

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EXTERNAL FUNDING PANEL

**HELD AT CABINET CONFERENCE ROOM, GUILDHALL, SWANSEA ON
WEDNESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2016 AT 10.00 AM**

PRESENT:

Councillor(s)

M C Child
J E C Harris
J A Raynor

Councillor(s)

W Evans
D H Hopkins

Councillor(s)

R Francis-Davies
A S Lewis

Officer(s)

M Joyce-Brown
C Griffiths
S Martin
W Parkin
P Relf
L Richards
M Sweeney

Senior Lawyer
Accountant
Voluntary Sector Relationship Coordinator
Senior Lawyer
European Officer
Physical Regeneration Manager
Planned Maintenance Drainage & Coastal Management
Officer
European & External Funding Programme Officer
Capital Accountant
Democratic Services Officer

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): C E Lloyd and R C Stewart

20 **ELECTION OF CHAIR PRO-TEM.**

RESOLVED that Councillor R Francis-Davies be elected as Chair Pro Tem.

COUNCILLOR R FRANCIS-DAVIES (CHAIR PRO TEM) PRESIDED

21 **DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS.**

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

Councillor J A Raynor – Personal – Minute No. 25 – Future of the CATF. Friends of Dunvant Park operates in my ward and I am an associate member.

22 **NEW MEDICAL AND FAMILY SUPPORT CENTRE AT MAYHILL.**

The Physical Regeneration Manager presented a report which outlined the capital and revenue implications for a new Medical and Family Support Centre at Mayhill

and sought authority to progress the specified development in partnership with the Local Health Board.

Members asked questions of the Officer who responded accordingly.

RESOLVED that:

1. The project be **APPROVED**;
2. The provision of funding for the additional cost of £167k be considered in the capital budget process for 2016/2017; and
3. The provision of an update on land sale negotiation and build costs be **NOTED**.

23 **BLACKPILL FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME.**

The Planned Maintenance Drainage & Coastal Management Officer, presented an update on Welsh Government Grant to support the design of Blackpill Flood Alleviation Scheme.

Members asked questions of the Officer who responded accordingly.

RESOLVED that the grant to support the design for the scheme be **ENDORSED**.

24 **TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON WELSH GOVERNMENT GRANT TO SUPPORT SMALL SCALE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT SCHEMES.**

The Planned Maintenance Drainage & Coastal Management Officer, presented an update on Welsh Government Grant to support small flood risk management schemes.

Members asked questions of the Officer who responded accordingly.

RESOLVED that the grant to support the identified schemes be **ENDORSED**.

25 **COMMUNITY ACTION TRANSFORMATION FUND.**

The Voluntary Sector Relationship Coordinator presented a report regarding the future of the Community Action Transformation Fund (CATF).

He stated that there had been five rounds of CATF, a sixth is scheduled to close to applications in March 2017. To date, the CATF has supported 17 projects and allocated a total of £298,058 to projects (budget of £300,000).

Members noted that there is no finance to continue with the CATF. There is currently £2,000 remaining of the original budget of £300,000. Should Members wish to support the scheduled 6th round of funding and/or a further extension to the Community Action Transformation Fund the budget would need to be supplemented to allow for this.

Members asked questions of the Officer who responded accordingly.

RESOLVED that the report be deferred to the next meeting.

26 **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)

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

The European & External Funding Officer presented a report that provided an update on current and planned European and other external funding applications.

Members asked questions of the Officer who responded accordingly.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) the updates on projects in sections 2 to 6 of the report be noted;
- 2) the bid to support the ERDF 4.4 programme for the Kingsway employment hub be supported;
- 3) the request for the City and County of Swansea to participate as joint beneficiaries of the Cam Nesa project be supported.

The meeting ended at 10.29 am

CHAIR