

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

MINUTES OF THE EXTERNAL FUNDING PANEL

**HELD AT COMMITTEE ROOM 5, GUILDHALL, SWANSEA ON
WEDNESDAY, 3 AUGUST 2016 AT 3.00 PM**

PRESENT:

Councillor(s)

M C Child

Councillor(s)

W Evans

Councillor(s)

D H Hopkins

Officer(s)

S Harvey

J James

S Martin

W Parkin

M Sweeney

E Williams

G Windsor

S Woon

Western Bay Programme Director

Capital Accountant

Voluntary Sector Relationship Coordinator

Senior Lawyer

Planned Maintenance Drainage & Coastal Management

European & External Funding Officer

Capital Finance

Democratic Services Officer

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): R Francis-Davies, J E C Harris, A S Lewis, C E Lloyd, J A Raynor, C Richards and R C Stewart.

7 ELECTION OF CHAIR PRO TEM.

RESOLVED that Councillor W Evans be elected as Chair Pro Tem.

COUNCILLOR W EVANS (CHAIR PRO TEM) PRESIDED.

8 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.

9 MINUTES.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the External Funding Panel meeting held on 7 July 2016 be approved as a correct record.

10 WELSH GOVERNMENT GRANT TO SUPPORT COASTAL RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME - MUMBLES SEA DEFENCE WALL/REVTMENT.

The Planned Maintenance Drainage & Coastal Management Officer presented a report which provided an update on Welsh Government Grant to support a Project Appraisal Study for Mumbles Sea Defence Wall.

He indicated that the Welsh Government programme is intended to help Local Authorities to implement projects aligned with the policy options recommended within the shoreline management plan.

The Authority has a duty to maintain current defences and the sea wall at Mumbles has been identified as an area which complies with the eligibility criteria and would 100% grant funded.

Members asked questions of the Officer who responded accordingly.

RESOLVED that the Panel endorse the grant to support the production of the project appraisal study for Mumbles Sea Defence Wall/Revetment.

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

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

He outlined the potential impact of the Brexit vote on funding arrangements, and referred to the following project:

- Hafod & Morfa Copperworks Site – Heritage Lottery Fund – Enterprise
- ERDF Priority 4 Objective 4 – Proposal for Kingsway Employment Hub
- ERDF Priority 4 Objective 4 – Welsh Government 'Building for the Future' (use it or lose it) Scheme Submissions
- URBACT III
- European Social Fund – Cynnydd Progress Update
- Cam Nesa Project
- Workways + Progress Update
- Rural Development Plan 2014-2020
- European Fisheries Fund
- Heritage Trails and Ireland Wales (INTERREG Ireland-Wales)
- Exportable (INTERREG Ireland-Wales Programme)

Members asked questions of the Officer who responded accordingly.

RESLOVED that:

- 1) the updates on projects in sections 2 to 6 of the report be noted.
- 2) the bid to Welsh Government to seek funding to establish a Swansea Bay Fisheries Local Action Group be supported.
- 3) the bid for support from the Ireland-Wales programme for the Heritage Trails project via Swansea University be supported.
- 4) the bid for support from the Ireland-Wales programme for the Exportable project be supported.

12 **BISHOPSTON 3G SURFACE PROJECT - BRIEFING.**

The Voluntary Sector Relationship Coordinator presented a “for information” report relating to the opportunity for the school to significantly develop the existing hard court facilities at the school to increase and enhance opportunities for both school and community-based provision. The project which is anticipated to commence from mid August 2016 and includes the resurfacing and re-fencing of the existing tennis court area with a 3G artificial surface which would service football and rugby as well as various other health related physical activity opportunities.

The main financial assistance (70k) will be provided by the Arwyn Harris Community Sports Fund, along with contributions from the school and Local Authority (36k). The remaining amount (15k) would be applied for as part of a Sports Wales Development Grant Bid.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

13 **INTERMEDIATE CARE FUNDING 16/17.**

The Western Bay Regional Programme Director presented a report which sought to approve Intermediate Care Funding 2016/17 capital funding for the City and County of Swansea.

She stated that the recommendations had been omitted in error from the report and advised that Members were being asked to agree the submission of capital schemes and include additional schemes in Swansea’s capital programme subject to Welsh Government approval.

She circulated updated versions of Appendix 1 and 2 and detailed the background, proposed works, objective of the scheme and financial implications.

Members asked questions of the Officer who responded accordingly.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) The submission of capital schemes be agreed; and
- 2) Additional schemes in Swansea’s capital programme be agreed subject to Welsh Government approval.

The meeting ended at 3.34 pm

CHAIR