



Report of the Director of Social Services

External Funding Panel – 4 December 2019

Welsh Government Integrated Care Fund

Purpose:	To note the bid of the Capital funding for the Welsh Government Integrated Care Fund
Policy Framework:	Social Services and Wellbeing Act Wales (2014) Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015
Consultation:	Access to Services, Finance, Legal, Child & Family Services, Adult Services, West Glamorgan Regional Programme.
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that: 1) The panel notes the offer of the Council's Capital element of the ICF fund 2) The panel notes the requirement for the Chief Finance Officer to approve and sign all grant acceptances in accordance with Financial Procedure Rule 8.
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1. Introduction

1.1 Integrated Care Fund

1.2 The Integrated Care Fund (ICF) aims to drive and enable integrated working between social services, health, housing, the third and independent sectors. The focus of the fund is to enable older people to maintain their independence and remain at home, avoiding unnecessary hospital admissions and delayed discharges. It also supports the development of integrated care and support services for other groups of people including people with learning disabilities, children with complex needs and autism.

1.3 The Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 ('the Act') provides for regional partnership boards which bring together health, social services, the third sector and other partners to take forward the effective delivery of integrated services in Wales. Their purpose is to improve the outcomes and well-being of people with care and support needs and their carers. The ICF is a mechanism to support delivery of the requirements of the Act.

1.4 The fund helps health boards and partners in:

- Local authorities
- Housing
- The voluntary and independent sectors.

To work together to support:

- Frail and older people
- People with a learning disability
- Children with complex needs due to disability or illness
- Carers, including young carers.

1.5 It helps support older people to maintain their independence and remain at home within their own communities, avoiding unnecessary admissions to hospital or residential care and delays when someone is due to be discharged from care.

1.6 The fund is also being used to support the integrated autism service, the Welsh community care information system, and the Dementia action plan.

1.7 The amount of capital funding confirmed for 19/20 has been set as follows for the West Glamorgan Region.

	19/20
Discretionary Capital Funding (DCP) (Smaller schemes under £100k)	£898k
Strategic Funding, Main Capital Schemes (MCP) (Larger schemes over £100k)	£3.593m
Total Capital Funding	£4.491m

2. Swansea Council Proposed Works

- 2.1 Integrated Care Funding is available to support both revenue and capital schemes. This report covers the Capital element of the scheme only.
- 2.2 Expressions of interests were invited from all West Glamorgan partners and the applications were reviewed in a multi-agency panel and the recommendations for schemes have been approved by Programme Team members and formal approval in line with the ICF guidance. The Main and Discretionary Capital Programme, is detailed in section 4.1.
- 2.3 The schemes were submitted to Welsh Government in two rounds of applications. First round submissions approved via the multi-agency panel on the 8th April 2019 and the second round on 3rd July 2019.
- 2.4 Of these submissions the first round DCP applications received ministerial approval on the 23rd July 19 and MCP applications on the 24th July 19. No formal grant offer letters have been received to date.
- 2.5 Of those submitted in the second round (DCP only) ministerial approval is outstanding.
- 2.6 Included within the Swansea Council allocation of funding is the MCP North Hub scheme of which funds for year 1 of the programme were drawn down in 18/19. This allocation totalled £396,096 agreed to be carried forward to 19/20 in order to appropriately manage delays in the purchase of the relocation site.

Additional or new funding for Swansea Council allocated Capital Schemes totals **£2,894,833 for the period 2019-21.**

- 2.7 The Capital funding will be utilised to support the development of projects detailed in section 4.1.

3. Equality and Engagement Implications

- 3.1 The Council is subject to the Public Sector Equality Duty (Wales) and must, in the exercise of their functions, have due regard to the need to:
 - Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act.
 - Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
 - Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- 3.2 Our Equality Impact Assessment process ensures that we have paid due regard to the above.

3.3 An EIA Screening Form has been completed with the agreed outcome is that a full EIA report was not required as these arrangements are around back office functions and there is no direct change to services provided to the public as a result.

3.4 However, throughout the transition year a full EIA report will need to be completed if services to client groups change as a result of needs, planning and commissioning decisions.

