



TO: Chief Executive

From: ~~Director of~~ <sup>Head of</sup> Corporate Strategy Democratic Services

**OFFICER EXECUTIVE URGENCY ACTION**

Please arrange consultation with relevant Members in accordance with the Council's approved urgency delegation arrangements to officers, this being an urgent matter, where any delay would prejudice the Council's or the public's interests.

SUBJECT: Substance Misuse Action Fund (SMAF) Revenue for the Western Bay Area Planning Board (APB)

**REPORT AND REASON FOR URGENCY: (see report)**

(continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

To seek authority to accept an award of grant on behalf of the Western Bay APB. N.B. The grant award letter and actions arising post-date the Cabinet Board and a response is required before the next Board.

On 21st July 2017, a letter was received from Welsh Govt. confirming award of SMAF revenue for Western Bay. A formal response is required by 11th August 2017.

Legal advice is that confirmation is required from our partners to the draw-down of the grant and agreement to the conditions. This is being sought from our partners.

This report therefore seeks authority (subject to the above confirmation) to accept the award of SMAF revenue and to accept conditions

**OFFICER'S RESOLUTION:**

- (i) Following written confirmation from all responsible partners, that NPTCBC accept the award of funding from SMAF on behalf of W.B. & accept the conditions of the grant
- (ii) Claire Jones (Head of Substance Misuse Strategy & Development) to be the authorised signatory on behalf of NPTCBC

Note: This matter is / is not\* a private exempt item. If private - exempt Para No.\* (\* delete as appropriate/insert Para No as appropriate)  
This matter is not subject to 'call-in'.

Signed: C. Jones

Date: 7/8/17

CONSULTATION	#Tel. Consult.	SIGNATURE	DATE (please complete)
*Leader / Deputy leader <u>heads on leave</u>	.....	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>8/8/2017</u>
*Relevant Cabinet Member <u>Des Davis</u>	.....	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>8/8/2017</u>
#Relevant Scrutiny Chair <u>Steve Hunt</u>	.....	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>8/8/2017</u>

The above Chair agrees / does not agree that the decision may proceed for implementation as a matter of urgency.  
(# or in absence Vice Chair)

**URGENCY ACTION - COMMITTEE SECTION USE ONLY**

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# **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **Regeneration and Sustainable Development Cabinet Board**

### **Report of the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services– Mrs Karen Jones**

#### **Matter for Decision**

#### **Wards Affected:**

All wards

#### **Substance Misuse Action Fund (SMAF) Revenue for the Western Bay Area Planning Board**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

To seek the necessary authority to accept an award of grant on behalf of Western Bay Area Planning Board.

#### **Executive Summary**

This action is necessary as a grant award letter and actions arising from the award letter, post-date the Cabinet Board meeting and authority to accept the grant needs to be sought before the next Board in order to meet Welsh Government deadlines.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017, Welsh Government wrote confirming the Award of Funding (£3,624,414) in relation to Substance Misuse Action Fund (SMAF) Revenue for the Western Bay Area Planning Board.

A formal response is required by 11<sup>th</sup> August (signed letter) otherwise this award of Funding will automatically be withdrawn.

As there is no formal agreement yet in place, legal advice is that confirmation is required from our partners in the Area Planning Board (APB) that NPTCBC can draw down the funding. This confirmation is being sought. At which point, and with the approval of this report, the award letter can be signed and returned, confirming acceptance of the grant and conditions. This report seeks authority to accept the award of funding from the Substance Misuse Action Fund on



behalf of the Western Bay Area Planning Board for 2017-18 and to accept the conditions relating to the funding.

## **Background**

Welsh Government wrote to the Council on the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017, confirming that funding of up to £3,624,414 (Three Million, Six Hundred and Twenty Four Thousand, Four Hundred and Fourteen Pounds) is awarded to Western Bay for 'the Purposes as defined', relating to substance misuse services. The Funding relates to the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018.

