



Report of the Director of People

External Funding Panel – 4 October 2017

Grant for Expanding Edge of Care Services 2017/18

Purpose:	To advise Panel of the award of the Grant for Expanding Edge of Care Services 2017/18
Policy Framework:	Social Service and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014
Consultation:	Legal, Finance and Access to Services
Recommendation(s):	That the Panel notes the implications contained in this report and retrospectively approves the acceptance of the Grant.
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1 Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide an overview of the Grant for Expanding Edge of Care Services 2017/18.
- 1.2 This grant has been awarded direct by Welsh Government and did not require an application from the Council. The funding, which has been made available as a result of consequential funding from the UK government's March budget, is intended to support local authorities to meet increasing demand.

- 1.3 The Cabinet Member was fully informed and consulted before the Council accepted the grant offer. Due to the short timescales for acceptance imposed by Welsh Government, this report is provided to Members for their information.
- 1.4 The majority of the Child and Family Services budget is allocated to accommodating and supporting the children who come into care. The Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 emphasizes the importance of working at an earlier juncture to prevent needs escalating to the point where more significant interventions (such as a child becoming looked after by the Council) are necessary. This grant has been provided by the Welsh Government to support local authorities to meet their duties under the Act by investing in their early intervention services.
- 1.5 By investing greater sums in the internal early intervention services, it is thought that the Council can improve outcomes for families and, in the medium- to long-term, support the financial sustainability of the Council.

2 Equality and Engagement Implications

- 2.1 There are no direct equality and engagement implications arising from this report. Any new service designed as a result of this grant will be subject to the EIA process and any engagement as required.

3 Financial Implications

- 3.1 The total value of the grant is £382,823. The initial grant period is for the 1st April 2017 to the 31st March 2018 and must be claimed in full by 30th April 2018 otherwise any unclaimed part of the Funding will cease to be available.

4 Legal Implications

- 4.1 Generally the terms attached to Grant Funding are legally binding and should be formally recorded in an appropriate document/contract with any external delivery partners that are appointed to deliver the service. Where there is internal provision, the Council will need to ensure that grant conditions are fully complied with to avoid the risk of future clawback.
- 4.2 Procurement rules (both EU and the Council's) will have to be fully complied with in all respects in relation to any procurement of services from external delivery agents.

Background Papers: Screening Form - Equality Impact Assessment

Appendices: Appendix 1 - EFP1