



## Report of the Director of People

External Funding Panel – 4 October 2017

# Grants to Provide Additional Support to Young People Leaving Care

<b>Purpose:</b>	To advise Panel of the award of the following grants to support Care Leavers: (i) Grant for Supporting Care Leavers to Successful Futures ; (ii) St David's Day Grant.
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	Social Service and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014 Hidden Ambitions: Achieving the best for young people leaving care
<b>Consultation:</b>	Legal, Finance and Access to Services
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	That the Panel notes the implications contained in this report and retrospectively approves the acceptance of the Grants.
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## 1 Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide an overview of grants to provide additional support to Care Leavers:

- Grant for Supporting Care Leavers to Successful Futures.
- St. David's Day Grant

1.2 These grants have been awarded directly 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 grants. Due to the short timescales for acceptance imposed by Welsh Government, this report is provided to Members for their information.

1.4 A report by the Children's Commissioner - Hidden Ambitions: Achieving the best for young people leaving care – highlighted to Welsh Government the need to make additional financial resources available for local authorities to support care leavers. The subsequent grants have three purposes:-

- To facilitate greater work experience, trainee, apprenticeship and employment opportunities for young people leaving care.
- To develop the capacity of Personal Advisors to support Care Leavers.
- To provide additional financial support for care leavers.

## **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 two grants have a cumulative value of £200,983. The Grant for Supporting Care Leavers to Successful Futures has a value of £124,418 and the St. David's Day Grant is for £76,565.

3.2 The initial grant period is the 1st April 2017 to the 31st March 2018. Funds 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 as required.

4.2 Any externally commissioned services will have to comply with the relevant procurement rules (both EU and the Council's).

4.3 The project coordinator post should be secured on a fixed-term basis for the duration of the grant funding.

**Background Papers:** Screening Form - Equality Impact Assessment

**Appendices:** Appendix 1 - EFP1