It is noteworthy that the funding is paid to NPTCBC to administer on behalf of all responsible authorities comprising the Area Planning Board (i.e. City & County of Swansea, Bridgend County Borough Council and ABM-U).

It is NPTCBC's responsibility to act as banker for the Purposes of this funding on behalf of all the responsible authorities. Additionally NPTCBC is responsible for making the necessary arrangements for local management controls and ensuring that the Funding is expended solely for the Purposes of this award.

To accept this award of Funding, and the conditions relating to the funding, NPTCBC (as banker) must sign and return a copy of the award letter. Welsh Government must receive our signed letter by 11 August 2017, or this award of Funding will automatically be withdrawn.

A formal agreement under Section 33 of the National Health Services (Wales) Act 2006 for Joint Alcohol and Substance Misuse Services has been circulated for approval to partners but it has not yet been finalised.

In the absence of this formal agreement, Mr David Michael (Head of Legal Services) advises that NPTCBC should seek written confirmation from all responsible partners, confirming that that they are content for NPTCBC to obtain the SMAF revenue 2017-2018.

As such, the responsible authorities detailed above have been asked to confirm that

- That NPT can claim the revenue funding on behalf of your authority in the amount identified in the Grant Agreement attached to this email.
- That your authority accept the conditions of the Grant Agreement and will cooperate accordingly to ensure that NPT are not placed in breach of them
- That you are duly authorised to confirm the above.



This confirmation is being sought. At which point, and with the approval of this report, the award letter can be signed and returned, confirming acceptance of the grant and conditions.

This report seeks authority to accept the award of funding from the Substance Misuse Action Fund on behalf of the Western Bay Area Planning Board for 2017-18 and to accept the conditions relating to the funding.

In which case, authority is sought for Claire Jones, Head of Substance Misuse Strategy and Development, to be the authorised signatory on behalf of Neath Port Talbot CBC, to accept the award and conditions

### **Financial Impact**

This report seeks approval to accept a grant, which funds substance misuse services across the region included much needed services in Neath Port Talbot, and the part funds the support team.

Failure to accept the grant award by 11<sup>th</sup> August would mean the loss of £3,624,414 to the Area Planning Board, which commissions services in Neath Port Talbot.

### **Equality Impact Assessment**

There are no equality impacts associated with this report

In order to assist the Council in discharging its Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010, an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Exercise has been carried out.

### **Workforce Impacts**

There are no workforce implications if the report is approved, as the revenue will provide continuation of services, including funding towards the regional support team.

### **Legal Impacts**

The legal advice is contained within the report, i.e. The necessity to ensure responsible authorities to the APB agree to the funding being drawn down and an officer being granted authority to sign on behalf of the authority.

### **Risk Management**

There are no risk management issues associated with this report. The risks relate to if the report is not approved





## **Consultation**

There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

## **Recommendations**

It is recommended that,

1. Following written confirmation from all responsible partners that they are content for NPTCBC to obtain the SMAF revenue 2017-2018, that NPTCBC accept the award of funding from the Substance Misuse Action Fund on behalf of the Western Bay Area Planning Board for 2017-18 and accept the conditions relating to the funding.
2. Authority is sought for Claire Jones, Head of Substance Misuse Strategy and Development, to be the authorised signatory on behalf of Neath Port Talbot CBC, to accept the award and conditions.

## **Reasons for Proposed Decision**

To enable the Western Bay region to draw down Substance Misuse Action Fund revenue, and continue to fund essential services for a vulnerable client group.

## **Implementation of Decision**

The decision is an urgent one for immediate implementation, subject to the consent of the relevant Scrutiny Chair (and is therefore not subject to the call-in procedure.).

## **Appendices**

Welsh Government Letter - Award of Funding in relation to Substance Misuse Action Fund Revenue – Western Bay Area Planning Board 2017-2018

## **List of Background Papers**

None

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