



CABINET (SPECIAL)

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MONDAY, 17 DECEMBER, 2018***

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**Civic Centre
Port Talbot**

Tuesday, 11 December 2018

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NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

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17 December 2018

Report of the Corporate Directors Group

CABINET RESPONSE TO COUNCIL TASK & FINISH GROUP ON THE VALLEYS

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: All (but primarily the Valleys)

Purpose of Report

1. To enable the Cabinet to respond to the Council's Task & Finish Group's recommendations on the Valleys, also taking account of the work being led by the Welsh Government's Valleys Taskforce under the strapline "*Our Valleys Our Future*".

Background

2. The Task & Finish Group submitted its report earlier this year. It is reproduced at Appendix 1 together with an outline response from the Cabinet (complete, but slightly reordered for ease of reference).
3. The starting point is that the social, environmental and economic success of our Valleys remain an integral cross-cutting priority for the Welsh Government, this Council and other stakeholders.
4. However, we must acknowledge that there have been numerous previous attempts to tackle the issue coherently. Whilst some positive and tangible results have been achieved, previous programmes were largely ineffective in the round as we cannot claim to have fundamentally improved the outlook in the Valleys over the last twenty or thirty years.
5. The list of previous initiatives includes a mixture of national, regional and local programmes over the last decade including the following:

- The Neath Port Talbot Western Valleys Strategy (2006);
- Heads of the Valleys Innovation Programme (2011); and
- Valley Area Regeneration Plans (VARPs)/Western Valleys Programme – (2010 onwards).

Plus many other schemes, principally based around a variety of Welsh Government initiatives and European Funding.

6. A range of statistics are unnecessary as they all (Gross Value Added, deprivation, economic inactivity, etc.) tell fundamentally the same story now as a decade ago - and perhaps a decade before that. Moreover, ongoing austerity plus Brexit (and the end of European Funding) mean that the resources to make progress are going to be scarcer than ever.

Analysis

7. Accordingly, this report attempts to identify a package of measures that can make a real difference; but without claiming that we can solve all of the problems in the short term. Such claims would lack credibility. The package is therefore a mixture of measures/projects with a distinctly local flavour coupled to arguments for policy change on a national level to address key issues identified by the Task And Finish Group. Some of the former might have happened anyway; but the value added here is to integrate them in such a way as to make the whole greater than the sum of the parts.
8. In preparing this response, we have also entered into a dialogue with the Bevan Foundation as an external “critical friend”. The Foundation has a long history of expert commentary on the issues; but this is not their report. However, the Foundation has recognised the geography of Neath Port Talbot’s Valleys as particularly challenging, with the major valleys converging on different coastal towns and some communities looking outside the authority’s boundaries for services. They also note that there are several distinct ‘clusters’ e.g. the Afan Valley and the Western Valleys, where the challenges may be different.

9. Council officers agree with their analysis on most issues (see Appendix); but not all. For example, both the Welsh Government and (previously) the Bevan Foundation have laid heavy emphasis on the relocation of public sector jobs and public services to the Valleys. In our opinion, this doesn't work on any significant scale because:

- Public administration jobs are in sharp decline due to austerity – a recent estimate¹ was that some 8,000 such jobs have been lost within an hour's drive of Port Talbot since 2010 and we know this authority has lost a quarter of its staff over a similar period;
- Such jobs will continue to decline longer term because of digitalisation and automation. Increasingly there is no demand/footfall to justify retaining (expensive) office space in some areas; and
- This has been tried before. For example, the Welsh Government opened a new office in Merthyr more than a decade ago; but it is doubtful whether this has created or sustained a large number of jobs in the Valleys for people from those Valleys. More recently, the Department of Work and Pensions committed to a new office in Treforest; but what was less well advertised is that they closed offices in Ebbw Vale, Merthyr and elsewhere as part of this centralisation. We believe that the answer is more in the private sector than public.

Key Themes emerging in discussion with the Bevan Foundation

10. There are five:

Reversing economic decline and improving jobs and skills

11. The proposed response includes the creation of employment opportunities; but we accept the Bevan Foundation's observation that it needs to be at the centre of the strategy and developed further.

12. The long-term future of these communities depends upon a "resilient economic base" which includes both thriving local

¹ For the development of the Port Talbot Enterprise Zone Strategy

businesses within the Valleys and good access to jobs outside of them. The Foundation has highlighted the notion of “inclusive growth” which, for example, translates into ensuring that the benefits of the City Deal benefits are felt in the Valleys as well as in the towns, cities and on the coast as well as benefitting all groups of people (including those in low paid jobs and not currently working).

13. Examples of how we might approach this are included in the outline Cabinet response.

Improving access to jobs created in Swansea/Neath Port Talbot with a step-change to public transport

14. The Task & Finish Group identified this as its number one issue. It is certain that some people living in the Valleys will want to travel to work to access the wider opportunities. The Bevan Foundation has pointed out that detailed mapping of public transport provision against employment opportunities undertaken by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation shows that Neath Port Talbot has one of the highest proportion in Wales of deprived Lower Super Output Areas classed as ‘disconnected’. The Foundation has recommended that ideally there needs to be a region-wide approach. That now seem possible in the short to medium term as Welsh Government policies develop (see Appendix) and as long term proposals for a “Swansea Bay Metro” are also developed. Simultaneously, the City Deal is seeking to extend its role in the area of transport and connectivity.

Supporting People into Work and Improving Skills

15. Assisting people into work is important; but the Foundation has questioned whether UK and Welsh Government programmes are of sufficient scale, reach and impact. We agree – and many of these programmes will need to be reviewed and developed to take account of Brexit, including local authority run intermediate labour market schemes. The Foundation suggest that action to help people into work needs to be linked with a detailed understanding of job and training opportunities in the local labour market, and should follow the “gold standard” of what works i.e. combined pre-employment training, a work placement and a guaranteed job interview. It is very clear that people with few qualifications are much worse off in the

labour market. Not only do they have lower pay; but they are more likely to have insecure work. This analysis has much merit in our view.

Spatial Planning

16. The Foundation has argued that a limited number of locations should be identified as 'growth poles' where services and investment can be concentrated as a counter to the "drag" to towns and cities. We agree – and would identify Glynneath as one strong candidate. However, this in turn raises some major issues around land use and development e.g. the clash between local authority objectives and the all-encompassing nature of Natural Resources Wales' flood risk assessments.

Community Regeneration

17. Many of the proposals for community regeneration identified by the Task & Finish Group support local economic development and might be better regarded as such (as the Foundation has noted). There is additional potential for community regeneration to support the infrastructure of a caring and supportive society, including community organisations of all kinds and well-used community spaces (including parks and playing fields, not just indoor facilities). Small-scale 'community chest' type funding can stimulate local organisations, along with support for good governance. This Council has a good record overall in this area and the Third Sector grant scheme has recently been revamped with these objectives in mind; but the challenges presented by the budget cuts should not be underestimated. In several areas, provision is more likely to contract than expand unless alternative models can be identified. A process will be therefore required for addressing priorities in local areas against the resources allocated in the Budget.