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4.2 Project Leads for the individual schemes will follow the Equality Impact Assessment process from the commencement of their work, including any required consultation and engagement.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 The total Capital Integrated Care Fund proposals for Swansea Council led programmes are detailed below;

Project Name & Description	DCP/MCP	Award 19/20	Award 20/21	Total
Relocation of North Hub <i>North Hub based within Gorseinon Hospital relocated to Community Equipment Stores site, Morriston. Grant funding used to secure site (19/20) and completion of building works (20/21)</i>	MCP	£396,096 <i>(carried forward from 18/19 award)</i>	£638,000	£1,034,096
Hub and Spoke Edge of Care Service <i>Secure and refurbish site appropriate for A registered children's home that can support up to 4 adolescents per night and</i>	MCP	£500,000	£0	£500,000

<i>is available to offer families a minimum of 1200 spaces per annum.</i>				
<p>Supported living in rural Swansea for people with varying needs</p> <p><i>The proposal is for the development of two bespoke supported living blocks of flats on the same site in a rural area of Swansea.</i></p>	MCP	£906,397	£0	£906,397
<p>Acacia Road ADAPT Conversion</p> <p><i>Conversion of former respite unit into 2 large family homes, a fully adapted 4 bedroom and 3 bed fully accessible home, to meet the needs of families and children with complex needs, both with G/F bedrooms and bathrooms. Adding to the very short supply of larger adapted accommodation</i></p>	MCP	£188,307	£0	£188,307
<p>Inclusive Digital Communities</p> <p><i>Investment in digital equipment for the roll out of day services inter-generational programme pilot. Therapy pets / dolls also to be purchased</i></p>	DCP	£5,433	£0	£5,433
<p>Swansea Community Equipment Service and Community Alarms</p> <p><i>Investment in additional delivery vehicles to support timely delivery of required equipment facilitating hospital discharge</i></p>	DCP	£90,000	£0	£90,000
<p>Swansea/Neath-Port Talbot Community Equipment Service</p> <p><i>Investment in additional assistive equipment and beds to support anticipated increased demand via regional Hospital to Home programme</i></p>	DCP	£100,000	£0	£100,000
Regional Speech and Language Therapy Services	DCP	£10,000	£0	£10,000

<i>funding will be utilised to develop this space so that it is more appropriate to deliver the service. Development will include re-decorating so it is more young person friendly and purchasing specific equipment needed to operate the service.</i>				
Swansea Community Falls Response <i>Purchase of falls response equipment (assistive lift) for placement at 4 key sites across Swansea</i>	DCP	£8,500	£0	£8,500
Ty Nant Children's Home Development - Play Room <i>Funding will be utilised to develop the current garage space into a 'chill out / hang out' area for the residents of Ty Nant. It is hoped that this will encourage the children and young people to participate in recreational activity on-site rather than away from the home.</i>	DCP	£10,000	£0	£10,000
Bonymaen House Building Enhancement <i>Building works to exterior area of Bonymean House which will allow additional ambulance parking/visitor parking</i>	DCP	£42,100	£0	£42,100

£2,256,833 £638,000 £2,894,833

- 5.2 Applications for Capital funding through ICF has been in two stages to date and are in some cases subject to final approval by Welsh Government at the point of writing this report. As a result elements of the programmes listed under 4.1 are subject to change. Any alterations and likewise any opportunities to maximise further funding presented by the regional partnership will be subject to Director approval.
- 5.3 All of the schemes are 100% grant funded.
- 5.4 The timescales for the capital proposals will present a challenge given the late approval of proposals by WG. Although the guidance includes indicative allocations for the years 2019-20 and 2020-21 in order to

enable regions to plan and programme manage ICF capital on a strategic basis; the 2019/20 funding must be used, i.e. expenditure incurred during the 2019/20 financial year. For larger schemes there is risk this will not be possible, wherever this risk is highlighted pending Director, Finance and Welsh Government approval proposals for drawing down spend in year 19 /20 will be actioned at the earliest possible time

6. Legal Implications

- 6.1 The Council must ensure that the terms and conditions attached to WG Integrated Care Fund and Transformation Fund are complied with and the Council's Financial Procedure Rules Regarding Grant Applications and Acceptances are followed.

Background Papers: None

Appendices: None