

POLICY AND RESOURCES

CABINET BOARD

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FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF
FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES – D. W. DAVIES**

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ITEM 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 2011/12

- 1.2 The budget for 2011/12 does not include a general inflationary uplift. The following grants are included within this budget:-

	Actuals 2009/10 £	Actuals 2010/11 £	Budget 2011/12 £
Citizen Advice Bureaux			
- Neath	39,726	39,726	39,051
- Port Talbot	47,471	47,471	46,664
- Ammanford	120	120	118
- Ystradgynlais	850	850	836
- Match Funding Support	20,000	20,000	19,660

	Actuals	Budget	Budget
	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
	£	£	£
SDS CAB Volunteering Project	5,000	5,000	4,915
Afan Valley Outreach Project	1,000	1,000	983
Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Service	48,574	48,574	47,748
OAP Associations	15,565	15,565	15,300
Racial Equality Council	23,382	23,382	22,984
Victim Support Schemes	3,860	3,860	3,794
- Neath)			
- Port Talbot)			
Prince's Trust Volunteers	3,157	3,157	3,103
St. John's Ambulance	3,040	3,040	2,988
West Glamorgan Blind Welfare Association	2,132	2,132	2,096
Maintenance of Mechanics Institute (in lieu of grant aid to Antiquarians & Archives)	11,841	13,700	13,467
Dylan Thomas Prize Fund	-	-	-
One-off grants	1,200	6,433	7,063
Hardship Rate Relief	947	1,000	
Budget	227,865	235,000	230,770

A reserve of approx. £35,760 as at 31.3.11 is also available.

Details of grants approved in 2011/12 are as follows:-

	£
Christian Lewis Trust	250
Cambrian Educational Foundation for Deaf Children	200
Bibles for Children	100
Cancer Information & Support Services	100
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	650

Other New Grant Applications

1.3 Neath Port Talbot Disability Network Action Group

From 1996 to 2009 the Neath Port Talbot Access Group received an annual grant from the Council to cover their core costs. In 2009 they received a grant of £2102. Due to their inability to recruit new members the group disbanded.

A new group, the Neath Port Talbot Disability Network Action Group has recently been set up with the objectives of “to improve the equality, status, independence, mobility and wellbeing for people of all ages and abilities, with particular emphasis on disability”.

This group has applied for core funding of “about £1500”.

I have written to the group to obtain copies of their constitution, budget for the year and their current membership.

As the next meeting of the Policy & Resources Board will not be until June it is recommended that delegated powers be granted to the Director of Finance and Corporate Services in consultation with the Leader, Deputy Leader and Chair of the Scrutiny Committee to determine the application for 2012/13 only with a review to take place for 2013/14.

1.4 Please see Appendix 1.

RECOMMENDATION

1.5 That the applications be considered.

REASON FOR PROPOSED DECISION

1.6 In accordance with approved criteria.

List of Background Papers

1.7 Letters of application.

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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	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.

MISCELANEOUS GRANT APPLICATIONS

Applicant	Purpose	Amount Request /Cost of "Project"	Previous Support	Comments
Derby Toc H Children's Camp Derby	To provide children from disadvantaged backgrounds a holiday under canvas	No amount specified	None	Not within the County Borough Council's area

