



## Report of the Director of People

External Funding Panel - 6 December 2017

### Swansea Compact Funding 2018/19

<b>Purpose:</b>	To decide upon applications to a one-off round of funding of the Swansea Compact Fund 2018/19
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	Medium Term Financial Plan; Sustainable Swansea – fit for the future
<b>Consultation:</b>	Finance, Legal, Access to Services.
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	It is recommended that:  1) Contract agreements are rolled over for 6 months of 2018/19 to the three existing organisations previously in receipt of a three year SLA  2) Members consider which of the listed applications be supported for 2018/19
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#### 1. Introduction

##### 1.1 Background, Swansea Compact Fund

The Swansea Compact Fund is an annual open funding round to enable the transition from the Swansea Change Fund to a commissioned funding programme, with a small open round open all Third Sector groups.

During 2018, we will work with the sector and citizens to co-produce contract specifications based on need. These will be advertised on Sell 2 Wales and go through the procurement process. Contracts will be awarded to the successful Third Sector applicants measured against specific service delivery arrangements and outcomes.

## **2. Proposals for 2018/19**

### **2.1 Current Procured Services**

It is proposed that the three services previously procured through the Change Fund by means of a contract, be rolled over for 6 months to allow for continuity whilst the commissioning process is progressed.

The three current contracted service will be reviewed as part of the commissioning process and a further commissioned service developed based on an umbrella organisation bring together all third sector groups working with those who are recognised of having one of the nine protected characteristics defined in the Equality Act 2010.

The three current procured services are:

- Swansea Council for Voluntary Services (as the umbrella organisation for the third sector in Swansea)
- Swansea Citizens Advice Bureau (as an essential partner for independent advice and information, including Welfare Reform) The SLA is the only funding the group receives from the City & County of Swansea
- Swansea Environmental Forum (as the group was formed at the behest of the PSB to act as an umbrella group for all environmental third sector groups)

### **2.2 Open Funding Round**

The remaining funding has been launched as an open funding round called the Compact Fund. During a consultation on the commissioning proposals the Third sector requested that decisions be made on this funding round prior to the new year. The rationale for this was that there may be changes to those in receipt of current funding in 17/18 and those groups who need to make staff changes resulting from the outcomes of funding decisions would need to offer statutory notice required prior to the commencement/or withdrawal of funding on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2018.

All applicants have to link their applications/projects or core services directly to the Swansea Councils Corporate Plan, outlining how they contribute to one of the five priorities.

Plus all applicants must:

- Be self-governing, not profit distributing, be for community/public benefit and have an appropriate signed constitution/governing document/rules.
- Have a bank account with at least two signatories in the name of the organisation applying for the grant.
- Have in place (or can show that they are actively working towards) an effective equality policy.
- Have in place (or can show that they are actively working towards) an effective green or environmental policy.
- Demonstrate sound financial management in particular for authorising and recording expenditure.
- Provide a set of their most recent financial accounts, signed as being audited or independently inspected (according to the level of the income and expenditure) or, in the case of recently formed organisations, a forecast of income and expenditure for the next year.
- Show evidence of local community support.

### **3. Applications**

3.1 23 applications for funding in 18/19 have been received by the closing date on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017, the total amount of funding requested equals £791,288, however there is only £146,000 available for allocation.

3.2 Applications are summarised in **Appendix A**.

### **4. Recommendations**

4.1 The three existing agreements are extended for the three organisations previously in receipt of a three year arrangement for 6 months as the commissioning process is co-produced.

4.2 The open funding round grants are awarded following discussion on the merits of each application.

### **5. Equality & Engagement Implications**

5.1 Equality Impact Assessments will be undertaken as appropriate on any decisions made at the panel.

5.2 Panel discussions will be required to include consideration of the equality impacts of funding applications in relation to the protected characteristics contained within the Equality Act 2010.

### **6. Financial Implications**

6.1 Swansea Compact funding is allocated in line with budget available.

## **7. Legal Implications**

- 7.1 The External Funding Panel is a decision making panel as ratified by Cabinet at its meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014.
- 7.2 The existing agreements with the three organisations on longer term arrangements will need to be extended and varied to incorporate the changes in service requirements, through a contract waiver.

### **Background Papers:**

None.

