to home.

Resolved that the Panel noted the implications contained in the report and retrospectively **approved** the acceptance of the grant.

44 Local Transport & Local Transport Network Fund Bid 2018/19.

The Transport Strategy Officer presented a report to approve the funding application for the Local Transport Fund 2018/19.

A funding bid for the Local Transport Fund & Local Transport Network Fund (LTF & LTNF) was submitted to the Welsh Government on 25 January 2018 in accordance with guidance from the Welsh Government.

The City & County of Swansea submitted four bids totalling £3.388 million and was awaiting a formal announcement from the Welsh Government as to which of the schemes would be awarded funding in whole or part. The schemes and their bid amounts were outlined, which included:

- South West Wales Metro (LTF);
- Fabian Way (Baldwins Bridge) (LTF);
- Active Travel Scheme Development (LTF);
- Strategic Bus Corridors (LTNF).

Resolved that the Panel **approve** the Local Transport Fund 2018/19 application.

45 Swansea Museum - Welsh Government Transformation Fund 18/19.

Resolved that the item be deferred to the next scheduled External Funding Panel.

46 Exclusion of the Public.

The Panel 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 Panel 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)

47 Overview of Current and Forthcoming European and External Funding Applications.

The External Funding Managers provided an update on planned European and other External Funding applications, including:

- Brexit and Future Regional Policy;
- European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) 2014-2020;
- European Social Fund (ESF) 2014-2020;
- Other External Funds.

Resolved that the recommendations as outlined in the report be approved.

The meeting ended at 2.51 pm

Chair



Report of the Gower AONB Officer

External Funding Panel – 6 June 2018

Natural Resources Wales – Gower AONB Partnership Programme 2018-2021

Purpose:	This report presents information in regard to an offer of funding from NRW, for the Gower AONB Partnership Programme 2018-2021.
Report Author:	Mike Scott, Gower AONB Officer
Finance Officer:	Adele Harris
Legal Officer:	Jonathan Wills
Access to Services Officer:	Catherine Window

For Information

1. Background

- 1.1 AONBs are of equal status in planning terms with National Parks and these areas are designated to conserve and enhance the outstanding natural beauty of their landscape character and quality. AONBs are landscapes of national importance and are internationally recognised by the IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) as Category V Protected Areas - living, working landscapes, as well as internationally important areas for landscape, natural and cultural heritage.
- 1.2 The Countryside and Rights of Way (CRoW) Act 2000 requires Swansea Council to: “take all such actions as appears expedient to them to the accomplishment of the purpose of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the area...” As the local authority with responsibility for Gower AONB, Swansea Council is required under statute to prepare and publish a management plan for Gower AONB.
- 1.3 The implementation of the Gower AONB Management Plan is an important tool for the delivery of NRW’s statutory purpose for the sustainable management of natural resources (SMNR) and Area Statements when they are published in 2019. This application for NRW grant aid will facilitate activities and processes that ensure alignment and effective delivery of both policy documents.

- 1.4 The proposed programme will deliver a wide range of outputs by the Strategic Planning and Natural Environment Section of Swansea Council and its partners; we have had a successful and longstanding partnership with NRW (and its predecessor bodies) for more than 25 years. The Gower AONB Partnership acts both as an advisor to Swansea Council, and as the management body for the AONB – NRW is a part of the partnership, facilitating both management and monitoring.

2. Funding Offer

- 2.1 This offer of funding will provide £216,671 over three years, against eligible costs of £288,895, or 75% of actual costs, whichever is the lower amount. The grant uses existing CCS revenue budgets to provide match-funding.
- 2.2 The grant will cover the period April 2018 – March 2021, with a final payment in April 2021.

3. Equality & Engagement Implications

- 3.1 This offer of funding does not have implications for equality or engagement issues directly.
- 3.2 The AONB Partnership undertakes community engagement as part of its on-going work, to raise awareness and identify solutions in-relation to environment issues including wellbeing, climate change and natural resource management. The approaches, techniques and scale will vary between projects, but will always be guided by best practice, and always seeks to widen inclusion and foster wider community engagement.
- 3.3 The funding will support the delivery of Public Service Boards (PSB) Well-being Objectives.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 The Management Plan will enable Swansea Council to discharge its statutory duty in relation to the conservation and enhancement of natural beauty;
- 4.2 It will also facilitate the delivery of national policy at a local level, and ensure the delivery of the statutory AONB Management Plan.
- 4.3 The terms and conditions of the offer of grant funding are likely to be binding. The Council will need to ensure that it complies with the same. The Council will also need to comply with its Contract Procedure Rules and any relevant procurement legislation when utilising the funding to procure any goods or services.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 The grant uses existing revenue budgets to draw down external funding, which will enable the Teams involved to provide an enhanced service, with minimal council resources (match funding can also include staff & volunteer time and other external funding). If Council budgets are reduced, then work plans would be revised to reduce overall costs accordingly.
- 5.2 This offer of funding helps to support a small number of staff posts within the Nature Conservation Team.
- 5.3 The acceptance of the offer of funding would not increase the existing or future financial liabilities of Swansea Council.

