

Report of the Director - Place

External Funding Panel – 5 July 2017

WELSH GOVERNMENT ROAD SAFETY GRANT APPLICATION 2017/18

Purpose:	Provide information on Welsh Government Road Safety Grant Application 2017/18
Policy Framework:	Emerging Five Council Key Priorities and Welsh Government Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013.
Consultation:	Legal, Finance and Access to Services.
Recommendation(s):	<p>It is recommended that:</p> <p>The External Funding Panel allow officers to accept funding from Welsh Government to support the following road safety initiatives.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Upgrade of Road Safety Cameras2. Birchgrove to Glais SID signs3. Cwm Level Roundabout to Normandy Road Roundabout pedestrian initiative
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1.0 Introduction

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide information on the application to the Welsh Government for Road Safety Grant funding.

1.2. The funding bid is aimed at supporting key initiatives in maintaining and improving road safety in the County area to help meet the targets identified in The Road Safety Framework for Wales 2013. In particular it is aimed to meet the following 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.
- 1.3 The submission for 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 2017 with funding received in April 2017 to be delivered during 2017/18.
- 1.4 The developed bid also supports the Council's own priorities in that it is safeguarding vulnerable people (Prevention of accidents to children and young people) and tackling Poverty by building sustainable communities (Encouraging walking and cycling).

Recommendation(s) : It is recommended that:

- (i) The External Funding Panel allow officers to accept Road Safety grant funding.
- (ii) The following projects are developed:
- A. Upgrade of Road Safety Cameras
 - B. Birchgrove to Glais SID signs
 - C. Cwm Level Roundabout to Normandy Road Roundabout pedestrian initiative

2 Equality and Engagement Implications

- 2.1 An EIA Screening Form has been completed with the agreed outcome that a full EIA report was not required. A copy of this has been appended to the report.

3 Financial Implications

- 3.1 The proposals are based on a grant of £606,600 of funding from Welsh Government in year 2017/18. This is allocated as £449,000 for the upgrade of road safety cameras, £81,500 to support speed control measures between Birchgrove and Clydach and £76,100 to improve pedestrian controls between Cwm Level Roundabout and Normandy Road Roundabout.
- 3.2 There are no ongoing financial implications in relation to staff as the success of the bids will include for design fees which support existing operations within Traffic and Highway Network Management.

- 3.3 The implementation of the work will impact on road maintenance budgets resulting in a modest increase of costs going forward in future years.

4 Legal Implications

- 4.1 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 Background Papers:

- 5.1 No background papers that need to be disclosed were used in the preparation of this report.

Appendices: None