

Report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Strategy

Cabinet - 16 July 2015

EXTERNAL FUNDING PANEL

Purpose:	To amend the membership of the External Funding Panel.
Policy Framework:	Medium Term Financial Plan; <i>Sustainable Swansea – fit for the future</i>
Reason for Decision:	To increase the membership of the External Funding Panel.
Consultation:	Finance, Legal.
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that: 1) The Voting Members of the External Funding Panel be increased so as to include all 10 Cabinet Members.
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1. Introduction

1.1 Cabinet at its meeting on 6 May 2014 established the External Funding Panel. Cabinet made a number of amendments to the Panel on 4 November 2014.

1.2 The Panel was created to oversee the Council's external funding arrangements with two distinct roles:

- a) Oversight of the allocation of all third sector funding across the Council;
- b) Oversight of the Council's external funding opportunities.

2. Membership of the External Funding Panel

2.1 Currently, there are 5 voting members on the Panel. It is proposed to increase this number to include all of the Cabinet Members (10). This change will not affect the quorum which will remain as 3 voting members.

- 2.2 It is not proposed to make any changes to the Observers (Non Voting Members). They shall remain as outlined below:

Observers (Non-Voting Members)

Position	Post Holder(s)
Attend for Third Sector Matters Only 2 x Representatives from the Third Sector (To be nominated by the Third Sector Working Group)	Carol Green Mary Lithgoe
Attend for Community Action Transformation Fund Matters Only 1 x Representative of Community / Town Council (C/T C) (The Clerk of the relevant Community / Town Council shall be invited to submit comments and on occasion the Chair of the C/T Council or Deputy shall be invited to attend)	Mainly comments only via e-mail however relevant Chair is required by the Panel.

- 2.3 The Term of Office for Observers (Non Voting Members) shall be until such time as the Authority is notified of any change by the nominating body (e.g. Third Sector Working Group or Community / Town Councils Forum).

3. Equality & Engagement Implications

- 3.1 Equality Impact Assessments will be undertaken as appropriate on any decision to change significantly funding to third sector organisations including any engagement required. As it develops the Council's Third Sector Policy will be subject to the Equality Impact Assessment process.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. The proposal will assist the Council to achieve greater value for money from the use of external funding and to manage the risks involved more effectively.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 Section 15 of the Local Government Act 2000 allows an Executive to delegate some of its functions to a committee of the Executive. This is such an arrangement.

Background Papers: None.

Appendices: None.