Financial & Workforce Implications/Equality Impact Assessment

18. None/not required at this stage.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Cabinet endorse the response at Appendix 1.
2. That Cabinet authorises the Chief Executive to enter into partnership with the Bevan Foundation and confirms this Council's support for their proposed work (see Appendix 3) to build economic development in the valley communities of South Wales and to make a contribution of up to £10,000 to the work.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

To enable the Cabinet to respond to the Task & Finish Group and progress work on a number of issues identified in the response.

Appendix

Task & Finish Group Report + Cabinet Response

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Cabinet Response to the Recommendations of the Task and Finish Group on the Valleys

1. Transport

Transport is acknowledged as a key strategic issue that needs to be addressed.

However, the Welsh Government funding streams (Concessionary Fares, Bus Service Support Grant, etc) have witnessed sharp reductions since 2012. This has resulted in a significant loss/reduction in services particularly perhaps in the evenings and on weekends:

- Funding to support local bus services in NPT has reduced from £717k in '11-'12 to £312k in '16-'17;
- Concessionary travel in NPT has reduced from 2.2m journeys in '11-'12 to 1.9m in '16-17. An average of 6,000 less journeys made each week; and
- On routes subsidised by the Council the reduction in concessionary card use is even more significant. From 409,553 in '11-'12 to 151,568 in '16-'17. A reduction of 37%.

Taken in the round, the current arrangements are not fit for purpose in terms of providing comprehensive services (and the difference between cost and subsidy represents a growing budget pressure for the Council). However, we understand that the Welsh Government recognise this and are considering reform of the current arrangements including the introduction of regional Joint Passenger Authorities. This should be supported. It should also be noted that AECOM Consultants have been appointed by the City Region to develop a feasibility study on the future of transport in the Region, including rail connectivity. In terms of the local feasibility study into rural transport in the county borough being developed by TAS, this must be set in this context.

In the immediate future, the Council will be bidding into the fund announced by Welsh Government to extend the active travel routes in line with the Integrated Network Map approved by

Members. In terms of youth transport, officers have already been working with NPTC Group to promote the Welsh Government Youth Card.

Future Actions

- a) Ensure applications are made for funding to implement the Integrated Network Map proposals. (DENV)
- b) Formally endorse the Welsh Government's proposal to develop Joint Passenger Transport arrangement. (DENV)
- c) Ensure good take up of the youth card by young people resident in valley communities. (DENV)

2. Access to health and well-being services

Health services are essentially a matter for ABMU Health Board. Some developments are in hand (e.g. a new facility in the Upper Amman Valley) however, there is a UK-wide shortage of GPs prepared to work in valley communities and the ABMU area is no different. Alternative options to meet some health needs are being developed, eg pharmacy-based schemes. The Director of Primary Care for AMBU has indicated her willingness to meet with Members in early 2019 to discuss the current position and to outline the Health Board's approach. The Western Bay Partnership Board is also developing a new strategy on Mental Health Services. More emphasis on Community Transport as a solution to community access to health services should also be factored into the equation. However, previous attempts at this were unsuccessful due to lack of patronage.

On the broader well-being agenda, work to develop an asset based approach (to be reported separately to Members) is being taken forward within the Public Services Board environment, led by the Council. Within this approach, Local Area Co-ordinators are beginning to work in communities to map existing assets and to work with local people to connect them with what already exists. This work is supported by the new on-line community directory, Dewis. The Older Persons Council is also considering how it can play its part in encouraging new and existing approaches to combating loneliness and isolation.

Future Actions

- a) Issue an invitation to the Director of Primary Care, ABMU Health Board, early 2019, to address elected members on future health service provision for residents of valley communities. (ACE/CDO)
- b) Bring forward a report on the development of the Safer, Resilient Communities work in the Briton Ferry, Melin and Amman Valley areas, making clear recommendations for the further development of the asset based approach. (DSSHH)
- c) Ensure elected Members have an opportunity to comment on the draft mental health strategy for the county borough before it is formally signed off by the Regional Partnership Board. (DSSHH)

3. A sustainable voluntary sector

The revised Third Sector grants scheme was endorsed by Cabinet on 31 October 2018 with a view to addressing capacity issues and sustainability within the voluntary sector, particularly those organisations who act as community anchor organisations. Following approval of the new Scheme, the Director of Neath Port Talbot CVS is convening meetings of the network of organisations who currently receive funding from the Council to encourage mutual support and greater collaboration. There is scope to further develop the role of community anchor organisations as part of the wider work on asset-based community development and this has already been agreed as a priority area of work in the Voluntary Sector Liaison Forum

Development of other services (such as youth provision and adult community learning) is largely dependent upon funding. However, the first phase of the Child Care Offer roll out is underway which includes the following wards: Blaengwrach, Bryncoch, Cymmer, Glyncorwg, Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen, Gwynfi, Lower Brynamman, Onllwyn, Pontardawe and Resolven. Eligibility is for children aged 3 or 4 where the household earns on average a weekly minimum equivalent to, or more than, 16 hours at national minimum wage (NMW) or national living wage (NLW) but less than £100,000 per year. There is a clear commitment to work with existing providers as the rollout is completed across the Valley communities (and elsewhere).

The criteria for community benefits funds is being examined through the Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee. It is acknowledged that many funds want to see bids for new projects, leaving gaps in funding for core costs and maintenance activities. On sporting facilities, provision is an integral part of the Council's modernisation programme for schools under the 21st Century Schools Programme, where possible.

Future Actions

- a) Build on the work done through the revision of the Third Sector Grant Scheme to clarify the Council's approach to community anchor organisations/community hubs, with specific reference to the emerging work on asset-based community development. (ACE/CDO)
- b) Continue to roll out the Welsh Government Childcare Offer, working closely with existing child care providers in the valley communities. (DELLL)
- c) Complete the review of community benefits fund criteria, explicitly considering whether fund criteria can be modified to allow bids for maintenance/replacement/core costs. (DELLL)
- d) Bring forward proposals for sports facilities as part of the Strategic School Improvement Programme Band B proposals for Cefn Saeson and Pontardawe. (DELLL)

4. Employment and Employment sites

The Cabinet agrees that there is a demand for additional development of industrial units to support start-ups and to enable existing businesses to develop. Funding is being actively sought to increase the availability of commercial premises. This will also dovetail with the emphasis placed on income generation by the Cabinet. The review of the LDP will also provide an opportunity to consider options further.

The Cabinet also agrees there is potential to grow jobs through tourism development and has reinstated the tourism unit with this objective in mind.

Consideration is being given to how the Council's own expenditure can be used to maximum effect in delivering community benefits within valley communities. This will include exploring how we could practically embrace a procurement policy based upon the Bevan Foundation's "One in a Million" proposal. A working group, chaired by the Head of Legal Services has begun work to review the Council's Procurement Strategy. That work will include dialogue with the local voluntary and business sectors. A further report for Members will be brought forward in 2019.

The feasibility of establishing a local employment/training offer connected with the services that the Council delivers in valley communities will also be explored and will be reported in 2019.

