

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Environment and Highways Cabinet Board

26 May 2016

Report of the Head of Engineering & Transport

D. W. Griffiths

Matter for Information

Wards Affected: All wards

SUMMARY OF WELSH GOVERNMENT GRANT APPROVALS RECEIVED FOR HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORT 2016/2017

Purpose of Report

1. To inform Members of Welsh Government grant approvals received for Highway and Transport related schemes for the financial year 2016/2017.

Executive Summary

2. To inform Members of the Welsh Government grant allocation for Highway and Transport related schemes for 2016/2017.

Background

3. On 23rd March 2016, the Welsh Government announced grant approvals received for Highway and Transport related schemes for the financial year 2016/2017 to the total value of £2,877,816.

4. The funding is allocated as follows:-

Local Transport Fund including Active Travel of up to £2,076,00.

Road Safety Capital of up to £324,000.

Road Safety Revenue of up to £77,816.

Safe routes in Communities of up to £400,000

5. The schemes covered by the grants are shown in the table below:-

Bid Category	Bid £000's	Received £000's
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Safe Routes in Communities		
Swansea Valley	578	400
Sub Total	578	400

Local Transport Fund (LTF)		
Active Travel Mapping		10
Port Talbot Integrated Transport Hub	1,120	1,120
Port Talbot and Neath to Swansea Priority Bus Corridor Improvements	946	946
Sub Total	2,066	2,076

Road Safety Capital		
B4828 Bryn – A4107 to the NPT County Boundary		
Longford Road, Dyffryn, Neath	324	324
A474 Penywern Road, Bryncoch, Neath		
Road Safety Revenue		
Sub Total	324	324

Road Safety Revenue		
Pass Plus Cymru		
Motorcyclist Training		
Kerbcraft	77.816	77.816
National Standards Cycle Training		
Drive for Life		
Sub Total	77.816	77.816

6. Road Safety Revenue is restricted by population and casualty statistics.
7. The grant has been accepted by the Director of Finance and the Director of Environment, who have delegated powers for this purpose.

Financial Impact

8. All of the funding has to be claimed in full by 30th April 2017, otherwise any unclaimed funding will no longer be available.

Equality Impact Assessment

9. Screening Assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010. After completing the assessment it has been determined that this function does not require an Equality Impact Assessment.

Workforce Impacts

10. The works will be delivered using the in-house engineering design teams. There are no adverse impacts on the workforce.

Legal Impacts

11. The Integrated Transport Hub is the subject to a Planning Application and a statutory stopping up order of the highway.

Risk Management

12. All the funding has to be claimed in full by 30th April 2017, otherwise any unclaimed funding will no longer be available.
13. The Integrated Transport Hub (£1,120k) is match funding, a bid has been made to WEFO for (£2,560k) if this bid is unsuccessful the scheme will be unable to progress. The first part of the WEFO bid application has been approved; the second part has been submitted and is subject to final approval.
14. A planning application has been submitted for the Integrated Transport Hub, however, there are issues with the Flood Consequences Assessment (FCA) and approval from Natural Resources Wales (NRW) a revised FCA has been submitted to the NRW the outcome of which is awaited before planning approval is granted.

Consultation

15. There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.
16. It should be noted that the LTF projects feature in the approved Local Transport Plan 2015-2020.

Recommendations

17. For information only.

Reason for Proposed Decisions

18. For information only.

Implementation of Decision

19. Not applicable.

Appendices

20. No appendices.

List of Background Papers

21. None

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