Appendices:

- Appendix A - NRW AONB Programme 2018-21 – Application Form – 5 March 2018

Background Papers:

- NRW AONB National Partnership Programme 2018-21 - Guidance Notes
- NRW Grant 28057 – Signed Grant Acceptance Letter – 8 May 2018



AONB National Programme grant application form for grant years 2018-2021

NRW to input AONB and
applicant here

For NRW use:

Grant ID

Grant Application Form for AONB National Programme

All questions must be completed before submitting. This application form is for the AONB National Programme ONLY.

This form is available in Welsh and English. Natural Resources Wales welcomes applications in Welsh or English

1. DETAILS			
Programme Title:	GOWER AONB PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME		
Partner Name:	GOWER AONB - SWANSEA COUNCIL		
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cashiers@swansea.gov.uk			

Address and Postcode to which grant payments should be sent if different from above (i.e. the office of your finance Department)

Address:	Cashiers Department City & County of Swansea Room G2.6 Civic Centre Swansea
Postcode	SA1 3SN
Please state your preferred language:	<input type="radio"/> WELSH <input checked="" type="radio"/> ENGLISH

3. PROGRAMME DETAILS

1 Actual Programme Start Date (DD/MON/YYYY): 01/04/2018

2 Actual Programme End Date (DD/MON/YYYY): 31/03/2021

3 Reason for NRW Funding. Please provide your reason for applying for NRW grant aid as opposed to any other funding opportunities.

The primary objective for the Gower AONB designation is for the conservation and enhancement of the natural beauty in the area. The Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act 2000 requires Swansea Council to: “take all such actions as appears expedient to them to the accomplishment of the purpose of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the area...” As the local authority with responsibility for Gower AONB, Swansea Council is required under statute to prepare and publish a management plan for Gower AONB.

The Environment Act (Wales) 2016) requires NRW to consider the Gower AONB Management Plan as part of the evidence base for the relevant Area Statement; the AONB management plan must also take into account the strategic evidence on the natural resources and their benefits - as well as the priorities, risks and opportunities as set out in the Area Statements.

The implementation of the **Gower AONB Management Plan** is an important tool for the delivery of NRW’s statutory purpose for the sustainable management of natural resources (SMNR) and **Area Statements** when they are published in 2019. This application for NRW grant aid will facilitate activities and processes that ensure alignment and effective delivery of both policy documents.

The proposed programme will deliver a wide range of outputs by the Strategic Planning and Natural Environment Section of Swansea Council and its partners; we have had a successful and longstanding partnership with NRW (and its predecessor bodies) for more than 25 years. Gower AONB has a partnership management structure, with NRW representation. Reporting and management structures have been put in place, so that NRW is able to monitor progress towards the agreed outcomes.

As the Local Authority, Swansea Council is best placed to act as the lead body for the AONB, and has the statutory role, resources and experienced staff to undertake this work.

4	Are you receiving any additional funding for your project? (If Yes please ensure that you have attached proof of match funding)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> No
5	Please state the legal status of your organisation: Is your organisation VAT registered? If yes, please provide the VAT No: Is your organisation eligible to reclaim VAT?	Local Authority <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO 655 6082 23 <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
6	Programme Summary: Please provide an overall three-year summary of the programme. NRW may use the information you provide here for publicity purposes to promote your programme in press releases or on NRW's website.	
<p>The implementation of the Gower AONB Partnership Programme is an important tool for the delivery of NRW's statutory purpose for the sustainable management of natural resources (SMNR) and Area Statements when they are published in 2019. This Programme of NRW grant aid will facilitate activities and processes that ensure alignment and effective delivery of both the Area Statement and the Gower AONB Management Plan.</p> <p>The Programme will deliver a wide range of actions working to achieve the objectives in the Gower AONB Management Plan, particularly in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the AONB • Promoting and enabling people's access to (and enjoyment of) the AONB 		