On childcare training, the Council's adult community learning service already provides childcare training at Level one and Level two. Courses running in the Neath Valley will be continued this year. Training is also delivered to the childcare workforce and this is arranged as close to providers as possible to ensure accessibility. The Childcare Sufficiency Group keeps the training provision under review.

Training for adult social care and personal assistants – Local people meeting local need is central to the future delivery of adult social care.

Future Actions

- a) Explore funding opportunities with Welsh Government to develop additional industrial units in valley areas. (DENV)
- b) Continue to encourage Members to engage in the process for reviewing the Local Development Plan. (DENV)
- c) Deliver the Destination Management Plan and create a Destination Marketing Plan to support the work. (DENV)
- d) Ensure the current review of the corporate procurement policy explicitly considers how the Council's expenditure can benefit valley communities, basing the approach on the Bevan Foundation 1 in £1 million model, or similar. (DFCS)
- e) Explore the feasibility of a local employment/training offer for valley residents. (DFCS)

- f) Identify a suitable model for providing advice to organisations who wish to set up as social enterprises. (DENV/ACE/CDO)
- g) We will develop a scheme to identify, attract, train and recruit more local people to work in the local care sector within valley communities, piloting the approach initially in the Amman Valley (DSSHH)

5. Community Regeneration

The Cabinet is promoting a range of projects/programmes to meet these objectives including:

- Securing a share of the £25m of capital investment announced in the Welsh Government for the Neath strategic hubs to link with the priorities of the Ministerial Taskforce for the Valleys focused on attracting investment, and job creation.
- Similarly, a bid has been submitted for the further development Cefn Coed as part of the Valleys Landscape Park (£7m of capital investment announced by Welsh Government).
- Work is progressing with the Friends of Pontardawe Arts Centre and the Arts Council for Wales to secure the future of the venue to include the feasibility of a cinema offer at the site.
- A planning application has been received for the Afan Valley Adventure Park.
- Work to restore East Pit is progressing. There is potential for the site to be used for tourism led regeneration in due course and the support of Celtic Energy will be needed to progress this.
- The Council is working with RCT Council on the possible reopening of the Rhondda Tunnel
- Tourism work is progressing within the framework of the agreed Destination Management Plan 2015-2020 and there

will be a Destination Management Marketing Plan established to strengthen the work further.

- Discussions are taking place through the Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee to explore the potential for community renewable energy schemes.
- In June 2018, the Cabinet Secretary for the Economy announced that Onllwyn/Nant Helen was the preferred site for a major investment in a national rail test track facility. The Council is actively participating in developing the next stage of the business case and the development of a planning application.

Rheola - The council continues to work with NRW, WG and the private sector to resolve complex land issues and pursue a leisure based development at Rheola.

Future Action

- a) Continue to work with Welsh Government and wider partners to develop the range of propositions for developing jobs and services within valley communities as identified above. (CEX and DENV)

In terms of culture and inclusion:

- The Cabinet has already approved a Welsh Language Promotional Policy with the intention that there will be clear links to this action plan.
- Digital Inclusion has been identified as a priority by the NPT Public Services Board. The development of this work can be reported back to Members on a regular basis. Community Anchor Organisations within valley communities are already involved in developing the detail of work to be taken forward.

Future Action

- a) Provide a regular update to the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee on the progress being made in implementing the Welsh Language

Promotional Strategy and the development of work to address digital inclusion, drawing out the benefits being delivered in valley communities. (ACE/CDO)

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6. Impact Assessment/Monitoring

Report templates already provide for the areas impacted by proposals to be clearly set out. These arrangements will be amended to make clear which areas are valley areas.

Scrutiny committees could also consider identifying valley champions within their membership to assist in examining proposals for change from a valleys perspective and to track the progress of the work identified in this paper. The Cabinet would welcome the scrutiny committees helping to sustain active dialogue on this agenda.

Future Action

- a. Update report templates to make impacts on valley communities clearer in reports. (ACE/CDO)
- b. Identify valley champions in each scrutiny committee. (ACE/CDO)



Dear Leader,

I write to you following our recent meeting regarding the Valleys Task & Finish Group and its Valleys Action Plan.

I am very pleased to inform you that the group has now completed its task of compiling a valleys action plan, which was duly approved at the last meeting on the 1st June.

In addition to the work on the Action Plan we delivered other functions such as initially responding to the Welsh Government Consultation "Our Valleys, Our Future"; overseeing the development of valley-specific reports, written by Councillors to inform future discussions on specific valley needs; and acting as a voice for valley communities at Welsh Government ministerial engagement events.

I hope you will agree with our feelings that we have fully discharged our responsibilities under the Terms of Reference set out for the group at its inception.

I attach the most recent and final version of the Valleys Action Plan as the outcome of our Valleys Task and Finish Group. As you will appreciate, the plan will need to be a working document, updated and amended as objectives are achieved and priorities are met.

If agreeable to yourself I would like to present the action plan to a future meeting of Cabinet.

The Valleys Task and Finish group concludes that its task has been delivered and therefore it is right and proper that it finishes its business under its current terms. However, we feel there is merit in continuing the structure of a Valleys Briefing Group as a consultative body able to meet as and when required. We feel the future scrutiny of the Valleys Action Plan can take place under the current scrutiny process via structures such as the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee and Regeneration and Sustainable Development Scrutiny Committee, and we hope you will agree to that approach going forward.

Thank you once again for demonstrating your commitment to our valleys by establishing the Task and Finish Group, and personally, for giving me the opportunity to chair the meetings and take an active role in shaping how our council will work to support valley communities long into the future.

Yours truly,
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We welcome correspondence in Welsh and will deal with Welsh and English correspondence to the same standards and timescales.

Key Priorities	Issues	Aims	Objectives	Actions	Opportunities/Community Locations
1. Access to Provision and Services as needed across and within Valley Communities	1.1 Communities with very limited or no public transport.	Improve transport services	Provide demand-responsive transport services	<p>Explore opportunities for expansion of community transport options, e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing routes where uptake of service merits expansion, Development of demand-responsive services (community cars/buses) <p>Ensure all Valley residents have opportunities to access the Hub in Neath.</p>	<p>Extension of Cycle Path in Amman Valley.</p> <p>DANSA (Dulais, Afan, Neath, Swansea Amman Valleys Integrated Community Transport) Feasibility Study</p>
	1.2 Lack of GP and other health social care provision in local communities e.g. accessible out of hours pharmacy, accessible mental health support, dementia support and services to combat isolation/loneliness.	Improve and increase provision of accessible health and social care services	Develop cross-valley services	<p>Feasibility study (possibly with NPTC) around expanding options for public transport linked to provision of school/college transport services.</p> <p>Develop existing Valley mineral lines for passenger transport.</p>	<p>NPTC may consider links?</p> <p>Dulais Valley, Neath and Amman Valley mineral rail lines</p> <p>RDP Feasibility Study</p>
			Improved sufficiency of clinical services	<p>Work with ABMU/PSB partners to develop proposals to improve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Join up on mental health services GP access Access to out of hours pharmacy services Access to drop in services e.g. physiotherapy through provision of outreach 	

