



CABINET (FINANCE) SUB COMMITTEE

***Immediately Following Cabinet on
WEDNESDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2019***

COUNCIL CHAMBER - PORT TALBOT CIVIC CENTRE

PART 1

1. Appointment of Chairperson
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (*Pages 3 - 10*)
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6. Urgent Items
Any urgent items (whether public or exempt), at the discretion of the Chairperson pursuant to Statutory Instrument 2001 No 2290 (as amended)

S.Phillips
Chief Executive

Civic Centre
Port Talbot

23 October 2019

Cabinet Board Members:

Councillors: C.Clement-Williams and D.Jones

Notes:

- (1) *If any Cabinet Board Member is unable to attend, any other Cabinet Member may substitute as a voting Member on the Committee. Members are asked to make these arrangements direct and then to advise Democratic Services staff.*
- (2) *The views of the earlier Scrutiny Committee are to be taken into account in arriving at decisions (pre decision scrutiny process). The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the relevant Scrutiny Committee will be invited to be present at this meeting.*

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

25 SEPTEMBER 2019

CABINET (FINANCE) SUB COMMITTEE

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: D.Jones (Chairperson) and R.G.Jones

Officers in Attendance:

H.Jones, C.Davies and T.Davies

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor D.Jones be appointed Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Decision:

That the Minutes of the previous meeting of Cabinet (Finance) Sub Committee held on 31 July, 2019, be approved.

3. **ACCESS TO MEETINGS**

Decision:

That pursuant to Regulation 4 (3) and (5) of Statutory Instrument 2001 No. 2290, the public be excluded for the following items of business which involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

4. **COUNCIL TAX WRITE OFFS**

Decision:

That the Council Tax Write Offs, for the amounts described in the private circulated report, be agreed.

Reason for Decision:

As the council tax accounts are irrecoverable.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

5. **HARDSHIP RELIEF**

Decision:

That the application for Business Rates Hardship Relief as detailed within the private, circulated report, be refused.

Reason for Decision:

As the business has previously received Business Rates Hardship Relief and there are other avenues of financial assistance available to the business.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

6. **HOUSING BENEFITS WRITE OFFS**

Decision:

That the Housing Benefit Write Offs, for the amounts described in the private, circulated report, be agreed.

Reason for Decision:

As the accounts are irrecoverable.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period

7. **SUNDRY DEBTOR WRITE OFFS**

Decision:

That the Sundry Debtor Write Offs, for the amounts described in the private, circulated report, be agreed.

Reason for Decision:

The amounts due are irrecoverable.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

CHAIRPERSON

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EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

2 OCTOBER 2019

CABINET (FINANCE) SUB COMMITTEE

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: D.Jones (Chairperson) and R.G.Jones

Officers in Attendance:

H.Jenkins and T.Davies

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor D.Jones be appointed Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **MISCELLAENOUS GRANT FUND APPLICATIONS**

Decisions:

1. That grant assistance of £250 per annum be awarded towards the annual lease of land adjoining the Vale of Neath Leisure Centre for the Vale of Neath Biking and Boarding Club, subject to review in line with rent reviews.
2. That grant assistance of £1,980 per annum be awarded towards the rent amount of the lease of Cymmer Afan Community Library, subject to review in line with rent reviews.
3. That grant assistance of £200 be awarded towards the rent amount of the lease of the bowling green at Dyfed Road, Neath, for Dyfed Road Bowling Association, subject to review in line with rent reviews.
4. That grant assistance of £200 be awarded towards the rent amount of the lease of the bowling green at Vivian Memorial Park,

Sandfields, Port Talbot, for Vivian Park Bowls Association, subject to review in line with rent reviews.