7	<p>Sustainability. Outline how the programme will deliver or contribute the delivery of the Environment Act (Wales) 2016 for the sustainable management of natural resources, Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Well-being Goals, your AONB Management Plan Action Plan and Future Landscapes Wales Implementation Plan.</p> <p>Using the SMNR principles and Well-being five ways of working, you will need to report against these headings in your Annual Report to NRW.</p>		
<p><u>NRW Priorities Natural Resources and / or Well-being Goals</u></p>	<p><u>AONB Programme Outcome/ Output & Management Plan Objective</u></p>	<p><u>Year</u></p>	<p><u>Costings</u></p>
<p><u>A healthier Wales</u></p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Page 15</p>	<p><u>AONB Programme Outcome/Output</u></p> <p>8. Prepare for and apply for International Dark Sky designation and management with partners</p> <p><u>Management Plan Objectives</u> 17: Assess current levels of tranquillity, noise and light pollution 18: Ensure that the LDP policy and development control decisions protect tranquillity and the night sky of the AONB</p> <p><u>Additional NRW Priorities Natural Resources and / or Well-being Goals</u></p> <p>Physiographical features A prosperous Wales</p>	<p>1 2 3</p>	<p>£8 688 £30 060 £1 760</p>
<p><u>A more equal Wales</u></p>	<p><u>AONB Programme Outcome/Output</u></p> <p>2: Support ,develop and implement environmental awareness and outdoor learning activities/initiatives enabling schools, colleges and other to use Gower for learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to develop opportunities for educational visits • Monitor impact and develop code of conduct • Improve facilities at Bishops Wood Countryside Centre • Produce educational materials <p><u>Management Plan Objectives</u></p> <p>2: Increase public access to, appreciation of and involvement with all the special qualities of the AONB</p>	<p>1 2 3</p>	<p>£15 000 £15 000 £15 000</p>

	<p><u>Additional NRW priorities and/or Well-being Goals</u></p> <p>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language</p>		
<p><u>Physiographical features</u></p>	<p><u>AONB Programme Outcome/Output</u></p> <p>9. Scope and deliver a SMNR pilot project in the Burry Pill catchment area - Landscape Character Area 11 (Llanddewi and Reynoldston)</p> <p><u>Management Plan Objectives</u></p> <p>24: Increase the area of the AONB under sustainable land management 25: Support appropriate and sustainable farm and rural diversification and enterprise.....</p> <p><u>Additional NRW Priorities Natural Resources and / or Well-being Goals</u></p> <p>Biodiversity Air, Water and Soil A resilient Wales</p>	<p>1 2 3</p>	<p>£4 250 £4 250 £ 8688</p>
<p><u>Wales of cohesive communities</u></p>	<p><u>AONB Programme Outcome/Output</u></p> <p>10. Place planning exercises, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot a 'Place Plan' project for one village area/community council in the AONB e.g. Reynoldston • Gower Village GI/greenspace studies for key settlements in the AONB • Develop a caravan/campsite design guide for adoption as SPG <p><u>Management Plan Objectives</u></p> <p>3: Maintain public debate and involvement in AONB issues and management 9: Review and address landscape management issues and priorities for key landscape features and views across the AONB 14: Progress toward Good Ecological Status for waterbodies in the AONB 39: Identify and respond to trends in the range and extent of community facilities in the AONB</p> <p><u>Additional NRW Priorities Natural Resources and / or Well-being Goals</u></p> <p>Physiographical features</p>	<p>1 2 3</p>	<p>£2 875 £2 875 £2 875</p>

	A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language		
Page 17	<p><u>A resilient Wales</u></p> <p><u>AONB Programme Outcome/Output</u></p> <p>6. Undertake an ecosystems services mapping exercise in the AONB, both existing and potential. Including Carbon storage, flooding, food, habitat connectivity, renewable energy. Link To GI Strategy and Area Statements Prepare Green Infrastructure SPG Prepare Biodiversity SPG</p> <p><u>Management Plan Objectives</u></p> <p>16: Develop an understanding of the ecosystems services provided by the AONB</p> <p><u>Additional NRW Priorities Natural Resources and / or Well-being Goals</u></p> <p>Biodiversity Air, Soils and Water Minerals Physiographical features Climatic features and processes A globally responsible Wales</p>	1 2 3	£1 000 £1 000 £1 000
	<p><u>A prosperous Wales</u></p> <p><u>AONB Programme Outcome/Output</u></p> <p>1. Development, Improvement & Interpretation of Countryside Recreational Opportunities 7. Improve access to and within council owned LNRS and Wildlife sites</p> <p><u>Management Plan Objectives</u></p> <p>19: To improve the current standard and level of maintenance of public rights of way so that 95% are open, usable and clearly signposted 20: to improve access opportunities around the Wales Coast Path and the Gower Way 29: Improve the provision of sustainable and active travel networks and services across the AONB</p>	<p>Output 1</p> <p>1 2 3</p> <p>Output 7</p> <p>1 2 3</p>	<p>£33 000 £33 000 £33 000</p> <p>£5 000 £5 000 £5 000</p>

