



## 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, 3 April 2019

**Time:** 2.00 pm

**Chair:** Councillor Rob Stewart

#### Membership:

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

Also Invited: J E Burtonshaw, E J King

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#### Agenda

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**Huw Evans**  
Head of Democratic Services  
Tuesday, 26 March 2019

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# Agenda Item 3



City and County of Swansea

## Minutes of the **External Funding Panel**

Committee Room 5 - Guildhall, Swansea

Wednesday, 6 March 2019 at 2.00 pm

### Present:

#### Councillor(s)

W Evans  
A S Lewis

#### Councillor(s)

R Francis-Davies  
J A Raynor

#### Councillor(s)

D H Hopkins

#### Officer(s)

Ben George  
Karin Jenkins  
Kate Jones  
Debbie Smith  
Gaynor Winsor

Transport Strategy Officer  
Head of Swansea Music Unit  
Democratic Services Officer  
Deputy Chief Legal Officer  
Accountant

### Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): M C Child, C E Lloyd, R C Stewart and M Thomas

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#### 91 Election of Chair Pro Tem.

**Resolved** that Councillor D H Hopkins be elected as Chair Pro Tem.

**Councillor D H Hopkins (Chair Pro Tem) presided.**

#### 92 Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

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

#### 93 Minutes:

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the External Funding Panel held on 6 February 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record.

#### 94 Active Travel Fund, Local Transport Fund and Local Transport Network Fund Bid 2019/20.

The Transport Strategy Officer presented a report to approve the funding application for the Active Travel Fund, Local Transport Fund and Local Transport Network Fund 2019/20.

**Resolved** that External Funding Panel approve the Active Travel Fund, Local Transport Fund and Local Transport Network Fund 2019/20 application.

**95 Additional Funding For Music Service.**

The Head of Swansea Music Unit presented a report to advise the panel of the award of funding from the WLGA in relation to Music Services Provision in Schools for 2018-2019.

Further to the written report an additional paper was provided on the 'Background Prepared by CAGAC (Cymdeithas Addysg Cerdd Awdurdodau Cymru) / Welsh Authorities' Music Education Association'.

**Resolved** that the External Funding Panel note the implications contained in the report and retrospectively approve the acceptance of the grant.

The meeting ended at 2.20 pm

**Chair**

# Agenda Item 4



## Report of the Director of Education

External Funding Panel – 3 April 2019

### Flying Start Capital Bid 2019/20

<b>Purpose:</b>	To outline the capital proposal included in the Capital Funding Application submitted to Welsh Government in respect of the Flying Start Programme 2019/20.
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	One Swansea Plan
<b>Consultation:</b>	Education, Poverty, Corporate Building and Services, Financial Services, and Legal and Democratic Services, were consulted.
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	It is recommended that:  1) The bid as detailed, together with financial implications, be included in the capital programme, in anticipation of the bid being approved by Welsh Government.
<b>Report Authors:</b>	Alison Williams and Claire Lewis
<b>Finance Officer:</b>	Jayne James
<b>Legal Officer:</b>	Debbie Smith
<b>Access to Services Officer:</b>	Catherine Window

#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 Flying Start is one of the Welsh Government's (WG) Flagship Programmes aimed at improving outcomes for children under 4 in the identified most deprived areas with the main focus of child development.
- 1.2 Swansea's model of delivery for the Flying Start Programme has been acknowledged by Welsh Government (WG) as good practice. Flying Start settings are sited at Primary Schools ensuring the use of available space (potential surplus capacity) to establish "mini children's centres". These comprise of the required Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) registered

Childcare Facility; provide a base for Health Visitors and Parenting and Early Language Development provision. This has enabled co-located multi-agency teams to operate to support young children and their families in each area.

- 1.3 The Flying Start Programme in Swansea has been developed with the aspirations for 21<sup>st</sup> Century schools so that the benefits of Flying Start are maximised within Primary Schools and Community Focussed Schools. This also provides the opportunity to achieve effective transition into the Foundation Phase.
- 1.4 There have been 3 main phases to the rollout of the Flying Start Programme. During 2013/14 the CAP for the programme in Swansea was 1438 0-3 year olds. At the end of 2014/15 part way through the second phase, there were 2659 0-3 year olds in the Flying Start Programme in Swansea benefiting from the full range of entitlements across different settings. In 2015/16 the full approved Programme was established with a CAP number of 2,903 0-3 year olds annually

## **2. 2019/20 Capital Bidding Round**

- 2.1 WG has asked Local Authorities to bid for additional capital funding to help maintain the standards of provision for existing Flying Start settings. They have advised that this request does not represent a commitment that funding is available this financial year, and authorities are not invited to submit bids to increase or expand Flying Start provision at this time. The main focus of the funding is to address business continuity and health and safety issues.
- 2.2 A bid of £104,000 to address business continuity and health and safety areas at the existing settings Flying Start settings has been submitted with the following breakdown of works.