5. That grant assistance of £200 be awarded towards the rent amount of the lease of the bowling green at Ynysmaerdy Bowls Green, Briton Ferry, for Ynysmaerdy Bowls Association, subject to review in line with rent reviews.
6. That grant assistance of £200 be awarded towards the rent amount of the lease of the of bowls green at Talbot Memorial Park Port Talbot, for Talbot Memorial Park Bowls Association, subject to review in line with rent reviews.
7. That grant assistance of £200 be awarded towards the rent amount of the lease of Parc y Werin Bowls Green, Gwaun Cae Gurwen, for Gwaun Cae Gurwen Community Bowls Club, subject to review in line with rent reviews.
8. That grant assistance of £200 be awarded towards the rent amount of the lease of Bryn Bowls Green, for Bryn Bowls Club, subject to review in line with rent reviews.
9. That grant assistance of £200 be awarded towards the rent amount of the lease of bowling green at Tudor Park Croeserw, for Croeserw Bowls Club, subject to review in line with rent reviews.

Reason for Decisions:

To decide on the amount of financial support in respect of the grant applications received.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions will be implemented after the three day call in period.

3. **WELSH CHURCH ACT TRUST FUND APPLICATION**

Decision:

That grant assistance towards the re-pointing of Saron Chapel external wall, at Saron Chapel, Crynant, for a maximum of 25% of the total costs (estimated at £2,400), be awarded.

Reason for Decision:

To decide on the amount of financial support in respect of the grant application received.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

CHAIRPERSON

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NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cabinet (Finance) Sub Committee

REPORT OF HEAD OF TRANSFORMATION - A.THOMAS

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected – All Wards

Glamorgan Further Education Trust Fund

Purpose of Report

To approve applications for financial support from the Education Trust Fund.

Executive Summary

Since Local Government reorganisation, responsibility for the Trust Fund has fallen to Neath Port Talbot as the largest authority, in terms of acreage, in the area of the former County of Glamorgan.

It is the officer recommendation that Members approve the payment of funds to the eligible applicants.

For the 2019/2020 academic year it is estimated that some £31500.00 is available from the income of the Trust Fund of which some £12381.50 is committed expenditure during the 2019/2020 academic year for continuing award holders, leaving some £19118.50 available for new awards.

This sum is to be divided between 5 full-time applicants, 1 part-time applicants and 2 requests for assistance towards tools. The allocation of monies up to the maximum of £5350.00 for 5 full-time students (appendix

B), a maximum of £2082.00 for 1 part-time students (appendix C) and £766.50 for 2 tool applications (appendix D)

Such allocation would be in line with the division of monies between full-time and part-time as in previous years, although the amount awarded varies annually.

Background

This is the twenty second year for Neath Port Talbot to administer the Glamorgan Further Education Trust Fund.

Income from the Trust Fund is intended to benefit:

- (a) those attending approved courses not provided for under the normal awards scheme, including professional and technical courses; and
- (b) towards the purchase of outfits, clothing, tools, instruments or books for those leaving school or college to assist their entry into a profession, trade or calling.

The Objects and Rules of the Trust Fund are attached at appendix A. To qualify, applicants must have attended, for not less than two years, a secondary school in the area of the former County of Glamorgan, including Howells School, Cardiff but excluding schools which were in the areas of the former County Boroughs of Cardiff, Swansea and Merthyr Tydfil.

Application for Awards from the Trust Fund 2019/2020

In accordance with the Objects of the Trust Fund, an advertisement was placed in the press inviting applications for awards from the Trust Fund and copies of the advertisement were circulated to head teachers of secondary schools and principals of colleges and universities in the area covered by the Trust Fund. 12 applications were received of which 3 were not eligible to apply and 1 cancelled the application. The total eligible applications for consideration are 8, of which all were received on or before the closing date of 31st May 2019. The number of applications received was less than in previous years. The objects of the Trust prevent applicants who receive funding from another source applying. The introduction of Student Loans by Welsh Government for post graduate

study has reduced the amount of applicants eligible for funding from the Trust Fund.

Details of the eligible applications received by the due deadline are shown in appendices B, C and D.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact directly in respect of the Local Authority.

Equality Impact Assessment

An equality impact assessment has been carried out and found that there is no adverse effect on any protected group and the process has checks and monitoring in place.

The equality impact assessment is attached to this report as appendix E.

Workforce Impact

The current staffing complement associated with this function will be maintained and there will be no change to the staffing arrangements.