	<p><u>Additional NRW Priorities Natural Resources and / or Well-being Goals</u></p> <p>A healthier Wales A Wales of Cohesive communities</p>		
<p><u>Geological features & processes</u></p> <p>Page 18</p>	<p><u>AONB Programme Outcome/Output</u></p> <p>5. Conserving and enhancing geological features in the AONB, including: Mapping spatial boundaries of RIGs on GIS-Produce interpretation materials for selected RIGs in the AONB Practical management of geological features with landowners, managers, groups, volunteers</p> <p><u>Management Plan Objectives</u></p> <p>2: Increase public access to, appreciation of and involvement with all the special qualities of the AONB [including geology] 6: Ensure that LDP policies and development control decisions conserve and enhance the geological features of the AONB 7: Identify and address management issues and priorities for geological features across the AONB, ensuring that features are visible and available for study</p> <p><u>Additional NRW Priorities Natural Resources and / or Well-being Goals</u></p> <p>A healthier Wales A Wales of Cohesive communities A globally responsible Wales</p>	<p>1 2 3</p>	<p>£1 000 £1 000 £1 000</p>
<p><u>Biodiversity</u></p>	<p><u>AONB Programme Outcome/Output</u></p> <p>3. Prepare Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure SPG for the LDP 4. Implement recommendations of management Plans for Council owned SSSIs, SINCs and LNRs in the AONB. Review and implement innovative commons grazing management solutions on Fairwood Common Undertake an Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS) risk assessment for the AONB -to identify risks and prioritise control actions on INNS that threaten the special qualities of the AONB Continue to monitor and take action to control INNS on Council owned land</p>	<p>Output 3 1 2 3 Output 4</p>	<p>£3 000 £3 000 £3 000</p>

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Page 19</p>	<p>Implement of the Carmarthen Bay and Estuaries European Marine Site (CBEEMS) Management Scheme - Continue to support and contribute to RAG</p> <p>Undertake practical biodiversity management, working with contractors groups, volunteers and others</p> <p>Complete review of Local Biodiversity Action Plans for key habitats and species of the AONB.</p> <p><u>Management Plan Objectives</u></p> <p>4: Ensure that the LDP policies and development control decisions conserve and enhance the biodiversity features of the AONB</p> <p>5: Identify and address management issues and priorities for biodiversity features of the AONB, to achieve Favourable Conservation Status (for sites, habitats, and species) and improve ecological connectivity</p> <p><u>Additional NRW Priorities Natural Resources and / or Well-being Goals</u></p> <p>A resilient Wales</p> <p>A globally responsible Wales</p>	<p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>3</p>	<p>£22 350</p> <p>£22 350</p> <p>£22 350</p>
<p><u>A Wales of vibrant culture & culture</u></p>	<p><u>AONB Programme Outcome/Output</u></p> <p>11. Plan, co-ordinate and implement a programme of walks, talks and events. Develop interpretive materials e.g. leaflets and interpretation panels</p> <p>Support ,develop and implement environmental awareness and outdoor learning activities/initiatives enabling schools, colleges and other to use Gower for learning, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to develop opportunities for educational visits • Monitor impact and develop code of conduct • Improve facilities at Bishops Wood Countryside Centre • Produce educational materials <p><u>Management Plan Objectives</u></p> <p>2: Increase public access to, appreciation of and involvement with all the special qualities of the AONB</p> <p><u>Additional NRW priorities Natural Resources and/or Well-being Goals</u></p>	<p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>3</p>	<p>£18 890</p> <p>£18 190</p> <p>£18 890</p>

	A healthier Wales A globally responsible Wales		
<u>A globally responsible Wales</u>	<u>AONB Programme Outcome/Output</u> 12. Develop and implement a landscape photographic monitoring programme	1	£3 482
	<u>Management Plan Objectives</u>	2	£2 980
	10: Extend the recording and monitoring of the AONB landscape, seascape and key views	3	£2 980
	<u>Additional NRW priorities Natural Resources and/or well-being goals</u>		
	A resilient Wales Physiographical features		

8	<p>Publicity: How will you publicise this programme? Please acknowledge NRW support and provide summary of any publicity in your Annual Report.</p> <p>Swansea Council is a trusted and experienced grant-aided partner for NRW. We will acknowledge NRW support for the programme at every opportunity - from announcement of any award, during the programme and after its completion. The NRW logo will be included on any information produced about programme delivery e.g. on public consultations, press releases, fundraising information.</p> <p>Social media post for the Gower Landscape Partnership and Swansea Council will be used to acknowledge NRW support. NRW logo and acknowledgements will be included on all designs or plans we produce, on all specialist reports or surveys and on all tender documents that are funded through the programme.</p> <p>We assume that any grant offer will include specific conditions around the acknowledgement of NRW support.</p>
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9	<p>Equality, diversity and inclusion: How will you ensure that people from diverse background and all-abilities are able to take part in the running of your organisation and in the proposed project?</p> <p>As an organisation serving the people of Swansea, we are committed to treating people fairly and according to their needs - across all of our services. Swansea Council is fully committed to eradicating discrimination and promoting equality for both our staff and our customers by</p>
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treating people fairly and according to their needs.

The Public Sector Equality Duty (Wales) puts a specific requirement on us to undertake equality impact assessments (EIA) as a way of examining whether a new or existing function, service, policy, procedure, strategy, plan or project affects any person or group of persons adversely.

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10 **Welsh language:** How will your programme develop and promote the use of Welsh and encourage good bilingual practice?

