



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the **External Funding Panel**

Committee Room 5 - Guildhall, Swansea

Wednesday, 3 July 2019 at 2.00 pm

Present: Councillor C E Lloyd (Vice Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

M C Child
J A Raynor

Councillor(s)

A S Lewis
M Thomas

Councillor(s)

A Pugh

Officer(s)

Caritas Adere
Allison Lowe
Jay McCabe
Kelly Small
Jane Whitmore
Gaynor Winsor

Senior Lawyer
Democratic Services Officer
Principal Officer: Bays+/YOS
Head of Funding and Information Unit
Partnership & Commissioning Manager
Accountant

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): R Francis-Davies, D H Hopkins, E J King and R C Stewart, A H Stevens

4 Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

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

Councillor M Thomas declared a personal interest in Minute 7 "Education Grants" as Governor of Penclawdd Primary School.

5 Minutes:

Resolved that the Minutes of the External Funding Panel held on 5 June 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record.

6 Welsh Government Homelessness Prevention Grant Innovation Funding for Training Flats for Care Leavers 2019/20.

The Partnership and Commissioning Manager supported by the Principal Officer: Bays+/YOS presented a report to advise the panel of the award of funding in relation to the Homelessness Prevention Grant, which is an Innovation Funded grant and has been applied for the City & County of Swansea in partnership with Barnardos.

The funding would provide an outreach programme delivered to 100 young people aged 15+ while they are still living in their home, foster care or residential placement in order to prevent youth homelessness.

In addition, this funding would cover intensive 1:1 support to 55 young people who are looked after children aged 16+ at risk of placement breakdown.

The final element of the funding would provide a 4-12 week 'transition training flat experience' comprising of 5 units of accommodation for young people aged 16+ with intensive floating support. The aim being for 26 people to participate in the training flat experience over the 12 months period of funding.

Resolved that External Funding Panel note the implications contained in this report and retrospectively approve the acceptance of the Grant.

7 Education Grants.

The Head of Funding and Information Unit presented a report to note the number of grants received by schools each year and to accept grants provided to date in the financial year 2019-2020.

She highlighted in particular paragraphs:

- 3.3 Pupil Development Grant (PDG);
- 3.10 Reducing Infant Class Sizes (RICS);
- 3.11 Small and Rural Schools Grant;
- 3.23 Graph outlining the full list of grants allocated to each school;
- 4.8 Teachers' Pensions;
- 4.10 School Holiday Enrichment Programme (SHEP);
- 5 Cynydd;
- 6 School Uniform Grant.

The Panel asked various questions to the officer, who responded appropriately.

The Cabinet Member for Education Improvement, Learning & Skills thanked the Head of Funding and Information Unit and her team for all the work involved in the grant process. As a result of engaging with Head teachers early in the grant process it had increased confidence and made the process more transparent.

Resolved that External Funding Panel note the number of grants received by schools and accept grants offered to date in financial year 2019-2020.

The meeting ended at 2.29 pm

Chair