POLICY AND RESOURCES

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FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

URGENT REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES – H. J. JENKINS

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1. COMMUNITY COUNCILS MINOR PROJECTS SCHEME

Background

1.1 The above scheme was introduced in order to assist Community Councils in undertaking minor capital projects within their area. The scheme allows applications every two years and any project must be completed within 3 years of approval.

Purpose of Report

- 1.2 We have received an application for grant aid under the above mentioned scheme.
- 1.3 The application is from Onllwyn Community Council to enhance an existing play area in Aberhenwaun Uchaf, Pantyffordd in Onllwyn. The plan is to install new play equipment, impact absorbing safety surface and new park seats etc. The total estimated cost of the scheme is £60,000 and bids for grant aid support is being pursued to the Maes Gwyn Wind Farm Community Fund for £26,000, the Nant Helen (Section 106) for £16,000 with the Community Council providing the balance. The external grant bids can only be submitted following confirmation of this Council's financial support for this project.
- 1.4 Cabinet Board is requested to consider and decide on the application. Should Members agree to support the application the maximum amount to be granted is 70% up to a maximum grant of £14,000.

Recommendation

1.5 It is recommended that the application from Onllwyn Community Council complies with the conditions of grant and I therefore recommend that support of 70% up to a maximum grant of £14,000 be made in accordance with the schedule on receipt of paid invoices together with a copy bank statement.

Reason for Proposed Decision and Urgency Report

To decide on the funding application from Onllwyn Community Council in line with the Community Councils Minor Projects Scheme and to also enable the external grant bids to be submitted.

List of Background Papers

Application Form.

Wards Affected

Onllwyn

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COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

COMMUNITY COUNCILS MINOR PROJECTS SCHEME

(a) **Implementation of Decision**

The decision is proposed for implementation after the 3 day call-in period.

(b) Sustainability Appraisal

Community Plan Impacts:

Economic Prosperity Positive
Education and Lifelong Learning Positive
Better Health and Well Being Positive
Environment and Transport No impact
Crime and Disorder No impact

Other Impacts:

Welsh Language No impact
Sustainable Development No impact
Equalities Positive
Social Inclusion Positive

(c) Consultation

There has been no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.