	Lack of Medical Staff and access to services/pharmacies in Amman Valley (Amman Tawe Partnership)		Improved transport to health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve cross-border service access where appropriate. 	
	Lack of day services and support for residents of sheltered housing complex.		Improved provision of health/care facilities and services in valley communities.	Development of demand – responsive services (community cars/buses)	Link in with Asset based approach policy Link with Community Services Directory Developments.
	Lack of ability in recruiting Doctors and Nurses to the Dulais Valley Primary Care Centre			Use Local Area Coordinators (LAC) to support mapping of community service provision, identifying existing services and gaps.	
	Requirement for replacement premises for Blaengwrach (Health)		Sustainable Community Anchor Organisations ¹	Identify Community Anchor Organisations (CAO) within valley areas. Consider options for provision of sufficient resource to enable CAOs to be effective in local,	Link to review of 3 rd Sector funding scheme Explore potential of Renewables Community Benefit Funds to support
	1.3 Funding cuts resulting in:	Improve support to enable sustainability of voluntary sector organisations.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decrease in provision likely to pre-empt anti-social behavior 				

¹ A community anchor is: independent and community-led; a multi-purpose facility; there for the long term, not a quick fix; a driving force in community renewal. www.dtawales.org.uk/community-anchors/

	<p>e.g. youth clubs, adult learning, leisure activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing reliance on voluntary and third sector led service provision but lack of capacity/resources to enable provision. Decreased provision of childcare for working parents and those requiring support with additional needs Infrastructure for sport and leisure 	<p>Explore 3G pitches linked to the development of the school estate.</p>	<p>Improved Youth provision in communities</p> <p>Accessible Childcare services</p>	<p>development of services and economic regeneration.</p> <p>Map existing youth provision of all types in valley communities. Work with LAC & CAO to develop services.</p> <p>Undertake an assessment of available childcare services in Valley Communities. Identify opportunities to increase provision, working with CAO and LACs.</p>	<p>Community Anchor Organisations</p> <p>Opportunities to link into 30 hour childcare pilot provision in Valley Communities</p> <p>Link to Childcare Sufficiency Study and rollout of WG childcare offer.</p>
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	Locations				
2. Employment opportunities					
2.1 Communities with very limited or no public transport.	Explore opportunities for expansion of community transport options identified under 1.1	Provide demand-responsive transport services	Improve transport services	2.1 Communities with very limited or no public transport.	
2.2 Existing industrial estates 100% occupation, more start up units, business support and larger units to enable business growth within valley communities	Identify suitable valleys based sites	Enable provision of new industrial units	Increase in unit availability for manufacturing and service industry provision	2.2 Existing industrial estates 100% occupation, more start up units, business support and larger units to enable business growth within valley communities	
	Possible sites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Road, Taigrwaith (Washery site) • Crynant • Glynneath and Cwmgwrach- • Caravan Park at Lamb and Flag • Cwmgors Industrial Site • Ystalyfera: Glan Rhyd and Gurnos 	Open up new employment opportunities in service sector		2.3 Lack of employment opportunities, funded skills training, trainee and apprenticeship opportunities within valleys communities. Issues relating to:	
	Tourism opportunities and service options need space. E.g. Gym, upcycling workshop mentioned.	Support for development of Social enterprise models provided to promote employment and provide in work training.	Increase in local employment opportunities		
	Bicycle repair business opportunity in the Amman Valley Food co-op in the Amman Valley Renewable Energy	Identify appropriate opportunities for piloting social enterprise solutions Consider Social Enterprise Strategy	Ensure business support is available for not-		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large scale contracts out for tender work against local firm engagement • Lack of awareness of social enterprise possibilities. • Foundational Economy; Council's own employment/service delivery to promote local and sustainable employment. 	for profit enterprises	<p>Procurement rules include community benefit clauses and promote level playing field for community-based providers/suppliers.</p> <p>Community Anchor Organisations being helped to develop and sustain access to adult education.</p> <p>Increased recruitment of for in community workforce within Social Care</p>	<p>Work with relevant agencies to identify appropriate models of good practice</p> <p>Review existing procurement processes</p> <p>Promote accessible childcare and adult social care training in valley communities</p> <p>Focused recruitment of Personal Assistants to meet local needs in valleys.</p>	<p>Consider progress to appropriate Committee in 12 months?</p> <p>Opportunities to work with CAOs and LACs – good link in with Asset Based Provision strategy.</p>
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3. Community Regeneration	<p>3.1 Low community morale within valley communities and perception both by those external and within of marginalization and disadvantage. Services and resources focused on population centres outside valley areas.</p> <p>Ystalyfera; impact on the image of Ystalyfera following the landslide.</p>	<p>Improve social capital² across valley communities</p> <p>Promote a positive and balanced image of area.</p>	Develop community infrastructure around wellbeing, leisure and tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enable digital inclusion through improved access to IT and training provision • Promote and support leisure and tourism infrastructure development (accommodation, walking/cycling/bridle paths, attractions etc.) • Support training and development towards active tourism community enterprises e.g. cycle hire, cafes, sporting/interest activities etc. • Support growth of Welsh Language use 	<p>Linking with training providers and CAOs</p> <p>Link to the PSB priority</p> <p>Planning re leisure and tourism facilities – opening cycling routes to bridleway</p> <p>Afan Park development opportunities</p> <p>Link to the Valleys Landscape Park</p> <p>Link to Welsh Language Promotion Strategy</p> <p>Explore Pontardawe Arts Centre and Cefn Coed Colliery Museum</p> <p>Explore Ysgol y Glyn site in Lower Brynamman, Banwen.</p> <p>Explore opportunities around the Wales</p>

² <https://www.oecd.org/insights/37966934.pdf> the links, shared values and understandings in society that enable individuals and groups to trust each other and so work together.

					<p>Infrastructure Investment Plan and Valleys Tech Programme</p> <p>Link with proposed new Tourism Unit</p>
			<p>Promote activities and provision in Valley communities</p>	<p>Further Develop promotional videos, online slide shows around Valleys</p>	<p>Links with community resources direct or through CAO to develop materials for use...</p> <p>Link to Asset Based Community Development Work</p>

	<p>3.2 Areas of dereliction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • disused large buildings (churches/clubs/industrial) • Open cast mining and quarry site renovation • Impact of subsidence on community infrastructure. 	<p>Bring unused sites and buildings into productive use</p>	<p>Facilitate renovation or clearance and reuse of derelict buildings</p> <p>Enable community engagement with renovation projects/activity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify vacant buildings and establish ownership – where appropriate use enforcement orders towards improvements. -121 Heol Cae Gurwen -Old School site Waters Street Gwaun Cae Gurwen • Oversee the establishment of a community liaison group working with Celtic Energy on restoration at sites • Identify possible sites and help promote community renewable schemes • Identify vacant sites for self-build projects 	<p>Refurbishment of East Pit site presents opportunities for increased community involvement in future development.</p> <p>Awel Amman Tawe could be used as local expertise.</p> <p>Welsh Government funding possibly available for self-build projects – links to environmentally neutral building projects may be possible. (Old GCG Primary School site on Waters Street, Gwaun Cae Gurwen)</p>
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<p>3.3 Lack of accommodation to meet specific needs.</p>	<p>Increase the amount of suitable housing tenure</p>	<p>Sufficiency of appropriate accommodation within communities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexible options for adults requiring supported or residential care • 1 and 2 bedroom properties • Accessible housing • Rent levels in Tairāwhiti properties in Amman Valley 	<p>Work with Social Housing Providers and other agencies to deliver housing solutions.</p> <p>Onllwyn Road (1&2 bed properties)</p> <p>Affordable housing on the Forge Yard Site (Lower Brynamman)</p>	<p>Explore opportunities to update LDP to maximize planning/house building opportunities</p>
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NEATH PORT TALBOT VALLEYS ACTION PLAN

Comments by the Bevan Foundation

1. Introduction

The draft Valleys Action Plan is a welcome commitment to recognise the specific challenges facing the Neath Port Talbot valleys. Basing the plan on the views of people in the area is also a very welcome approach.

