



## Report of the Director of Social Services

External Funding Panel – 9 January 2019

### Supporting Sustainable Social Services Grant

<b>Purpose:</b>	To advise the Panel of the award of funding in relation to Supporting Sustainable Social Services during 2018/19
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	Social Service and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014 Government of Wales Act 2006 Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2015
<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 Funding in relation to Supporting Sustainable Social Services during 2018/19.

## **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. The offer to this Council is for £1,095,333 and covers the period to the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2019.
- 2.2 The purpose of the funding is to:
- Help to address workforce challenges
  - Focus on mitigating existing children's services pressures
  - Respond to current pressures in core social services to be better positioned to manage unexpected or increased demands; and to
  - Plan for and respond to additional demands on social care resources as a result of winter pressures
- 2.3 The Cabinet Member was informed and consulted before the Council accepted the grant offer. Due to the short timescales for acceptance imposed by Welsh Government, this report is provided to Members for their information.

## **4. Equality and Engagement Implications**

- 4.1 There are no equality or engagement implications associated with this report.

## **5. Financial Implications**

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

## **6. Legal Implications**

- 6.1 Generally the terms attached to Grant Funding are legally binding and should be formally recorded in an appropriate document/contract with external delivery partners as required.
- 6.2 Procurement rules (both EU and the Council's) will have to be fully complied with in all respects in relation to services or the procurement of services from external delivery agents.

**Background Papers:** Grant Offer Letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

**Appendices:** None