Legal Impacts

Since Local government reorganisation, responsibility for the Trust Fund has fallen to Neath Port Talbot

Risk Management

There is a requirement placed on the Council to administer the Trust Fund.

Recommendations

To approve those applications for awards as detailed in appendices B, C and D of the private circulated report, made out of the Glamorgan Further Education Trust Fund for the academic year 2019/2020 to eligible applications received on or before the closing date.

The allocation of monies up to the maximum of £5350.00 for 5 full-time students (appendix B), a maximum of £2082.00 for 1 part-time students (appendix C) and £766.50 for 2 tool applications (appendix D)

To authorise payments to those applicants for whom continuing support from the Glamorgan Further Education Trust Fund has already been approved.

Reasons for the Proposed Decision

To provide appropriate financial support for students who would otherwise suffer hardship.

Implementation of Decision

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

Appendix:

Appendix A Objects and Rules of the Education Trust Fund
Appendix B Full-time Applicants
Appendix C Part-time Applicants
Appendix D Tools

List of Back ground Papers

Objects of the Glamorgan Further Education Trust Fund (Revised 4th May 1993)
Application Forms

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APPENDIX A

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Castell-nedd Port Talbot

GLAMORGAN FURTHER EDUCATION TRUST FUND (REVISED 4th May 1993)

Objects of the Glamorgan Further Education Trust Fund

The Fund is intended to benefit:

- (i) pupils who have for not less than two years at any time attended a County Secondary School in the area of the former Administrative County of Glamorgan or Howell's Glamorgan County School, Cardiff, providing that candidates who have attended Howell's Glamorgan County School have been resident for not less than two years while a pupil at the school, in the former Administrative County of Glamorgan;
- (ii) girl pupils who, in addition, have for not than two years at any time attended any maintained Primary School in the Parishes of Llantrisant, Pontypridd, Pentyrch, Llanfabon, Llantwit Fardre, Eglwysilan and former Ynysybwl Ward of the former Mountain Ash Urban District with a preference for such girls who while in attendance at any such school were resident in the Parish of Eglwysilan.

The Fund is to be applied with the following objects in the case of pupils falling within categories (i) and (ii) above.

- a) Grants tenable at any educational institution for teachers, university or other institution of further (including professional and technical) education, approved by the Council, to be awarded under rules made by the Council, including rules as to the value and period of tenure of the exhibitions, and the qualifications and method of ascertainment and selection of candidates;

And with the following additional objects in the case of pupils falling within category (I) above only:-

- b) Financial assistance, outfits, clothing, tools, instruments or books to enable beneficiaries on leaving school, university or other educational establishments, to prepare for, or to assist their entry into a profession, trade or calling.

**GLAMORGAN FURTHER EDUCATION TRUST FUND
(REVISED 4thMAY 1993)**

Rules of the Fund

(Approved by the Education Committee of the Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council pursuant to a Scheme established by the Minister of Education on 31st October 1951).

- (i) The closing date for the receipt of applications for each academic year shall be 31st May preceding the commencement of the academic year.
- (ii) Advertisements to be placed in newspapers circulating within the area of the former Administrative County of Glamorgan. In addition, copies of the advertisement to be circulated to every County secondary school and college within the former Administrative County of Glamorgan.
- (iii) Applications for awards falling within the objects of the Trust shall be considered by a special Glamorgan Further Education Trust Fund Sub-Committee.
- (iv) Awards may cover all or part of an applicant's fees, travelling costs and maintenance, although in respect of maintenance regard will be paid to the prevailing rate of mandatory grant/D. F.E.S. grant.
- (v) (a) Awards will not be made in respect of courses for which the applicant will
either:-

be exempted from payment of tuition fees; or be on secondment; or be in receipt of a mandatory award; or be in receipt of a discretionary award; or be precluded from receiving such an award only by financial circumstances; or be in receipt of an award of bursary from a Research Council, Government Department, the British Academy or any other relevant body.

Unless there are exceptional or unusual circumstances relevant to the application.

- (b) Awards may be made where the applicant will receive financial assistance from other sources provided that the amount of the award together with such other assistance shall not exceed the amount of any award which would have been made out of public funds had the applicant been eligible.

