

POLICY AND RESOURCES

CABINET BOARD

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FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

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

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1. MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Existing Policy Statement

- 1.1 a) Each application will be considered on its merits.
- b) The Committee will only approve applications for financial assistance from voluntary or charitable organisations which are manifestly committed to voluntary endeavours of a local nature. This will not preclude the consideration of applications where the disposal of funds is outside the area but still provides significant benefits for the people from the Neath Port Talbot area.
- c) No applications will be considered from religious bodies except relating to church halls and other premises where there is significant community use of the property for non-religious activities.
- d) No applications will be considered from other public funded bodies such as community councils, hospital trusts, etc. or where the benefit may be in lieu of their contributions such as appeals for hospital equipment.
- e) Applications from individuals may be considered where both the person and the community derive a benefit.
- f) No grants will be made to any individual or organisation whose prime purpose is to distribute their funds to other charitable bodies.

Budget for 2014/15

- 1.2 The following grants are included and have been approved within this budget:-

	Budget 2014/15 £
Citizen Advice Bureau	82,680
Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Service	45,494
Racial Equality Council	15,900
Maintenance of Mechanics Institute (in lieu of grant aid to Antiquarians & Archives)	14,037
West Glamorgan Association for the Blind	2,100
One-off grants	949
Total	161,160

Grant Applications

Libraries

1.3 As Members are aware discussions have taken place with Community Groups in relation to them providing Library Services. Some of the premises are owned by the Council and, in order for those Communities to take over the operation and running of the Library buildings, a lease agreement is required and again, the Community Groups are seeking grant aid to cover the annual rental costs. The following Community Groups have applied for a grant to cover the rental costs as follows:

Friends of Cymmer Afan Community Library – rental of £1,980 p.a. in line with 5 year rent reviews

Trustees of Resolven & District Cyber and Resource Centre – rental of £950 p.a. in line with 5 year rent reviews

At the last meeting of this Committee, delegated authority was given to the Director of Finance & Corporate Services in conjunction with the Leader, Cabinet Member and Scrutiny Chair to award such a grant and these grants have been approved.

New Grant Applications

1.4 Please see Appendix 1.

Recommendation

1.5 It is recommended that Members:

- Decide on the application set out in Appendix 1;

Reason for proposed decision

1.6 To decide on the funding application.

List of Background Papers

Letters of application.

Appendices

Appendix 1 –Miscellaneous Grant Applications.

Wards Affected

Various.

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COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS APPLICATIONS

(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	Positive
Crime and Disorder	No impact

Other Impacts:

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

(c) **Consultation**

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

APPENDIX 1

MISCELLANEOUS GRANT APPLICATIONS

Applicant	Purpose	Amount Request /Cost of "Project"	Previous Support	Comments
Derby Toc H Children's Camp Derby	To provide a camping holiday for 2 weeks for children from families with reduced income within the Derby area	£44,156.86	None	Due to a review of grant payments made to Third Sector/Voluntary Organisations suggest no grant is made.
Coed Hirwaun Community Association Margam	Lease of a parcel of land on the Coed Hirwaun Playing Fields	£500 p.a. from 18 October 2013	None	Suggest contribution in respect of the annual rental of £100 p.a.