In taking forward a plan, we recognise that the geography of Neath Port Talbot's valleys is particularly challenging, with the major valleys converging on different coastal towns and some communities looking outside the authority's boundaries for services. We also note that there are several distinct 'clusters' of problems, e.g. the Afan Valley (Cymmer, Gwynfi and Glynccorwg LSOAs) and western valleys, where the challenges may be different.

We also acknowledge that there have been numerous attempts to address the valleys' problems, most of them not especially successful not least because there is no quick fix.

2. Reversing economic decline and improving jobs and skills

The aim of creating employment opportunities is very welcome, but we'd suggest it should be at the centre of the strategy and developed further. The long-term future of these communities depends on a resilient economic base, which will only be provided through a *combination* of:

- thriving local businesses (of all kinds) within the valleys
- good access to economic opportunities outside the valleys

The idea of 'inclusive growth' might be useful here because it involves ensuring that economic growth achieved through the City Deal benefits all parts of the city region (i.e. it is geographically inclusive) and all groups of people (including people in low paid jobs and who are not currently working).

We have identified three key ways of achieving inclusive growth:

- **Stimulating economic growth within the valleys**

There is much that can be done to support and encourage businesses to start up and flourish within the valleys including:

- Increasing the procurement of goods and services by **all** public bodies from local suppliers. This involves considering how contracts are packaged, considering supply chain development etc.;
- Provision of small-scale, affordable workspaces for freelancers and self-employed workers (e.g. that at Dove Workshop, Banwen);
- Development and promotion of local 'niche' products (e.g. whinberry jam; miners' lamps etc);
- Support and development for sectors with potential e.g. social care, tourism.

While there are some proposals in the draft action plan, we'd anticipate that achieving measurable impact will need a step change in intervention.

- **Improving access to jobs created in Swansea / Neath / Port Talbot with a step-change to public transport.**

As the action plan recognises there is an issue of access to services but access to work is vital too. It is likely that some people living in the valleys will want to travel to work to access the wider opportunities available in the larger towns. Detailed mapping of public transport provision against employment opportunities undertaken by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation (see Annex) shows that Neath Port Talbot has one of the highest proportion in Wales of deprived Lower Super Output Areas classed as ‘disconnected’.

Community transport and demand-responsive services are useful but are not a substitute for scheduled services for travel to work. There ideally needs to be a region-wide approach (as in the metro idea) which caters for travel-to-work and not just the retirement market.

Ahead of the metro, we wonder if the council could use its local transport powers to subsidise some non-commercial services at times and costs appropriate for workers? It could be run as a pilot in an area with the greatest access problems, perhaps as a statutory quality partnership with an operator?

In addition, could it pilot flexible, efficient and affordable demand-responsive services that are more like a taxi than current demand-responsive services?

- **Supporting people into work**

The plan also recognises that helping people into work is important, but we would question whether DWP and Welsh Government programmes are of sufficient scale, reach and impact. We’ve suggested that action to help people into work needs to be linked with a detailed understanding of job and training opportunities in the local labour market, and should follow the ‘gold standard’ of what works¹ i.e. combined pre-employment training, a work placement and a guaranteed job interview.

We recognise that not everyone is able to compete in the open labour market and we have suggested that public bodies consider introducing ‘intermediate labour market schemes’. These offer people furthest from the labour market secure, paid work together with training, personal development and job search activities, often delivering services for community benefit.

- **Spatial planning**

Elsewhere in the south Wales valleys we have urged that one or two locations be identified as ‘growth poles’ where services and investment can be concentrated and which can counter the focus on the city within the city deal. While we initially saw these as being sub-regional centres (e.g. Merthyr Tydfil) we can see benefits in identifying and supporting a limited number of local growth hubs.

¹ See XXXXXXX

The geography of Neath Port Talbot's valleys makes the choice of a local growth hubs less obvious, but we'd suggest that – not withstanding possible political issues – it could help to improve access to jobs and services.

3. Improving skills of young people and adults

It is strikingly clear that people with few qualifications are very much worse off in the labour market than those with higher level qualifications. Not only do they have lower pay but they are more likely to have insecure work. It is widely forecast that automation, and to a lesser extent Brexit, will reduce both the numbers and quality of semi- and unskilled jobs, so upskilling the existing and future workforce is a key task.

We would suggest that broadening the actions in the action plan beyond the proposals for training in adult social care should be considered, including:

- High quality and universal early years provision;
- Careers advice, guidance and information for all pupils from year 7;
- Effective support and guidance for young people who leave school without 5 GCSEs A-C;
- Bite-sized, flexible adult learning provision in a wide variety of vocational areas;
- Developing clear progression pathways into occupations available in the Swansea City region.

There may also be potential in major regional employers e.g. health care providers, education establishments, housing associations, collaborating in their workforce planning to create training and recruitment opportunities in growth hub areas.

4. Community regeneration

Many of the proposals for community regeneration support local economic development and might be better regarded as such. There is additional potential for community regeneration to support the infrastructure of a caring and supportive society, including thriving community organisations of all kinds and well-used community spaces (including parks and playing fields, not just indoor facilities).