Our use of the Welsh language is governed by legislation and monitored by the Office of the Welsh Language Commissioner. Council services are available in English and Welsh and we welcome contact in either language.

In general, everything which is produced by, or for, the Council and which is provided to, or visible to, members of the public should treat Welsh and English equally and this applies equally to computer or paper based information, social media, adverts, logos, signage, and anything else.

In addition, any service user is able to interact with the authority through the medium of Welsh, whether face-to-face, by phone or written correspondence. Our Welsh Translation Unit is available to provide translation services between the two languages.

As well as dealing with individuals in this manner, we also produce public documents bilingually, arrange translation services at public meetings and so on across a wide range of issues. We also ensure that we reflect this approach in all publications, logos and design work.

11 **Other NRW Funding requests:** Please give brief details of any other funding requests you have made, or intend to make, to NRW in this financial period or reference numbers for any other existing funding.

Swansea Council has submitted the following Expressions of Interest (Eols) in response to the recent open call for NRW support in the 2018/19 financial year:

- ‘Gower Hedgerow Hub’
- ‘Our Nature, Our Future’
- ‘Swansea Wildlife Volunteers’

These Eols are for projects across the wider Swansea County rather than the Gower AONB. We understand that these Eols now require full applications and we will ensure that the projects complement (and do not duplicate) the AONB Partnership programme.

12	NRW funding is available up to 75% of the eligible costs of the	Revenue – anything under £5,000	Please provide a breakdown of costs for each element of your
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	programme.	Capital - anything over £5,000 Overheads - 7% max In-kind - see note at end	project. Please note that the costs must relate to outcomes agreed with NRW
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1. Countryside Access - development, improvement & interpretation of countryside recreational opportunities	Includes £3,300 annual cash match funding from Gower Society - this is not yet secured. All other funds are CCS budget funds	Revenue	£ 5,000	£ 5,000	£ 5,000			
		Capital	£ 23,050	£ 23,050	£ 23,050			
		Overheads	£ 2,310	£ 2,310	£ 2,310			
		Salaries	£ 2,640	£ 2,640	£ 2,640			
		In-kind						
2. Increase awareness understanding and appreciation of AONB special qualities (particularly Biodiversity and geology)	Includes CCS staff time costed annually at £3,750	Revenue	£ 3,000	£ 3,000	£ 3,000			
		Capital	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0			
		Overheads	£ 1,050	£ 1,050	£ 1,050			
		Salaries	£ 10,950	£ 10,950	£ 10,950			
		In-kind						

3. Prepare Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure SPG for the LDP	Includes CCS staff time costed annually at £750	Revenue	£ 600	£ 600	£ 600			
		Capital	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0			
		Overheads	£ 210	£ 210	£ 210			
		Salaries	£ 2,190	£ 2,190	£ 2,190			
		In-kind						
4. Identify & address management issues for biodiversity features of the AONB, to achieve Favourable Conservation Status, and to improve ecological connectivity	Includes CCS staff time costed annually at £3,750, and £600 volunteer time in-kind annually.	Revenue	£ 10,000	£ 10,000	£ 10,000			
		Capital	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0			
		Overheads	£ 1,520	£ 1,520	£ 1,520			
		Salaries	£ 10,230	£ 10,230	£ 10,230			
		In-kind	600	600	600			

5. Conserving and enhancing geological features in the AONB	Includes CCS staff time costed annually at £250	Revenue	£ 680	£ 680	£ 680			
		Capital	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0			
		Overheads	£ 70	£ 70	£ 70			
		Salaries	£ 250	£ 250	£ 250			
		In-kind						
6. Undertake an ecosystems services mapping exercise in the AONB, both existing and potential.	Includes CCS staff time costed annually at £250	Revenue	£ 680	£ 680	£ 680			
		Capital	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0			
		Overheads	£ 70	£ 70	£ 70			
		Salaries	£ 250	£ 250	£ 250			
		In-kind						

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7. Improve access to and within Council owned LNRS & Wildlife Sites.	Includes CCS staff time costed annually at £1,250	Revenue	£ 3,400	£ 3,400	£ 3,400			
		Capital	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0			
		Overheads	£ 350	£ 350	£ 350			
		Salaries	£ 1250	£ 1250	£ 1250			
		In-kind						

