



**Report of the Director of Place /
Cabinet Member for Environmental Services**

External Funding Panel – 7 March 2018

**Welsh Government Road Safety (Revenue) Grant
Application 2018/19**

Purpose:	Provide information on Welsh Government Road Safety (Revenue) Grant Application 2018/19
Policy Framework:	Emerging Five Council Key Priorities and Welsh Government Road Safety Framework for Wales 2013.
Consultation:	Access to Services, Finance and Legal.
Recommendation(s):	<p>It is recommended that the External Funding Panel considers the application to Welsh Government for Road Safety (Revenue) Grant funding for 2018/19 and allows officers to accept any allocation made associated with the following submission:</p> <p>a) To provide road safety education, training and publicity interventions to help with reducing casualties in high risk and vulnerable road user groups as outlined in this report.</p>
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide information on the application to the Welsh Government for Road Safety (Revenue) Grant funding for 2018/19.

2. Detail of Proposals

- 2.1 The Road Safety (Revenue) Grant enables Local Authorities throughout Wales to bid for funding which is aimed at supporting key initiatives to help meet the road casualty reduction targets identified in The Road Safety Framework for Wales 2013. In particular it is aimed to meet the following casualty reduction targets:

- 40% fewer people killed and seriously injured on Welsh roads
- 25% fewer motorcyclists killed and seriously injured on Welsh roads
- 40% fewer young people (aged 16-24) killed and seriously injured on Welsh roads.

- 2.2 The allocation of funding is based upon an application to Welsh Government that occurs during the first quarter of the New Year for funding to be received during the following financial year and beyond. i.e. February 2018 to be delivered during 2018/19.

- 2.3 The initiative links to National Policies such as the Road Safety Framework for Wales 2013, Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013, Learner Travel Statutory Provision and Operational Guidance 2014 and Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. The overall aim is to provide road safety education, training and publicity interventions to reduce road traffic collisions and thus casualties, in high risk and vulnerable road user groups, create safer communities and promote more sustainable methods of travel.

- 2.4 The initiative also supports the Council's own priorities in that the objective is to reduce road traffic collisions and casualties, whilst safeguarding vulnerable people (Prevention of accidents to children and young people), improving pupil attainment (Involving pupils in the process), tackling poverty and building sustainable communities (Encouraging walking and cycling).

- 2.5 The Welsh Government has already provided an indicative allocation of £128,700 for key road safety initiatives that they will support. However the Council must bid for these initiatives at rates set out by Welsh Government and up to the allocated figure i.e. £128,700. These projects must align with Welsh Government aspirations as set out in the Road Safety Framework for Wales 2013.

- 2.6 The application for funding in 2018/19 includes bids for the following eight road safety education and training initiatives:

1. Kerbcraft – child pedestrian training for 5-7 year olds (1701 places at a total cost of £51,030)
2. Mega Drive – Pre-driver training for 16-18 year olds (100 places at a total cost of £2,600)
3. Rider Safe – Motorcycle training for 16-24 year olds targeting new moped and low powered 2 wheel riders (60 places at a total cost of £8,100)
4. Bikesafe – Motorcycle assessment for post-test riders in conjunction with South Wales Police (40 places at a total cost of £2,400)
5. Dragon Rider – Motorcycle DVSA training for post-test riders (40 places at total cost of £5,400)
6. Pass Plus Cymru – Post-driver training for newly qualified drivers aged 17-24 (110 places at a total cost of £15,180)
7. National Standards Cycle Training – Levels 1&2 for pupils aged 10/11years and Level 3 for more advanced cyclists aged 16 + (992 places at a total cost of £41,664)
8. Drive for Life – Driver refresher training for drivers aged 65+ (40 places at a total cost of £2,320)

3. Equality and Engagement Implications

- 3.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Form has been completed with the agreed outcome that a full EIA report is not required at this stage. This screening will be reviewed if the grant application is approved to ensure we continue to pay due regard to our equality duties.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The application for funding to deliver the eight schemes is for a total of £128,694 which is within the total of the Welsh Government allocation of £128,700.
- 4.2 The grant, if successful, would provide 100% funding for the planned initiatives.
- 4.4 There are no ongoing financial implications in relation to staff as the grant allocation will cover costs where appropriate for officers from Traffic and Highway Network Management to deliver the initiatives listed in item 2.6 of this report.
- 4.5 It should be noted that officers within the Traffic and Network Management Group who oversee these road safety initiatives are funded by the Council's ongoing revenue budget.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Highways Act 1980 Section 41(1) places a statutory duty of care on the Highway Authority towards road users of all kinds. The Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 legislates for the provision of routes designed for walking and cycling. The success of this bid will help the Council in meeting its obligations in this regard.
- 5.2 The Highways Act 1988, Section 39(3), makes provision for the Highway Authority to carry out studies into accidents and take steps to both reduce and prevent accidents.
- 5.3 The Education and Training initiatives highlighted in this report help to meet this duty to reduce and prevent road traffic accidents.

Background Papers:

None

Appendices:

Appendix A EIA Screening Form