- (vi) Awards which are subject to satisfactory progress will not normally be tenable for more than three years in total.

- (vii) The annual income available for distribution during each academic year shall be the income accrued up to 31st March of the preceding financial year which shall be distributed during the following academic year providing that applications of sufficient merit are received to make such a distribution possible.

- (viii) The accrued income balances may be used to supplement the annual income when that income proves insufficient to provide awards for all those applicants regarded as deserving of awards in any academic year.

- (ix) There will be no assessment of the means of either the applicant or the applicant's parents in the determination of the value of an award.

- (x) The Glamorgan Further Education Trust Fund Sub-Committee may interview any applicant for an award in order to assess the suitability of the applicant or the purpose in connection with which the award is sought.

- (xi) Each applicant shall provide such further information in writing as may be required to determine an application for an award save that no information shall be sought on any of the matters referred to in rule (ix) of these Rules.
- (xii) Each applicant shall provide the names of two persons who are prepared to provide references as to the character of the applicant.
- (xiii) Each successful applicant shall furnish the Director of Education, Leisure & Lifelong Learning with a report at the end of each academic year or upon completion of the purpose for which the award was made, if sooner, giving an account of the implementation of the work in respect of which the award was made.
- (xiv) In the event of a successful applicant failing to complete the course of study or other purpose in connection with which an award has been made, the successful applicant may be required to repay all or part of the value of any award.

A REGISTERED CHARITY

Appendix B – Full Time Students

	Candidate	Qualifications	Purpose for which required	Approx. amount requested	Remarks	Amount recommended £
1	E.B	BA Anthropology	Harvard University 2 Year Course Master Design Engineering	£10000.00	LA Precluded from providing assistance	£5000.00
2	K.D.	GSCE	A Levels 2 Year Course Hartpury College	£5000.00	LA Precluded from providing assistance	£2500.00
3	E.E	GSCE	A LEVELS 2 Year Course Hartpury College	£5000.00	LA Precluded from providing assistance	£2500.00
4	S.E	GSCE	A Levels 2 Year Course Cardiff 6thForm College College	£10700.00	LA Precluded from providing assistance	£5350.00
5	J.T	GSCE	Extended Diploma Performance and Excellence 2 Year Course	£1000.00	No funding available from LA	£500.00

Appendix C–Part Time

	Candidate	Qualifications	Purpose for which required	Approx. amount Requested	Remarks	Amount recommended £
1	E.J	MA English	PHD English Literature 2 Year Course(Final) Cardiff University	£4,164.00	No funding available from LA	£2082.00

Appendix D–Tools

	Candidate	Qualifications	Purpose for which required	Approx. amount Requested	Remarks	Amount recommended £
1	R.W	GCSE	National Choir of Wales	£550.00	No funding available from LA	£275.00
2	C.D	GSCE	Carpentry and Joinery - Tools 3 Years Neath Port Talbot College	£983.00	No funding available from LA	£491.50

Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) Report Form

This form should be completed for each Equality Impact Assessment on a new or existing function, a reduction or closure of service, any policy, procedure, strategy, plan or project which has been screened and found relevant to Equality and Diversity.

Please refer to the ‘Equality Impact Assessment Guidance’ while completing this form. If you would like further guidance please contact the Corporate Strategy Team or your directorate Heads of Service Equality Champion.

Where do you work?
Service Area: Glamorgan Further Education Trust Fund
Directorate: Education Leisure and Life Long Learning

(a) This EIA is being completed for a...

Service/ Function	Policy/ Procedure	Project	Strategy	Plan	Proposal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(b) Please name and describe below...

Since Local government reorganisation, responsibility for the administration of the Trust Fund has fallen to Neath Port Talbot CBC.

(c) It was initially screened for relevance to Equality and Diversity on 21/10/2019

(d) It was found to be relevant to...