8. Prepare and apply for International	Revenue	£ 5,000		£ 1,000			
	Capital		£ 25,000				
12. Develop and implement a landscape photographic monitoring programme	Overheads	£ 600	£2,100	£ 120			
	Revenue	£ 500					
	Salaries	£ 3,088	£ 2,960	£ 640			
9. Scope and deliver a SMNR pilot project in the Burry Pill catchment area -	Capital						
	In-kind						
	Overheads	£ 220	£ 220	£ 220			
10. Place Planning exercises	Revenue	£ 1,000	£ 1,000	£ 5,000			
	Salaries	£ 2,960	£ 2,960	£ 2,960			
	Capital						
Landscape Character Area 11 (Llanddewi and Reynoldston)	In-kind						
	Overheads	£ 290	£ 290	£ 600			
Grand Totals	Salaries	£ 2,960	£ 2,960	£ 3,088			
	Revenue	£ 49,860	£ 44,360	£ 47,360			
10. Place Planning exercises	In-kind						
	Capital	£ 23,050	£ 48,050	£ 23,050			
Total Project Funding	Overheads	£ 8,000	£ 50,000	£ 8,000			
	Salaries	£ 41,008	£ 40,880	£ 38,688			
11. Plan, coordinate and implement a programme of walks, talks and events	Overheads	£ 550	£ 550	£ 550			
	Salaries	£ 2,329	£ 2,329	£ 1,800			
11. Plan, coordinate and implement a programme of walks, talks and events	In-kind						
	Revenue	£ 15,000	£ 15,000	£ 15,000			
11. Plan, coordinate and implement a programme of walks, talks and events	Capital						
	Overheads	£ 1,270	£ 1,270	£ 1,270			
11. Plan, coordinate and implement a programme of walks, talks and events	Salaries	£ 1,920	£ 1,920	£ 1,920			
	In-kind						

Salary calculation if needed:

Daily rate	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)
Role/post name	Salary (F/T equivalent)	National Insurance	Pension	Total	Daily rate
				=	
				=	
				=	

(A) + (B) + (C) = (D). Divide (D) by 220 (working days per year) to show Daily rate (E)

Funding Source	2018-19	2019-2020	2020-2021	Status Secured/ Unsecured	Proof of match funding attached? Yes/No	Comments
NRW	£ 92,271	£ 107,925	£ 88,528.50	Applied to NRW	N/A	
Own	£ 26,857	£ 32,075	£ 25609.50	Secured	No	CCS match funding is based on internal council budget allocation (£514,000), which is confirmed annually. Taking a conservative approach, only a proportion of the budget allocation is assigned to be used as match funding.
Annual grant application to Gower Society	£ 3,300	£ 3,300	£ 3,300	Unsecured	No	This funding is part of a long-standing funding arrangement between Gower Society & CCS.
Volunteer time in-kind	£ 600	£ 600	£ 600	Unsecured	No	Based on conservative estimate of volunteer time.
Total	£ 123,028	£ 143,900	£ 118,038			

If the total funding amount identified in the above table does not equal your total programme costs, or if any unsecured funding is not granted, please provide your organisation's or group's contingency plan. For example, how will your programme alter from its original planned expenditure? Please also note that NRW may have to revise our grant offer and funding rate to reflect any revision of outputs.

CCS match funding is based on internal council budget allocation (£514,000), which is confirmed annually. Taking a conservative approach, only a proportion of the budget allocation is assigned to be used as match funding. This funding is part of a long-standing funding arrangement between Gower Society & CCS, and we are confident of successful funding bids. The Volunteer Time In-Kind figure is based on conservative estimate of volunteer time, and is likely to be easily exceeded. Any short fall in match funding is likely to be made up from within council budgets.

Could any part of the programme cause you cash flow problems? If so, please provide details and a current financial statement and cash flow forecast.

No cash flow problems are anticipated from the programme.

14. DECLARATION:

I confirm that the details supplied with this application are correct and any false information may lead to the revocation of any grant aid from NRW.

Signed:	
Print Name:	Paul Meller
For and on behalf of:	Gower AONB Partnership, Swansea Council
Position held:	Strategic Planning and Natural Environment Manager
Date:	02/03/2018

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15. Appendices

If necessary, please provide any further details and supporting information.

In-kind Match funding:

- Please note NRW expects majority of match funding to be from local authority or other sources with only a minimal amount of the match to be In-kind using volunteer time.
- Volunteer match funding rates are set out in NRW’s Policy on volunteering and rates. These rates will remain the same for the duration of the grant even though the minimum wage may change during this period. There are new volunteer rates for 2018-19, which are in line with current minimum wage.



Report of the Director of Place/Cabinet Member for Investment, Regeneration and Tourism

External Funding Panel – 6th June 2018

PROPOSED ALL WEATHER SPORTS FACILITIES AT SKETTY LANE/ASHLEIGH ROAD SITE

Purpose: To seek approval to submit a proposal to the Collaborative Sports Facilities Group (representing Sport Wales and the Governing Bodies of Rugby, Football and Hockey in Wales) to develop 3rd Generation (3G) artificial sports pitches and a replacement of one of the all Weather Hockey Surfaces at Sketty Lane/Ashleigh Road

Policy Framework: Council Policy - Healthy City; City of Sport. Well-being of Future Generations Act

Consultation: Legal, Finance, Corporate Property, and Access to Services.

Recommendations that External Funding panel:

- 1) Notes the implications contained in this report and approves the submission of a business case to attract up to £500,000 of funding.