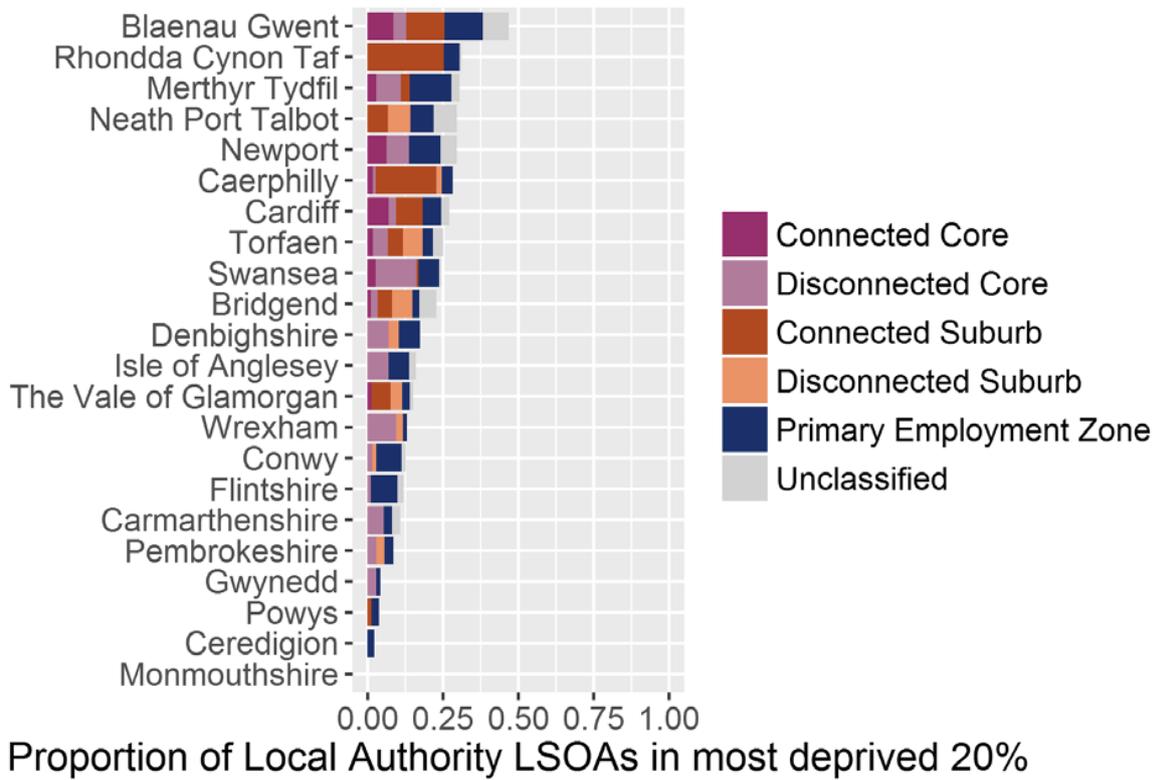
Small-scale 'community chest' type funding can stimulate local organisations, along with support for good governance.

5. Oversight and Monitoring

This is vital and needs to be coupled with scope to adapt and respond to feedback when things are working (or not), capacity to develop and seize new opportunities (perhaps with seedcorn funding) and maintain leadership.

ANNEX CONNECTIVITY OF LSOAs IN WALES

Source: Overcoming deprivation and disconnection in UK cities, by Alasdair Rae, Ruth Hamilton, Rich Crisp and Ryan Powell.



Building Economic Resilience in the south Wales Valleys

Funding Agreement

Background

1. The Bevan Foundation is delivering a project entitled 'Building Economic Resilience in the Valleys'. It runs from 1st January 2019 to 31st May 2021.
2. The aim of the project is to 'support the implementation of a new approach to economic resilience in the valleys', focusing on:
 - a. How procurement can build resilience
 - b. How social businesses can increase resilience
 - c. Using community assets to build resilience
 - d. The scope for new financial instruments to build resilience.
3. The project outputs will include:
 - a. Analysis of current and future prospects for resilience
 - b. A series of practical tools including seminars, workshops, guides and toolkits to increase resilience
 - c. A final report with detailed proposals for further action.
4. A small advisory group of experts and some funders will assist the delivery of the project.

Funding

5. The total cost of delivering the project is £140,260 over 29 months. A contribution of £70,130 has been secured from the Friends Provident Foundation, with additional contributions from a range of local and regional organisations.
6. The signatories to this agreement agree to contribute a total of £..... This sum will be payable in instalments as follows:
 - a. £ on
 - b. £ on
 - c. £ on
7. The contribution is voluntary, made at the request of the Bevan Foundation, and does not involve a supply of services to funders. As such, contributions are outside the scope of VAT and therefore no VAT is included in the contribution.
8. If the total amount of funding secured is different to the estimated costs, the project will be enhanced or scaled-down accordingly. In the unlikely event of insufficient funding being secured to enable the project to go ahead, contributions will be repaid.
9. The Bevan Foundation will only use your contribution for the purposes of the project. In the event of the cost of delivering the project being higher than expected, there is no obligation on funders to provide additional funding. In the event of the costs being lower than expected, the Bevan Foundation will offer either to undertake additional activities related

to the project or to refund contributors pro-rata to their total payments.

10. The Bevan Foundation will provide funders with short progress reports outlining the activities undertaken, outputs and impacts achieved, on a quarterly basis.

Acknowledgements

11. The Bevan Foundation will acknowledge your support in any published documents that refer to the project, including job advertisements, accounts and public annual reports, and in written or spoken public presentations about the project, unless you ask us not to.
12. In our management of all personal information we will meet the requirements of the Data Protection Act 2018. We will tell you immediately if any of our key contacts change.

Compliance

13. The Bevan Foundation will use its best endeavours to deliver the project as planned. The Bevan Foundation will notify you if for any reason it is unable to deliver the project. It will also notify you if there is a significant change of purpose or status of the Bevan Foundation during the project, including ceasing to operate, or in key personnel. In the event of the project ending prematurely your contribution will be refunded pro-rata.
14. The Bevan Foundation will comply with all laws regulating the way it operates, the work it undertakes, the staff it employs and the goods it buys. It will maintain adequate insurance at all times and if asked, will supply copies of confirmation of insurance cover. This includes employee and public liability insurance.

Signed for

Print Position

Signed for the Bevan Foundation

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NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cabinet Board

17 December 2018

Report of the Director of Finance & Corporate Services

H. Jenkins

Matter for: Decision

Wards Affected: All Wards

Third Sector Grant Funding – Award of Grants 2019/20

Purpose of Report

1. For Members to note the monitoring arrangements for the current 3 year grant recipients as listed in Appendix 1 and to seek Members approval on the award of grants to Third Sector organisations for 2019/20.

Background

2. Grants awarded under the Scheme have been for 12 month periods or 3 year periods. The grants which have been provided for 3 years (to partners the Council has identified as Strategic Partners) were due to expire at the end of this financial year (2018/19).
3. In light of the above funding coming to an end the Council took the opportunity to review the Scheme this year to make sure it continues to be aligned with the Council's priorities as expressed in the Corporate Plan 2018-2022. This is also in line with Principle 17 – Monitoring the Scheme.
4. Following a 12 week consultation period on the proposed changes to the Scheme, Cabinet approved the revised Scheme on the 31st October 2018. Members also agreed to support the principle of allocating a higher proportion of the funds available to support the sustainability of strategic partners, with actual details confirmed upon receipt of applications.

Executive Summary

5. This report presents the outcomes of the monitoring arrangements for current year grant recipients.
6. Outcome of the assessments undertaken for the 36 applications received this year (including the continuation of funding for the eight identified Strategic Partners).
7. The applications were assessed by the Third Sector Grants Group, whose membership is made up of Directorate representatives already involved in the grant funding process and are responsible for the administration of the Scheme.

Monitoring Arrangements

8. Strategic partner organisations were offered grants for a 3 year period commencing 1st April 2016 provided they continued to deliver quality services in line with the grant agreement. The eight partner organisations are listed in Appendix 1 and are required to complete a 6 monthly return by end of October 2018 and end of April 2019. The Group have monitored the October returns and are satisfied with performance to date and recommend the recipients continue to receive their funding for year 3 i.e. to the end of March 2019.
9. All other 2018/19 grant recipients (1 year) are required to submit evidence of outcomes and performance achieved by end of January 2019.