Age	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Race.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disability	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion or belief	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gender reassignment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sex.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marriage & civil partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sexual orientation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pregnancy and maternity.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Welsh language	<input type="checkbox"/>

(e) Lead Officer

Name: Helen Lewis
Job title:- Senior Awards Officer
Date: 23/10/2019

(f) Approved by Head of Service

Name: Mr Andrew Thomas
Date: 23/10/2019

Section 1 – Aims (See guidance):

Briefly describe the aims of the function, service, policy, procedure, strategy, plan, proposal or project:

What are the aims? The Fund is intended to benefit:

- (i) pupils who have for not less than two years at any time attended a County Secondary School in the area of the former Administrative County of Glamorgan or Howell's Glamorgan County School, Cardiff, providing that candidates who have attended Howell's Glamorgan County School have been resident for not less than two years while a pupil at the school, in the former Administrative County of Glamorgan;
- (ii) girl pupils who, in addition, have for not than two years at any time attended any maintained Primary School in the Parishes of Llantrisant, Pontypridd, Pentyrch, Llanfabon, Llantwit Fardre, Eglwysilan and former Ynysybwl Ward of the former Mountain Ash Urban District with a preference for such girls who while in attendance at any such school were resident in the Parish of Eglwysilan.

The Fund is to be applied with the following objects in the case of pupils falling within categories (i) and (ii) above.

- a) Grants tenable at any educational institution for teachers, university or other institution of further (including professional and technical) education, approved by the Council, to be awarded under rules made by the Council, including rules as to the value and period of tenure of the exhibitions, and the qualifications and method of ascertainment and selection of candidates;

And with the following additional objects in the case of pupils falling within category (i) above only:-

- b) Financial assistance, outfits, clothing, tools, instruments or books to enable beneficiaries on leaving school, university or other educational establishments, to prepare for, or to assist their entry into a profession, trade or calling.

Who has responsibility? Director of Education, Leisure and Life Long Learning, The Head of Transformation and the School Admission Officer.

Who are the stakeholders? Pupils and Parents who wish their child to attend a community school within Neath Port Talbot CBC, with consideration being given to staff and the schools.

Section 2 - Information about Service Users (See guidance):

Please tick what information you know about your service users and provide details / evidence of how this information is collected.

Age	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Race.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disability	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion or belief	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gender reassignment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sex.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marriage & civil partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sexual orientation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pregnancy and maternity.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Welsh language	<input type="checkbox"/>

What information do you know about your service users and how is this information collected? Information is provided via the application form.

Any Actions Required?

n/a

Section 3 - Impact on Protected Characteristics (See guidance):

Please consider the possible impact on the different protected characteristics. This could be based on service user information, data, consultation and research or professional experience (e.g. comments and complaints).

	Positive	Negative	Neutral	Needs further investigation
Age	➔ <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disability	➔ <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gender reassignment	➔ <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marriage & civil partnership	➔ <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pregnancy and maternity	➔ <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Race	➔ <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religion or belief	➔ <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sex	➔ <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sexual orientation	➔ <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Welsh language	➔ <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Thinking about your answers above, please explain in detail why this is the case including details of any consultation (and/or other information) which has been undertaken to support your view

An applicant's religion or faith is not applicable to the application.

An applicant's sexual orientation is not applicable to the application.

There is no impact on the Welsh Language.

What consultation and engagement has been undertaken (e.g. with the public and/or members of protected groups) to support your view?

N/A

Any actions required (to mitigate adverse impact or to address identified gaps in knowledge)

To monitor the administration of the Trust Fund against protected groups.

Section 4 - Other Impacts:

Please consider how the initiative might address the following issues.

You could base this on service user information, data, consultation and research or professional experience (e.g. comments and complaints).

Foster good relations between different groups	Advance equality of opportunity between different groups
Elimination of discrimination, harassment and victimisation	Reduction of social exclusion and poverty

(Please see guidance for definitions)

Please explain any possible impact on each of the above.

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council administers the Trust Fund and allocates monies to applicants in accordance with the aims and objects of the Trust Fund.

What work have you already done to improve any of the above?

Introduction of online applications.

Is the initiative likely to impact on Community Cohesion?

How will the initiative treat the Welsh language in the same way as the English language?

Applicants can apply in either Welsh or English.

Actions (to mitigate adverse impact or to address identified gaps in knowledge).

To monitor the oversubscription and other admission criterion against protected groups.

