



## Report of the Cabinet Member for Children's Services Early Years

External Funding Panel - 3 April 2019

### Grant to Support Reducing the Need for Children to Enter Care in 2018-19

<b>Purpose:</b>	To advise the Panel of the award of funding in relation to the Grant to Support Reducing the Need for Children to Enter Care in 2018/19
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	Social Service and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014
<b>Consultation:</b>	Access to Services, Finance, Legal.
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	It is recommended that the Panel note 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 award of grant funding to support the reduction of the number of children entering care.

#### 2. The Grant

- 2.1 Welsh Government awarded this grant directly and did not require an application from the Council. Allocations have been offered to all Welsh Councils in recognition of the financial pressures faced by Councils as they seek to manage escalating demand for statutory Child and Family Services. The offer to this Council is for £76,620 and is to be paid out within the 2018/19 financial year.

2.2 The purpose of the funding is to help local authorities reduce the need for children to enter care and pump prime activity that will be undertaken in 2019-20.

2.3 The Cabinet Member has been informed and consulted. Due to the short timescales for acceptance imposed by Welsh Government, this report is provided to Members for their information.

### **3. Equality and Engagement Implications**

3.1 There are no equality or engagement implications associated with this report. An Equality Impact Assessment screening form will need to be completed when considering how the grant funds are to be used.

### **4. Financial Implications**

4.1 This funding will help support the Council's financial commitments in this key area.

### **5. Legal Implications**

5.1 Generally the terms attached to Grant Funding are legally binding and the grant should be used in accordance with those terms.

**Background Papers:** Grant Offer Letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

**Appendices:** None