### **Appendices:**

Appendix A. List of Applications – Swansea Compact Fund 2018/19

## Swansea Compact Fund – 2018/19

### Summary of Applications for open funding round

**Total budget for distribution in open funding round £146,000** (this amount excludes the combined total of the continuation of the existing 3 arrangements for 6 months and new commissioning arrangements of 4 services for the further 6 months)

#### Applications Total £791,288

<i>Ref.</i>	<i>Organisation</i>	<i>Organisation Overview and Project summary</i>	<i>Last Year 17/18</i>	<i>Amount Requested 18/19</i>
01	EYST	<p><b>The group:</b> Ethnic Youth Support Team provides advice information and support to BAME groups in Swansea.</p> <p><b>The project:</b> The request is for staffing (1 full time post) and core costs to enable the continuation of for their 'Refugee and Asylum Advice Project'. The Project has been running since 2015 via funding from Henry Smith Foundation and has to date supported 1387 individuals in Swansea through 2055 advice sessions. The project offers advice on all issues faced by asylum seekers supported by a team of 20 volunteers. WG has recently funded a part time support worker to work alongside the full time post. The grant will cover the post from 1<sup>st</sup> July when current funding ends until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019</p>	£23,443	£25,855
02	SBREC	<p><b>The group:</b> Swansea bay Regional Equality Council provides support, advice and information to BAME clients as well as other protected</p>	£27,720	£30,000

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		<p>characteristic groups.</p> <p><b>The project:</b> A contribution to the core funding of the organisation. The total core costs equate to £85k including salaries, utilities, rent and office costs</p>		
03	Swansea Bay Asylum Seeker Support Group	<p><b>The group:</b> The group provide support, both formal and informal to the city's 900 asylum seekers. Since 2000 they have run 2 drop in sessions where asylum seekers and refugees meet and share experience over a hot meal.</p> <p><b>The project:</b> Many of their clients require English language support but their arrival does not conform to formal courses. They are applying for an English Language project co-ordinator and core costs to support informal language teaching for those not ready or who have arrived at the wrong time to attend formal classes..</p>	£7,040	£9,000
04	African Community Centre	<p><b>The group:</b> Work with BAME people offering support advice and information.</p> <p><b>The project:</b> The group are aware that clients who have transitions to refugee status are highly skilled, enthusiastic and hard-working but unable to find work. The funding is for a part time coordinator, the cost of volunteer support workers and training courses to aid clients into work.</p>	£8,800	£19,630
05	City of Sanctuary	<p><b>The group:</b> Are a volunteer led organisation operating since 2000. They co-ordinate and promote the vision for Swansea as a place of safety.</p>	-	£7,500

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		<b>The project:</b> The group are seeking core costs to continue to be the management committee of the CoS status once the groups lottery funding ends in 2018		
06	Swansea Women's Aid	<p><b>The group:</b> Provide advice information and support to those at risk of or experiencing domestic violence.</p> <p><b>The project:</b> The application is for staff and core costs associated with the groups DAISE Routes project. (Domestic Abuse Information, support and Empowerment = DAISE) which will employ one full time staff member to undertake targeted telephone outreach to women identified as being at risk of domestic violence.</p>	£20,240	£20,164
07	BAWSO	<p><b>The group:</b> The group work with victims of domestic violence in the BME community.</p> <p><b>The project:</b> The project is for core costs and salary costs of the manager of the Youth Against Violence and Abuse project which aims to support its 10 members 11-25 experiencing issues around domestic violence, forced marriage, FGM and other issues.</p>	£17,600	£24,700
08	BikeAbility Wales	<p><b>The group:</b> The Group provide cycling opportunities for people with disabilities.</p> <p><b>The project:</b> The application is for 2 posts - a part time project manager and assistant manager - to manage the project, run the regular cycling sessions and co-ordinate the groups publicity, fun days and outreach activities.</p>	£13,200	£20,000
09	Local Aid	<b>The group:</b> The group work with young people with learning disabilities	£4,840	£7,310