Assessment of Grant Applications for 2019/20

10. The Group used the relevant assessment criteria, to ensure consistency and equity in the assessment of the applications received.
11. In light of the revised Scheme those organisations bidding for core funding are also expected to demonstrate their commitment to helping the Council implement its Corporate Plan in the following eight areas:
 - a. Promote the take up of the Council's on-line services through the Switch brand and help people to access those on-line services (digital assist support);
 - b. Encourage participation in Council and local community-run events to support well-being;

- c. Leverage in additional funding;
- d. Promote the Council's Community Directory (Dewis) so that there is a good understanding of all the services that are available within the local area and how to access them;
- e. Encourage the identification and development of local early intervention and prevention services and facilitate access to those services;
- f. Support, inform and promote the Council's priorities;
- g. Contribute to engagement and communications campaigns to improve understanding within communities of the Council's priorities and services;
- h. Where appropriate, provide a physical space that can facilitate co-location of workers from across the public service to provide more integrated services that respond to the needs of local people and communities.

12. Those applications that are recommended for approval in appendices 1 and 2 have satisfied some or all of the criteria contained within Principle 1 of the revised Scheme and have also demonstrated their commitment to a number of the eight areas listed above (a to h).

- Appendix 1 lists the eight identified Strategic Partners approved for 3 year funding.
- Appendix 2 contains a table listing all other applications approved for either 1 year or 2 year funding.
- Appendix 3 contains those applications not approved for funding.

Financial Appraisal

13. One of the principles of the Third Sector Grant Funding Scheme is that the amounts of funds available will vary in line with the Local Government Settlement. The Welsh Government's Provisional Local Government Settlement for 2019/20 was published on 9th October 2018 which shows that this Council will receive a slight increase of 0.2%.
14. Members should note as part of the Council's public consultation on the 2019/20 Budget that there is a proposal to provide an

additional £100,000 to the Third sector Grant Funding Scheme. Whilst the budget consultation is currently ongoing this report seeks confirmation from Cabinet that the £100,000 is added to the current year's budget thus making a total budget provision of £513,630 for next year. Of this amount it is proposed that £14,000 is retained as one off grants for Community Safety (retained at £11,350) and Miscellaneous (reduced from £3,650 to £2,650) grant applications. The proposed amount payable to each partner in 2019/20 is set out in Appendix 1.

Table 1

Budget	2019/20
Base Year Budget including one off grants	£413,630
Additional Budget Allocation for 2019/20	£100,000
Total available 2019/20 plus any amount carried forward from 2018/19	£513,630

The following table illustrates the funds available together with the proposed distribution:

Table 2

Budget Summary	2018/19	2019/20
Total available	£ 413,630	£ 413,630
Additional Provision for 2019/20		£ 100,000
Add amount carried forward	£ 17,295	£ 7,169
Less approved previous year	-£ 423,756	-
Amount Available Dec	£ 7,169	£ 520,799
Total recommended for approval:		
Appendix 1 – for Strategic Partners	N/A	£ 333,695
Appendix 2 – New Applications	N/A	£ 170,164
One off grants – Community Safety and Miscellaneous	N/A	£ 14,000
Sub total	£ -	£ 517,859
Projected Amount carried forward	£ 7,169	N/A
Balance remaining	N/A	£ 2,940

All grants payable are subject to successful delivery of outcomes as set out in the application forms / final grant offer letters and agreed by the Council with each applicant.

Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)

15. The Equality Act 2010 requires public bodies to “pay due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; and
- Foster good relations between persons who share relevant protected characteristics and persons who do not share it.”

16. An Equality Impact Assessment was completed as part of the initial development of the Grant Scheme in 2016 and a further Integrated Impact Assessment was completed as part of the proposed changes to the Scheme in 2018. All applications have been considered in alignment with the revised Scheme and therefore no further Equality Impact Assessment is required.

Workforce Impact

17. There is no workforce impact.

Legal Impact

18. All successful grant recipients will be required to sign a Grant Agreement.

Risk Management

19. The successful grant recipients will assist the Council to provide important services within the County Borough or specific areas.

Recommendations

20. It is recommended that Members:

21. Note the monitoring arrangements for the current grant recipients.

22. Confirm that the 2019/20 Budget for Third Sector Grants increases by £100,000 to £513,630.
23. Approve the award of Grants to the Third Sector organisations as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 of this report.
24. Confirm that grants not be awarded for the applications set out in Appendix 3 of this report.

Reason for Proposed Decision

25. To approve grants to third sector organisations in line with the Council's Scheme.

Implementation of Decision

26. The decision is proposed for immediate implementation in order to notify all applicants of the outcome before the 31st December 2018 as specified in the Scheme.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Grant proposed to Third Sector Strategic Partners for 3 years
- Appendix 2 – Third Sector Applications 2019/20 – Applications recommended for approval
- Appendix 3 - Third Sector Applications 2019/20 - Applications not recommended for approval

List of Background Papers

- The Neath Port Talbot Third Sector Grant Funding Scheme.

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Grant proposed to Third Sector Strategic Partners for 3 years

Organisation	Grant Awarded 2018/19	Amount Applied 2019/20	Grant Awarded 2019/20	Overview of outcomes to be delivered:
1. Canolfan Maerdy	£17,766	£26,000	£26,000	Ensuring children, families and the local communities in the Amman Valley have access to, or can get involved in developing services that promote wellbeing and opportunities to improve their quality of life.
2. Citizens Advice Bureau	£78,624	£89,238	£80,000	Offer advice that is free and independent. Demand for advice comes from people in poverty, through lack of money, debt or low paid work, inability to afford quality products and services. In addition the CAB has been successful in seeking additional funding from the DWP for work associated with Universal Credit from April 2019.
3. DANSA Transport	£31,394	£38,809	£32,000	The provision of affordable and accessible transport.
4. DOVE Workshops	£33,601	£44,282	£35,000	The advancement of education, training and retraining of people in the Neath, Dulais and Swansea Valleys.
5. Glynneath Training Centre	£41,652	£45,450	£42,000	The advancement of education, training and retraining of people in the Glynneath Area.

Organisation	Grant Awarded 2018/19	Amount Applied 2019/20	Grant Awarded 2019/20	Overview of outcomes to be delivered:
6. NPT CVS - Core Funding Contribution	£43,262	£43,695	£43,695	To support, promote and develop the participation of voluntary organisations, community groups and individuals in the voluntary sector in Neath Port Talbot.
7. NPT Shop Mobility	£35,328	£45,519	£45,000	To improve Town Centre access through the provision of electric scooters and wheelchairs to disabled people and mobility impaired people in Neath and Port Talbot town centres.
8. Ystalyfera Development Trust	£27,420	£33,792	£30,000	The advancement of education, training and retraining of people in the Ystalyfera and Godre'r Graig areas.
Total	£296,527	£366,785	£333,695	

Third Sector Applications 2019/20 – Applications recommended for approval

(* table also shows current 1 year recipients)

Organisation	Type of service provided	*Current one year grant awarded 2018/19	Amount applied for 2019/20	Amount of grant proposed	Overview of outcomes to be delivered
1 Age Connects Neath Port Talbot (Age Concern)	Support	*£20,000	£39, 249.55	£10,000	To continue to deliver the EngAGE project, which will ensure those experiencing the highest levels of disadvantage, isolation, loneliness and deprivation due to closure of facilities, service cuts and digital exclusion will have accessible services
2. Care and Repair Western Bay	Support	*£4, 980	£7,500	£4,980	To support the Agency's core casework service which provides a casework service to older people to facilitate independent living and to help older people stay at home, for as long as they choose in homes that are adequately maintained, warm, safe and secure.

