

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Policy & Resources Cabinet Board

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Report of the Director of Finance & Corporate Services

H. Jenkins

Matter for: Decision

Wards Affected: All Wards

Third Sector Grant Funding – Award of Grants 2017/18

Purpose of Report

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.

Executive Summary

This report presents the outcomes of the monitoring arrangements for current year grant recipients and the outcome of the assessments undertaken for the 20 new applications received this year. 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

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 partner organisations are listed in Appendix 1 and are required to complete a 6 monthly return by end of October 2016 and end of April 2017. The Group have monitored the October returns and are satisfied with performance to date and recommend the recipients continue to receive funding for year 2 i.e. 2017/18.

All other 2016/17 grant recipients (1 year) are required to submit evidence of outcomes and performance achieved by end of January 2017 (these are listed in Appendix 2).

Assessment of Grant Applications for 2017/18

The Group used the relevant assessment criteria, to ensure consistency and equity in the assessment of the applications received. Appendix 2 contains a table listing which applications are approved for funding and which applications are not approved.

Financial Appraisal

As Members will recall the Welsh Government Provisional Settlement for 2016/17 (current year) was delayed until late December 2015 to await the outcome of the UK Government Spending Review. It was originally envisaged that the Welsh Government funding to Local Government would be cut by 5% and hence this percentage reduction was applied to the 2016/17 grants paid to our strategic partners.

Subsequently the Local Government Settlement for 2016/17 was much better than expected resulting in a reduction of 0.5%. One of the principles of the Third Sector Grant Funding Scheme is that the amounts of funds available will vary in line with the Settlement. The Welsh Government has returned to its earlier timetable for announcing the Provisional Local Government Settlement and this year the Council was informed on the 19th October 2016 that we will receive an increase of 0.5% next year.

Members should note that it is proposed that the total budget quantum for 2017/18 will remain at £413,630 as per the current year and that the grant awarded to our Strategic Partners will be increased by 0.5%. The proposed amount payable to each partner in 2017/18 is set out in Appendix 1.

Table 1

Budget	2016/17
Strategic Partners - Year 1	£296,232
One off grants – Community Safety and Miscellaneous	£15,000
Other	£102,398
Total available	£413,630

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

Table 2

Budget Summary 2016/17 and 2017/18	2016/17	2017/18
Total available	£413,630	£413,630
Add amount carried forward to 2017/18	N/A	£45,950
Less approved Dec 2015	£342,620	0
Amount Available Dec 2016	£71,010	£459,580
Total recommended for approval December 2016:-		
Appendix 1 – year 2 for Strategic Partners	N/A	£297,714
Appendix 2 – New Applications **	£25,060	£120,303
One off grants – Community Safety and Miscellaneous	N/A	£15,000
Sub total	£45,950	£26,563
Amount carried forward to 2017/18	-£45,950	N/A
Balance remaining	£0	£26,563

** Should members approve the new applications for 2017/18 they include a forward commitment of £10,000 to 2018/19.

Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)

1. 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.”
2. An Equality Impact Assessment was completed as part of the development of the Grant Scheme and all applications have been

considered in alignment with that Scheme and therefore no further Equality Impact Assessment is required.

Workforce Impact

There is no workforce impact.

Legal Impact

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

Risk Management

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

Recommendations

It is recommended that Members:

1. Note the monitoring arrangements for the current grant recipients.
2. Approve the award of Grants to the Third Sector organisations as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 of this report.
3. Confirm that grants not be awarded for the applications set out in Appendix 3 of this report.

Reason for Proposed Decision

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

Implementation of Decision

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

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Grant proposed to Third Sector Strategic Partners

Appendix 2 – Third Sector New Applications 2017/18 – Applications recommended for approval

Appendix 3 - Third Sector New Applications 2017/18 - Applications not recommended for approval

List of Background Papers

The Neath Port Talbot Third Sector Grant Funding Scheme and applications.

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Grant proposed to Third Sector Strategic Partners

Organisation	Grant Awarded 2016/17	Grant Awarded 2017/18	Overview of outcomes to be delivered:
1. Canolfan Maerdy	£17,748	£17,837	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, 546	£78,939	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.
3. DANSA Transport	£31,362	£31,520	The provision of affordable and accessible transport.
4. DOVE Workshops	£33,568	£33,736	The advancement of education, training and retraining of people in the Neath, Dulais and Swansea Valleys.
5. Glynneath Training Centre	£41,611	£41,819	The advancement of education, training and retraining of people in the Glynneath Area.
6. NPT CVS - Core Funding Contribution	£43,219	£43,435	To support, promote and develop the participation of voluntary organisations, community groups and individuals in the voluntary sector in Neath Port Talbot.

Organisation	Grant Awarded 2016/17	Grant Awarded 2017/18	Overview of outcomes to be delivered:
7. NPT Shop Mobility	£35,293	£35,469	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	£14,885	£14,959	The advancement of education, training and retraining of people in the Ystalyfera and Godre'r Graig areas.
Total	£296,232	£297,714	

Third Sector New Applications 2017/18 – Applications recommended for approval

Applications recommended for approval (*table also shows current 1 year recipients)

Organisation	Type of service provided	*Current one year recipients amount awarded 2016/17	New Application for 2016/17	Amount applied for 2017/18	Amount of grant proposed	Overview of outcomes to be delivered
1. Care & Repair	Support	*£4,684	n/a	£7,000	£5,000	Help independent living and help older people stay at home, in homes that are adequately maintained, warm and safe and secure
2. Cruse	Support	*£4,408	n/a	£5,000	£4,408	Bereavement support service via various social media avenues, face to face and via literature to all age groups including carers
3. Gwynfi Miners Community Hall	Resource Centre	n/a	n/a	£10,000	£5,000	Providing 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 and reduce the demand on public services