Report Author: David Jones

Finance Officer: Amie Dyer

Legal Officer: Debbie Smith

Access to Services Officer: Catherine Window

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The county has the 3rd highest population in Wales and has a vast sports club infrastructure has only 2 full sized 3G facilities and no performance centre with 3G facilities other than those used exclusively by Swansea City FC/Swansea City FC Academy
- 1.2 Swansea also benefits from well-established leagues and competitive opportunities from recreational to elite level in the key sports which would make best use of the planned facilities.
- 1.3 The National Collaboration group has identified Swansea as priority area and has indicated that a submission for funding is likely to receive support, potentially as a national strategic project. This means they consider this site as having national and regional significance due to its multi-sport nature and links to performance and elite clubs, National Governing bodies and Swansea University.

Proposal

- 2.1 Senior officers within the Authority's Cultural Services, Education and Planning Departments, along with key community and national partners considered a range of sites and identified the best options for the introduction of new, strategically located facilities based on the following criteria;
 - Inclusion
 - Centres of population/Latent demand
 - Physical nature of proposed sites
 - Current and potential management arrangements
 - Match funding
 - Timescale for delivery
 - Performance and elite pathway
- 2.2 Following an evaluation exercise and initial site visits with the National Collaboration team the proposed schemes have been identified as;
 - 2.2.1 The replacement of the existing full sized Water based Hockey surface at Sketty Lane, which will allow fixtures of up to international standard to be accommodated and enhance the site as a centre of excellence for Hockey in partnership with Hockey Wales, Swansea City Hockey Club and Swansea University
 - 2.2.2 The creation of a full sized floodlit 3G adjacent to the Hockey facility to the highest World Rugby specifications. This will allow the site to also incorporate rugby to elite levels supported by the Welsh Rugby Union, Ospreys and Scarlets regional rugby.

- 2.2.3 These new developments along with the existing Athletics and Aquatics facilities, strength and conditioning resources and sport science support from the university will help develop the aspiration of an international sports village within the county.

3.0 Property Implications

- 3.1 The existing hockey surface is already part of an established lease agreement with Swansea University. Should application for the new 3G area be successful, the plan would be to include this in the lease agreement.

4.0 Equality and Engagement Implications

An EIA Screening Form has been completed with the agreed outcome that a full EIA report was not required. The reasons for this were:

The proposal will create all weather playing and training opportunities and will provide existing clubs and groups with improved provision. Sites will not be open access and will only be available for formal, booked provision by existing clubs and groups and for organised activities. The sites will improve playing and training opportunities but may not result in significant additional opportunities for those not already participating. However the project will be designed and planned in the best interests of children as the facilities will be available for Junior programmes and training opportunities which will be factored in at appropriate times as well as playing junior matches which may otherwise be cancelled due to inclement weather.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 Total project costs will be in the region of £1,500,000. The National Collaboration team has indicated that a grant of approximately 30% could be provided.
- 5.2.1 Up to £140,000 of funding will be required from the Authority to cover our contribution to the hockey resurface. This will be provided from existing Capital budget (sink fund the ATP surface). Swansea University also have up to £140,000 in place as part of their sink fund contribution. These amounts will be considered as match funding towards the overall project bid.
- 5.3 Officers from the commercial department of Swansea University have already put together a business plan and funding case which will go to the Universities Internal funding panel to make up the shortfall for the overall cost of the project, currently estimated at £720,000

Summary

	Current financial year £	Year 2 £	Year 3 £	Year 4 £	Year 5 £	Total £	Ongoing £
Total project cost:	280,000	1,220,000					
Capital	280,000	1,220,000					
Revenue							
Grant applied for:							
Capital	0	500,000					
Revenue							
Match Funding Internal	140,000						
Match Funding External	140,000	720,000					

- 5.4 The site already has a management infrastructure run by Swansea University. This management team would take on the responsibility for the new facilities at no additional cost or resource. The Council has an excellent relationship with the operational staff at the site and has presence on both the Sports Village management group and WNP board.
- 5.5 Potential running costs for both surfaces will be in the region of £50,000 - £55,000, including provision of a sinking fund put aside from income and in a similar manner to the existing capital programme at the site. This is based on replacing the carpet and shock pad as well as either repair or replacement of fencing and floodlighting. On the assumption that there is life expectancy of 10 years depending on usage and maintenance then it is proposed that a sinking fund of between £25,000 – £27,500 per year which would be matched by the university.
- 5.6 The Business Case has identified that the sites will break even.
- 6.0 Legal Implications**
- 6.1 Any offer of grant funding is likely to contain terms and conditions which are binding on the Council and the Council will need to ensure that it complies with the same.
- 6.2 In addition the procurement of any goods and services utilising this grant must comply with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and European procurement legislation as appropriate.
- 6.3 The Service Level Agreement with Swansea University will need to be amended if the new 3G element of the proposal is successful. No service

level agreement changes would need to be made if only a replacement Hockey surface is carried out.