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		<b>The project:</b> The project is to provide part time project management (10 hours per week) to the groups existing Buddies Project and new work experience project		
10	Forest School	<b>The group:</b> The group provide outdoor play opportunities utilising the natural environment based at Bishops Wood Countryside Centre.  <b>The project:</b> Flying Start Project - The grant is to enable the group to link with flying start to provide 30 sessions offered to participants in 5 courses of 6 week duration.	-	£9,805
11	Coeden Fach Community Interest Company	<b>The group:</b> The group offer outdoor volunteer training sessions for people with learning difficulties, special educational needs and or behavioural issues.  <b>The project:</b> The Project is to fund costs associated with 50 volunteer training sessions developing transferable skills and environmental awareness for clients.	-	£5,000
12	Swansea Community Farm	<b>The group:</b> Manage a community Farm in the Cadle area of Swansea  <b>The project:</b> The application is for a contribution to the core funding and staffing costs of the farm. The annual Costs of which are approximately £154,000	£20,000	£20,000
13	Pontarddulais Partnership	<b>The group:</b> The group promote and encourage community development in Pontarddulais  <b>The project:</b> The application is a contribution to the core costs to the group - including the development managers post – which are £46,570	£13,200	£14,070
14	Ty Croeso –	<b>The group:</b> The Group run a drop in centre in Clydach, including a	-	£3,000



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	Clydach	<p>foodbank, discussion groups and prayer groups.</p> <p><b>The project:</b> They are applying for a funding contribution towards their core costs – rent, utilities, etc. (which do not include salaries) which total £6k.</p>		
15	Cyfle I Dyfu (Chance to Grow)	<p><b>The group:</b> Is a social enterprise based in Swansea which aims to enable people with a history of long terms substance abuse, learning difficulties or other social disadvantage fulfil their potential. They make and sell a wide range of carpentry goods.</p> <p><b>The project:</b> The funding will be used to employ a full time manager to allow more staff time to be devoted to working with client employees.</p>	-	£26,000
16	COLVERTV.COM CIC	<p><b>The group:</b> The Group aim to improve skills for disadvantaged youth by providing IT training photos, video editing and other media.</p> <p><b>The project:</b> The Grant is for training equipment (5 desktop computers and software, video camera and photo camera) and studio rent.</p>	-	£10,000
17	Swansea West CAP debt Centre (applicant Oasis Church Gowerton)	<p><b>The group:</b> The Swansea West branch of Christians against poverty. An association of Churches utilising a debt advice model developed and based in Bradford. This group cover SA4/5/6/7 postcodes. The Swansea CAP cover the rest of the city. Councillors visit clients in their homes and offer a free debt counselling service.</p> <p><b>The project:</b> The group are applying for a contribution to core costs for the year general office costs and mileage – staff time is given free.</p>	-	£4,000
18	Hillside Animal Sanctuary	<p><b>The group:</b> The sanctuary, based in Norwich, Norfolk, have arranged the transport and lifelong care of 327 ex pound horses from Swansea.</p>	-	£20,000

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		<b>The project:</b> They are applying for a contribution to the Costs of Transportation and continuing care of these horses.		
19	Swansea Carers Centre	<b>The group:</b> Provides advice support and information to the all those providing a caring role in Swansea  <b>The project:</b> The application is to fund a Parent Carer support worker.	-	£20,840
20	Menter Iaith Abertawe	<b>The group:</b> Promote and support the use of the Welsh Language in Swansea  <b>The project:</b> The Application is to continue to support and develop Welsh medium services, including pre-school age, primary and secondary school support. In addition, the application proposes to employ a full time Welsh Language Promotion Officer to work collaboratively with the council to promote the language among council staff and the wider community, including the Commission standards, language classes and support.	£9,680	£33,500
21	Chinese in Wales Association	<b>The group:</b> A recently formed group to work with the Chinese community in Swansea  <b>The project:</b> The group are applying for the core costs associated with the Fund Me Project – a project working with Chinese Ethnic children with Autism and learning disabilities and provide support and advice to the families of those Children. The costs include a part time Multilingual Autism specialist post and associated costs	-	£20,000
22	Circus Eruption	<b>The group:</b> The Group use Circus skills to empower, inspire and	-	£10,314

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		enable, their inclusive nature attracts a wide range of clientele  <b>The project:</b> The Project is a contribution to staff costs for the groups co-ordinator and associated core costs. Total core costs of the group equate to £60,800		
23	British Training Board	<b>The group:</b> The BTB provides services to Armed forces personnel across the UK, including a skills translation service which equates armed forces qualification with professional qualifications accepted throughout industry. They also coach and mentor ex services personnel upon transition when leaving service and hope to roll out this mentoring project to NEETS in Swansea  <b>The project:</b> The project is to assist 100 former service men, 200 NEETS in training and mentoring projects plus core and equipment costs associated with the project	-	£430,600
	Total			<b>£791,288</b>