Organisation	Type of service provided	*Current one year recipients amount awarded 2016/17	New Application for 2016/17	Amount applied for 2017/18	Amount of grant proposed	Overview of outcomes to be delivered
4. Neuadd Cwmllynfell Hall		*£20,000	n/a	£75,000 (applied for 3 years)	£20,000 (for 2017/18)	The provision of a wide range of social, recreational activities for local people of all ages
5. NPT Credit Union	Support	n/a	£5,000	n/a	£5,000	Benefits of a new website will provide easy access to ethical financial services and support the expansion of providing basic financial services to communities in the locality
6. NPT CVS BME Development Worker	Support	n/a	£14,560*	£28,801*	£43,361 *(amount to be split over 2 years i.e. 2016/17 & 2017/18)	To strengthen and improve inclusive engagement with residents from across Neath Port Talbot, who are part of various BME Communities. To gather views on the current needs of those communities and use this information to contribute towards the Needs Assessments in connection with the Welsh Government's Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014

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7. NPT Epilepsy Support	Support	*£1,397	n/a	£2,700	£1,400	To support Epilepsy sufferers and their families and friends
8. Port Talbot Stroke Club	Support	*£900	n/a	£1,000	£1,000	Supporting stroke victims and their families and friends via fortnightly meetings
9. Port Talbot & Afan Women's Aid	Support	n/a	n/a	£24,694	£24,694	Coordination and provision of a multi-agency Domestic Abuse service in Neath Port Talbot and delivery of key services for families impacted by domestic abuse right across Neath Port Talbot, with access points in Neath and Port Talbot
10. Age Connects	Support	n/a	n/a	£52,308 (for 2 years 2017/18 and 2018/19)	£20,000 (£10,000 per annum over 2 years)	Provision of specialist information and advice including income maximisation, social inclusion opportunities, health and well-being activities (in partnership with other third sector organisations) and advocacy services. Proposed expansion of 'Outreach Services' (piloted in Glynneath, Blaengwrach, Onllwyn and Resolven using

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						community benefit funds) to Neath Port Talbot and Pontardawe. Application to be part funded subject to the organisation being able to provide what outcomes will be achieved in light of reduced funds for 2017/18 and 2018/19.
11. Melincryddan Community Conference	Resource Centre	n/a	£7,663	£19,800	£15,500 (£5,500 for 16/17 and £10,000 for 17/18)	To support 'Get NPT On-Line' by increasing the supported volunteering model and provide more volunteers to help digitally excluded people to get on-line, use on-line services and gain new digital skills. Application to be part funded subject to the organisation being able to provide what outcomes will be achieved in light of reduced funds
Total		£31,389	£27,223	£226,303	£145,363	

Grant to be funded from other sources

Organisation	Type of service provided	*Current one year recipients amount awarded 2016/17	New Application for 2016/17	Amount applied for 2017/18	Amount of grant proposed	Overview of outcomes to be delivered
12. Canolfan Maerdy	Resource Centre	n/a	n/a	£1,000	£500 (from community safety fund)	The Third Sector Grant Group advised that this application be supported from other streams. £500 will come from the Council's Community Safety Fund and the £500 balance to be bid from the High Sheriff Crime Beat Fund

Third Sector New Applications 2017/18 - Applications not recommended for approval:

Organisation	Amount Applied for 2017/2018	Activity	Reasons
1. Lunch & Life (Over 50's Food and Fun Club), Cwmgors Community Centre	£800	To support the club to attend a trip to sing with an African choir, costs include ticket price and transport.	The application does not meet the aims of the scheme. Other funds are available which are more suited to this type of activity
2. Resolven Building Blocks	£35,880	To assist funding costs such as insurance, safety inspections, paying rent on leases and licences held.	The application does not meet the aims of the scheme. Other funding streams available that are more appropriate (e.g. early prevention & intervention)
3. Calan DVS	£8,500	To fund a free specialist counselling service for male and female victims of domestic abuse aged 16+.	Work is underway to develop a strategy for 'Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence' and this bid should be considered in that context and does not meet the aims of the scheme.
4. South Wales Miners Museum	£15,000	To fund the Volunteer Coordinator post to be full time for the period of one year and to pay for training for volunteers and staff.	This post is not sustainable beyond the life of the NPTCBC Grant. There is no match funding or leverage of additional resources. Therefore the application does not meet the aims of the scheme.

Organisation	Amount Applied for 2017/2018	Activity	Reasons
5. Bryn Residents Action Group	£995	To support running of communal activities that take place in the community hall.	The application does not meet the aims of the scheme, outcomes and output sections do not relate to what the funding is being used for
6. NPT Community Transport	£80,000	To purchase 2 new buses.	The application does not meet the aims of the scheme.
7. Bulldogs Boxing and Community Activities	£79,978 (spread over 2 years)	Funding will employ a mentor who will be the key link to working with young people in NPTCBC and enable the organisation continue to maintain partnership working created with established groups across the Borough	The application does not meet the aims of the scheme.
8. Groundworks – Go Green	£6,000	The principle aim and objective of the project will be to address the issue of an increased demand for mental health support by improving the well-being and mental health of people across the ABMU area.	The application does not meet the aims of the scheme.
Total	£227,153		