Lower Super Output Area (LSOA)	Project	Amount Requested
Clydach 3	Craigfelen Flying Start Addition of change facility	£30,000
Castle 4&8, & Uplands 4	St Helens Flying Start Investigate damp, put in place works to try to remedy situation, prevent further damp issues and improve / remove existing spurs. Introduction of small external canopy	£26,500
Penderry 1,2,3	Portmead Flying Start Replacement of external access doors and fire release mechanisms on internal doors. Decoration throughout	£6,000
Townhill 1,2,6	Gors Flying Start Repairs to the floor in main childcare room including replacement flooring and decoration of room. Replacement carpet in parenting building	£9,500
Castle 1,2, Landore 2,3,4	Hafod Flying Start Replacement doors to external play area and replacement carpet in childcare room.	£8,500
Castle 5, Townhill 1,3,5 Uplands 2	Seaview Flying Start Ramp to external play area and additional soft play to improve safety in outdoor area	£17,000
Townhill 1,2,4,6 Uplands 2	Townhill Flying Start Improvements to rear external play area to improve safety and comply with CIW recommendations	£6,500

### 3. Equality and Engagement Implications

3.1 The Council is subject to the Public Sector Equality Duty (Wales) and must, in the exercise of their functions, have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act.
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

3.2 Our Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) process ensures that we have paid due regard to the above.

3.3 An EIA screening has been undertaken and it has been determined that the initiative is not relevant for a full EIA report.

3.4 As part of this process we will also be considering the Well-being of Future Generations Act. The Act ensures that public bodies think more about the long term, work better with people and communities and each other, look to prevent problems and take a more joined-up approach.

3.5 All key stakeholders will be communicated with throughout the projects' delivery.

#### **4. Financial Implications**

##### **Capital**

4.1 The total cost of the capital improvement works if approved is £104,000 if the bid is approved in its entirety. There is no commitment from WG that any capital will be available.

4.2 The funding relates to the period April 2019 to March 2020 and must be claimed in full by 31 March 2020 otherwise any unclaimed part of the funding will cease to be available to the Council. The funding available has been profiled as set out in Appendix A.

##### **Revenue**

4.3 Flying Start revenue funding has already been committed. There will be no additional recurring revenue costs as a result of this bid.

#### **5. Legal Implications**

5.1 In line with arrangements at all other school based Flying Start settings a licence agreement is in place to ensure clarity of roles and responsibilities relating to the asset.

5.2 If approved, the grant offer from WG will contain conditions which are legally binding. The Council must be satisfied that it is able to comply with the same.

**Background Papers:** None

##### **Appendices:**

Appendix A – Financial Implications Summary (below)

## Appendix A

Financial Procedure Rule 7

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS : SUMMARY

Portfolio: EDUCATION  
 Service : PRIMARY PROVISION  
 Scheme : Flying Start Capital Programme 2019/20  
 Additional Funding Application

<u>1.1. CAPITAL COSTS</u>	2019/20 £'000	TOTAL £'000
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Craigfelen Flying Start	30,000	30,000
St Helens Flying Start	26,500	26,500
Portmead Flying Start	6,000	6,000
Gors Flying Start	9500	9500
Hafod Flying Start	8500	8500
Seaview Flying Start	17,000	17,000
Townhill Flying Start	6,500	6,500
 EXPENDITURE	 104,000	 104,000
<u>Financing</u>		
WG Funded by Flying Start Capital Programme 2019/20; if bid submitted for additional funding is approved in its entirety.	104,000	104,000
 FINANCING	 104,000	 104,000

<u>1.2. REVENUE COSTS</u>	2019/20 £'000	FULL YEAR £'000
<u>Service Controlled - Expenditure</u>		
Employees )		0
Maintenance )	N/A	0
Vehicle running costs )		0
 NET EXPENDITURE	 0	 0
<u>Financing</u>		
FINANCING	0	0



# Agenda Item 5



## Report of the Cabinet Member for Children's Services Early Years

External Funding Panel - 3 April 2019

### Grant to Support Reducing the Need for Children to Enter Care in 2018-19

<b>Purpose:</b>	To advise the Panel of the award of funding in relation to the Grant to Support Reducing the Need for Children to Enter Care in 2018/19
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	Social Service and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014
<b>Consultation:</b>	Access to Services, Finance, Legal.
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	It is recommended that the Panel note the implications contained in this report and retrospectively approves the acceptance of the Grant.
<b>Report Author:</b>	Chris Francis
<b>Finance Officer:</b>	Chris Davies
<b>Legal Officer:</b>	Lucy Moore
<b>Access to Services Officer:</b>	Rhian Millar

#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide an overview of the award of grant funding to support the reduction of the number of children entering care.

#### 2. The Grant

- 2.1 Welsh Government awarded this grant directly and did not require an application from the Council. Allocations have been offered to all Welsh Councils in recognition of the financial pressures faced by Councils as they seek to manage escalating demand for statutory Child and Family Services. The offer to this Council is for £76,620 and is to be paid out within the 2018/19 financial year.

2.2 The purpose of the funding is to help local authorities reduce the need for children to enter care and pump prime activity that will be undertaken in 2019-20.

2.3 The Cabinet Member has been informed and consulted. Due to the short timescales for acceptance imposed by Welsh Government, this report is provided to Members for their information.

### **3. Equality and Engagement Implications**

3.1 There are no equality or engagement implications associated with this report. An Equality Impact Assessment screening form will need to be completed when considering how the grant funds are to be used.

### **4. Financial Implications**

4.1 This funding will help support the Council's financial commitments in this key area.

### **5. Legal Implications**

5.1 Generally the terms attached to Grant Funding are legally binding and the grant should be used in accordance with those terms.

**Background Papers:** Grant Offer Letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

**Appendices:** None