Please explain the impact of the consultation process on the issues stated above.

Section 6 - Monitoring arrangements:

Please explain the arrangements in place (or those which will be put in place) to monitor this function, service, policy, procedure, strategy, plan or project:

Monitoring arrangements: To be reviewed on an annual basis

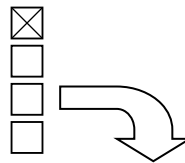
Actions:

To monitor the oversubscription and other admission criterion against protected groups.

Section 7 – Outcomes:

Having completed sections 1-5, please indicate which of the outcomes listed below applies to your initiative (refer to guidance for further information on this section).

- Outcome 1: Continue the initiative...
- Outcome 2: Adjust the initiative...
- Outcome 3: Justify the initiative...
- Outcome 4: Stop and remove the initiative...



For outcome 3, detail the justification for proceeding here

Section 8 - Publication arrangements:

On completion, please contact the Corporate Strategy Team for advice on the legal requirement to publish the findings of EIAs.

The policy relating to Admission to community school in Neath Port Talbot requires an equality impact assessment as part of the publication process.

Action Plan:

Objective - What are we going to do and why?	Who will be responsible for seeing it is done?	When will it be done by?	Outcome - How will we know we have achieved our objective?	Progress
To provide a report to Cabinet (Finance) Sub Committee to seek approval for the allocation of monies.	Helen Lewis	By 30 th November 2019	Applicants will be allocated monies.	
To place notice in local newspaper.	Helen Lewis	April 2020	Details of Trust Fund published in Local Newspaper.	



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot
Neath Port Talbot Council

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET (FINANCE) SUB COMMITTEE

30 OCTOBER 2019

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

Matters for Decision

Wards Affected: Baglan, Briton Ferry East and Briton Ferry West

MISCELLANEOUS GRANT FUND APPLICATIONS

Purpose of the Report:

1. To seek Member approval in relation to grant applications received at Appendix 1 attached.

Background and Financial Impacts

2. The Council has a Miscellaneous Grants Scheme to support individual applications for grants in line with the criteria set out below:-

Existing Policy Statement

- 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.

Miscellaneous Grant funding available

- 3. Members have approved a budget of £2,650 for miscellaneous grants for 2019/20

1. Valleys Communities Impacts

Applications for grant are available to voluntary and charitable organisations across the county borough.

2. Workforce Impacts

There are no workforce impacts.

3. Legal Impacts

Grants are provided in line with the approved scheme criteria.

4. Risk Management Impacts

All grant applications are considered on their own merit and in line with the approved scheme criteria.

5. Consultation

There is no requirement for external consultation on this item.

6. Recommendation

It is recommended that Members approve the applications set out in Appendix 1 to this report.

7. Reason for Proposed Decision

To decide on the amount of financial support in respect of the grant applications received.

8. Implementation of Decision

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

9. **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Schedule of grant applications.

10. **List of Background Papers**

Grant Applications

11. **Officer Contact**

Mr Hywel Jenkins – Director of Finance and Corporate Services

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email: h.jenkins@npt.gov.uk

Schedule of Grant Applications

Applicant	Purpose	Amount Request/Cost of "Project"	Previous Support	Comments
Tyn Y Twr Baglan Bowling Club	Grant assistance towards the rent amount of lease of bowling green at Baglan Park.	Grant towards the increased cost of £220 p.a.	Provided with grant of £200 p.a. for five years from 2014.	Provide grant of £220 p.a. subject to review in line with rent reviews.
The Graig Bowling Green Association	Grant assistance towards the rent amount of lease of bowling green and pavilion at Briton Ferry.	Grant towards the increased cost of £220 p.a	Provided with grant of £200 p.a. for five years from 2014.	Provide grant of £220 p.a subject to review in line with rent reviews.
Giants Grave Boys Club	Grant assistance towards the rent amount of lease of hall at Llansawel Crescent, Briton Ferry.	Grant towards the rent of £632.50 p.a – an increase from previous rent of £575 p.a	Provided with grant of £250 from 2013	Provide grant of £250 p.a subject to review in line with rent reviews.

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