Organisation	Type of service provided	*Current one year grant awarded 2018/19	Amount applied for 2019/20	Amount of grant proposed	Overview of outcomes to be delivered
3. Cruse Bereavement Care (Morgannwg)	Support	*£4,980	£5,000	£2,500	Bereavement support service to the residents of Neath Port Talbot with a special emphasis on carers. By accessing the support service people feel supported through their bereavement.
4. Neuadd Cwmllynfell Hall	Centre	*£15,000	£23,500	£12,500 (amount reducing year on year as organisation becomes self-funding)	To contribute towards meeting part of the salary and on costs of a fulltime hall manager. This post is to enable the effective running of the hall and provision of a wide range of social, recreational activities for local people of all ages.
5. NPT CVS (OPC)	Support	N/A	£33,332	£33,000	To support the appointment of a development officer at NPT CVS to work with the Older Persons' Council for Neath Port Talbot. Likely 2 year commitment to 2020/21
6. Gwynfi Miners Community Hall	Support	*£4,980	£12,000	£4,980	Will provide a meeting place for groups to meet, classes and activities for people to remain active and work with other agencies to meet the needs of the community

Organisation	Type of service provided	*Current one year grant awarded 2018/19	Amount applied for 2019/20	Amount of grant proposed	Overview of outcomes to be delivered
					which will help to reduce the demand on public services.
7. Melincryddan Community Conference - MCC	Resource Centre	*£10,000	£40,000	£24,000	Will support the core running costs of the organisation and expand the scope of the Get NPT On-line by maintaining the project volunteer coordinator working hours.
8. Me, Myself and I	Support	*£9,211	£6,000	£5,000	To support the community hub in the Briton Ferry area.
9. NPT Black Minority Ethnic Community Association	Support	N/A	£28,254	£28,254	To support core running costs and employ member of staff to lever in further funding.
10. Port Talbot Stoke Club	Support	*£900	£900	£500	To provide social contact for people that have suffered from a stroke who would otherwise be isolated / meetings.
11. NPT Stroke Club	Support	N/A	£1460	£500	To provide stroke survivors and their families with support, signposting and information on stroke and other services they can utilise to improve their living conditions and wellbeing.

Organisation	Type of service provided	*Current one year grant awarded 2018/19	Amount applied for 2019/20	Amount of grant proposed	Overview of outcomes to be delivered
12. Families Need Fathers Both Parents Matter (FNF-BPM Cymru)	Support	N/A	£6,500	£3,000	To assist non-resident parents to retain meaningful involvement in their children's lives post-separation in pursuit of the children's best interests; to provide emotional support to non-resident parents (and grandparents); to provide personal one-on-one emotional support to clients most in need of it and specialist service provider to male victims of domestic abuse.
13. NPT Carers Service Ltd	Support	N/A	£43,739	£25,000	Carers will have access to a range of services provided by the Carers Service and partner organisations that will give a carers a break from caring and reduce isolation and stress. Main activities will include: a free sitting service; emotional and wellbeing workshops; counselling sessions and a replacement care service for unmet needs from the sitting service.
14. NPT Community Transport	Support	N/A	£38,000	£15,000	To focus recruiting new volunteer drivers and enabling marketing schemes that already operate to

Organisation	Type of service provided	*Current one year grant awarded 2018/19	Amount applied for 2019/20	Amount of grant proposed	Overview of outcomes to be delivered
					communities across Neath Port Talbot - so that we can continue to provide transport services to elderly and disabled people to engage in social activities.
15. Y Lolfa Community Library	Resource Centre	N/A	£950	£950	To continue to provide a volunteer run community library hub serving communities of Cwmgors, GCG, Tairgwaith and Lower Brynamman wards, which includes online services provided for education and job search.
Total		*£70,051	£247,135	£170,164	

Third Sector New Applications 2019/20 - Applications not recommended for approval:

	Organisation	Amount Applied For 2019/20	Activity
1.	Ystalyfera Development Trust	£11,981	To update current computers and to purchase tablets to deliver additional IT classes.
2.	Bulldogs	£38,021	To fund a Chief Executive role, to drive the organisation and to generate/lever significant external funding to ensure the 2020 vision becomes a reality.
3.	Coed Darcy FC	£874	To cover the cost of hiring the facilities at Bae Baglan until the clocks revert and we can utilise unlit facilities.
4.	Glyncorrwg Ponds Application 1	£2,057	To continue to employ a caretaker who also has cleaning duties.
5.	Glyncorrwg Ponds Application 2	£4,779	To employ a worker to renew hand rails and steps on woodland walks in ponds park.
6.	Margam Youth Centre	£3,790	To offset costs to maintain the pitches, the general running costs of utility bills gas, electric and water, caretaker fee's /insurance and ground rent fee's to NPTCBC.
7.	Noddfa CC	£28,000	To recruit a Centre manager and making the community facility sustainable.
8.	Old Mill Foundation	£49,500	To continue to run outreach services in the Port Talbot area, covering salary for the outreach coordinator, rent for space to deliver therapies in Afan Community

	Organisation	Amount Applied For 2019/20	Activity
			Centre for cancer patients.
9.	Pontardawe Heritage Centre	£4,993	To pay the annual rent, building, contents and liability Insurance and energy bills for one year to help kick start and develop a self-sustaining Heritage and Visitor Centre in Pontardawe.
10.	Relate NPT	£27,949	To develop and roll out a support service with newly or recently diagnosed long term health conditions, terminal illnesses and life changing health events across NPT.
11.	Resolven Building Blocks	£24,680	To strengthen current well established to beneficiaries; children and families.
12.	Riverside / Pontardawe Arena	£32,400	To provide more services to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • over 16 yr. olds - cognitively disabled, ex-offenders, long term unemployed or otherwise disabled or disadvantaged; • disengaged and disadvantaged young people in secondary schools from yrs. 7 to 11; • children in Primary Schools labelled disengaged from an early age by using contact with the natural environment.
13.	Your Voice Advocacy	£29,927	To allow us to: employ a Peer Advocate for 21 hours a week; employ a volunteer coordinator for 14 hours a week; consolidate our pop-in centre work; establish a resource directory (with dedicated administrator) - in leaflet form available via our website; support existing groups - working with learning disabled adults who are

	Organisation	Amount Applied For 2019/20	Activity
			experiencing problems that threaten their continuation; offer individual surgery on issues such as budgeting, benefits; and provide opportunities for social interaction though social groups.
	Total	£258,951	