Appendices: EFP1 Pre-Submission

Background papers: *None*

The City & County of Swansea

EFP1 PRE-SUBMISSION - Notification of Funding Bid to External Funding Panel

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THE EFP1 APPLIES TO HARD COPY AND ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS

1. Scheme background and details - this is to inform the External Funding Panel of the intention to apply for a new grant proposal –

a. Awarding Body	Collaborative Sports Facilities Group (representing Sport Wales and the Governing Bodies of Rugby, Football and Hockey in Wales).
b. Name and purpose of Scheme/Programme (attach proposal brief)	<p>Collaboration Fund: Provision of performance/elite level artificial surfaces in Swansea</p> <p>The 'All Wales Artificial Turf Pitch Vision and Guidance' findings indicate that Swansea is the least resourced county in Wales for 3G facilities. We have successfully introduced 2 full sized 3G surfaces to reduce latent community demand, this project is ongoing.</p> <p>Swansea is also considered to be a regional centre of performance for selected sports relevant to this development and to Collaborative Sports Facilities Group partners. The project, if successful will sustain and enhance the Ashleigh Road /Sketty Lane site as a national performance centre for Hockey and establish it as a regional performance centre for Rugby.</p>
c. Grant value in Total £	£500,000
d. Grant period / timescale for delivery	1 st Aug 2018- 1 st sept 2020
e. CCS acting as Lead Body or Joint Sponsor? Name other Partners.	CCS acting as Lead Body as landowner. Other Partners – Swansea University, Hockey Wales, Welsh Rugby Union, Football Association of Wales
f. Detail links to existing schemes at Local, Regional or National level	<p>This project is proposed as a result of a national study on artificial pitch provision in Wales. Swansea is considered to be a centre of regional significance for Performance level sport and Swansea University have been identified in a Sport Wales/Welsh government audit as a key partner in the infrastructure.</p> <p>This particular development will also be key in the ambition to develop an International Sports Village within the county.</p>

g. Detail direct links to Council Policy, including, where appropriate, target areas	Healthy City, Creating an Active and Healthy Swansea and City of Sport, Well-being Of Future Generations
h. List key target and proposed performance measures	Work is completed on time and within budget. Completed scheme will result in improved playing surface and conditions, an international quality surface for both community and performance sport and a venue for national and international sporting competitions and events.
i. For WEFO schemes confirm that the scheme has been developed in conjunction with the European Unit – Yes /No (<i>delete</i>)	NA
j. Does this grant require a continuation of funding by the Council after the grant period has expired? <i>This includes current or additional staff costs.</i> Yes / No	Yes - sinking fund as describes in attached report
k. Does the application require match-funding? Yes/No if it does where is this coming from?	Existing capital funding to be used as match-funding available from the sinking fund set up by the Council when the facility was first developed in 2003. The University have a similar arrangement for the Hockey element of the project and are bidding internally for additional match funding for the 3G surface. The remainder will be applied for through the Collaboration Group funding (Sport Wales)
l. Will the project entail the employment of additional staff and on what basis?	NO
M. Have you completed an EIA (Equality Impact Assessment) Screening Form (please attach)?	yes
N. Is a full EIA report required?	no

2. Please complete the following financial information:

	Current financial year £	Year 2 £	Year 3 £	Year 4 £	Year 5 £	Total £	Ongoing £
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Match Funding External	140,000	720,000					

3. Please complete the following:

a. Does the funding meet the Council's priorities?	Yes. Healthy City, Creating an Active and Healthy Swansea, Well- being of Future Generations Act, City of Sport and culture and the development of an international sports village.
b. What are the expected outcomes and are they clear and achievable? (link to 1h)	The expected outcome is that the project is completed on time and within budget. The completed scheme will result in improved playing surface and conditions, an international quality surface for both community and performance sport and a venue for national and international sporting competitions and events.
c. Is there an exit plan? (link to 1j/l)	Yes. Income generated from pitch hire will offset running costs and a sinking fund will be put aside from income generated at the site for replacing the carpet and shock pad as well as either repair or replacement of fencing and floodlighting. There is also a current revenue budget for the site to cover ongoing maintenance costs on an annual basis shared jointly between the Council and Swansea University.
d. How is Value for Money being obtained? (procurement/third party arrangements etc)	The work will be formally tendered and evaluated
e. What is the governance / management structure for the scheme? – What board/management team will it be reported to?	The management structure is already in place at the site with Swansea University sports staff operating the facilities as part of the wider Sketty Lane site. Swansea Council representatives are involved at

	board level (WNPS board) and operationally on a site management advisory group.
f. What are the major risks and how will they be managed?	The major risk with this scheme is that work will not be completed on time or within budget. This will managed by the Project team to ensure the risk is minimised.

4. Authorisation

	Name / Signature	Date
Responsible Officer:		
(Group)/Accountant:		
External Funding Panel		
Endorsed /Not Endorsed		