

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

MINUTES OF THE EXTERNAL FUNDING PANEL

**HELD AT COMMITTEE ROOM 6, GUILDHALL, SWANSEA ON
WEDNESDAY, 5 APRIL 2017 AT 3.00 PM**

PRESENT:

Councillor(s)

W Evans
A S Lewis

Councillor(s)

R Francis-Davies
C E Lloyd

Councillor(s)

J E C Harris
J A Raynor

Officer(s)

Ben George	Transport Strategy Officer
Claire Lewis	School Project Business Case Development Manager
Allison Lowe	Democratic Services Officer
Spencer Martin	Voluntary Sector Relationship Coordinator
Sandie Richards	Principal Lawyer
Mark Wade	Community Housing Services Manager
Elliott Williams	European & External Funding Programme Officer
Gaynor Winsor	Accountant

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): M C Child, C Richards and R C Stewart

38 ELECTION OF CHAIR PRO TEM.

RESOLVED that Councillor C E Lloyd be elected as Chair Pro Tem.

COUNCILLOR C E LLOYD (CHAIR PRO TEM) PRESIDED.

39 DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea, the following interests were declared:

Councillor W Evans declared a personal interest in Minute 41 - Local Transport Fund Bid 2017/18 (Kingsbridge Cycle Link) - Ward Councillor for Kingsbridge.

Councillor A S Lewis declared a personal interest in Minute 41 – Local Transport Fund Bid 2017/18 (Morrison Riverside Links) as Ward Councillor for Morrison and a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute 42 – Overview of Current and Forthcoming European and External Funding Applications – Cabinet Member who approved the application. Cllr Lewis left the meeting prior to this item being discussed.

Councillor C E Lloyd declared a personal interest in Minute 40 – Flying Start Capital Programme 2017-2018 – Governor of St. Thomas Primary School and Minute 41 Local Transport Fund Bid 2017/18 – Ward Councillor for St. Thomas.

40 **MINUTES:**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the External Funding Panel held on 1 February 2017 be approved and signed as a correct record.

41 **FLYING START CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2017-2018.**

The School Business Case Development Manager presented a report to outline the capital proposal included in the Additional Funding Application submitted to Welsh Government in respect of the Flying Start Programme 2017/18 and to confirm the approved LSOAs funding for the City & County of Swansea.

RESOLVED that the 2017/18 Flying Start Capital bid be approved.

42 **LOCAL TRANSPORT FUND BID 2017/18.**

The Transport Strategy Officer presented a report to approve the funding application for the Local Transport Fund 2017/18.

He outlined that four bids totalling £4.312 million had been submitted to Welsh Government, with the following amounts having been awarded since the report was submitted:

Fabian Way – Baldwins Bridge	£541,000
Links to National Cycle Network	£364,000
Strategic Bus Corridor Improvements	£115,000
Kingsbridge Link	£73,000

In addition, Welsh Government have made an indicative allocation of £18k in support of the work required to confirm to the statutory duties of the Active Travel (Wales) Act.

Total = £1,221,000

The Chair emphasised the need for further discussions to take place regarding the revenue implications arising from grant aid for capital projects and consideration that future funding applications for schemes were in line with corporate priorities.

RESOLVED that the Local Transport Fund 2017/18 application be approved.

43 **OVERVIEW OF CURRENT AND FORTHCOMING EUROPEAN AND EXTERNAL FUNDING APPLICATIONS.**

The Community Housing Service Manager presented a report to provide details of the bid for Welsh Government Warm Homes Arbed Funding 2017-18 for Sandfields Renewal Area.

RESOLVED that the Bid for Welsh Government Warm Homes Arbed Funding 2017-18 for Sandfields Renewal Area be approved.

44 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC.**

The Committee was requested to exclude the public from the meeting during the consideration of the item of business identified in the recommendations to the report on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as set out in the exclusion paragraph of 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007, relevant to the item of business as set out in the report.

The Committee considered the Public Interest Test in deciding to exclude the public from the meeting for the item of business where the Public Interest Test was relevant, as set out in the report.

It was **RESOLVED** that the public be excluded for the following item of business.

(CLOSED SESSION)

45 **EXTERNAL FUNDING APPLICATIONS UPDATE.**

The European & External Funding Programme Officer provided an update on current and planned European and other External funding applications.

RESOLVED that the recommendation to support the bid to the Welsh Government Regional Tourism Engagement Fund (RTEF) 2017-2019 as outlined in the report be approved.

The meeting ended at 3.47 pm

CHAIR