

# **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **Policy & Resources Cabinet Board**

**13 December 2017**

### **Report of the Director of Finance & Corporate Services**

**H. Jenkins**

**Matter for:** Decision

**Wards Affected:** All Wards

### **Third Sector Grant Funding – Award of Grants 2018/19**

#### **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 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2017 and end of April 2018. The Group have monitored the October returns and are satisfied with performance to date and recommend the recipients continue to receive funding for year 3 i.e. 2018/19.

All other 2017/18 grant recipients (1 year) are required to submit evidence of outcomes and performance achieved by end of January 2018.

### **Assessment of Grant Applications for 2018/19**

The Group used the relevant assessment criteria, to ensure consistency and equity in the assessment of the applications received which are.

- Reduce demand on public services;
- Increase the number of people in the population who are digitally included;
- Reduce inequality;
- Draw in funding from other sources, increasing income to the county borough;
- Promote the independence and wellbeing of vulnerable people

Appendix 2 contains a table listing which applications are approved for funding and which applications are not approved are set out in Appendix 3.

Due to the fact that the total value of new applications at £248k, set out in Appendix 3, far exceed the funds available it is not possible to support those applications. Whilst the applications are worthy of consideration the funding capacity to support is not available.

### **Financial Appraisal**

As Members are aware the Welsh Government's Provisional Local Government Settlement for 2018-19 was announced on 10 October 2017 with the Final Announcement expected on 20 December 2017. The settlement showed an All Wales reduction in funding of 0.5% with Neath Port Talbot Council's funding being slightly better than the Welsh average at a reduction of 0.4%.

Members will recall that for 2017-18 the Budget remained at £413,630, the same as in 2016-17. The Policy and Resources Cabinet Board approved at its meeting of 25 July 2017 to seek applications from third Sector Organisations in line with the Council's Third Sector Grant Funding Scheme to support Council Priorities.

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.

Members should note that it is proposed that the total budget quantum for 2018/19 will remain at £413,630 as per the current year and that the grant awarded to our Strategic Partners will be decreased by 0.4% in line with the provisional settlement. The proposed amount payable to each partner in 2018/19 is set out in Appendix 1.

**Table 1**

<b>Budget</b>	<b>2017/18</b>
Strategic Partners – Year 2	£297,714
One off grants – Community Safety and Miscellaneous	£15,000
Other	£100,916
<b>Total Base Budget available</b>	<b>£413,630</b>

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

**Table 2**

<b>Budget Summary 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/2019</b>	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>2018/19</b>
Total available	£413,630	£413,630
Add amount carried forward to	£51,000	£17,295
Less approved for 2017-18	£432,335	-
Amount Available Dec 2017	£32,295	£430,925
Total recommended for approval December 2017:-		
Appendix 1 – year 3 for Strategic Partners	N/A	£296,527
Appendix 2 – New Applications	£15,000	£112,229
One off grants – Community Safety and Miscellaneous	N/A	£15,000
Sub total	£15,000	£423,756
Amount carried forward to 2018/19	£17,295	-
Balance remaining	N/A	£7,169

## **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 2018/19 – Applications recommended for approval

Appendix 3 – Third Sector New Applications 2018/19 – 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 2017/18	Grant Awarded 2018/19	Overview of outcomes to be delivered:
1. Canolfan Maerdy	£17,837	£17,766	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	£78,939	£78,624	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	£31,520	£31,394	The provision of affordable and accessible transport.
4. DOVE Workshops	£33,736	£33,601	The advancement of education, training and retraining of people in the Neath, Dulais and Swansea Valleys.
5. Glynneath Training Centre	£41,819	£41,652	The advancement of education, training and retraining of people in the Glynneath Area.
6. NPT CVS – Core Funding Contribution	£43,435	£43,262	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 2017/18	Grant Awarded 2018/19	Overview of outcomes to be delivered:
7. NPT Shop Mobility	£35,469	£35,328	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	£14,959	£14,900	The advancement of education, training and retraining of people in the Ystalyfera and Godre'r Graig areas.
<b>Total</b>	<b>£297,714</b>	<b>£296,527</b>	

## Third Sector New Applications 2018/19 – Applications recommended for approval

(\* table also shows current 1 year recipients)

Organisation	Type of service provided	*Current one year recipients amount awarded 2017/18	New Application for 2017/18	Amount applied for 2018/19	Amount of grant proposed	Overview of outcomes to be delivered
1. Age Concern Neath Port Talbot (Age Connects Neath Port Talbot)	Support	*£10,000	n/a	£37,386.67	£20,000	2 year approval in 2017/18 at £10,000 p.a. New 2 year application for extended outreach service for Pontardawe/Port Talbot areas. Propose award of £20,000 for 2018/19 only.
2. Care and Repair Western Bay	Support	*£5,000	n/a	£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.



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3. Cruse Bereavement Care (Morgannwg)	Support	*£4,408	n/a	£5,000	£4,980	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	*£20,000	n/a	£23,500	£15,000	The provision of a wide range of social, recreational activities for local people of all ages.
5. NPT CVS (BME Development Worker)	Support	*£28,801  (£43,361 amount was split over 2 years i.e. 2016/17 & 2017/18)	n/a	£28,828.25	£28,686	Will continue the appointment of a Black Minority Ethnic (BME) Community Development Officer at NPT CVS working in partnership with the NPT BME Community Association. The funding will strengthen and develop the Association so that it will be able to manage assets and draw down funding from different sources.

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6. Gwynfi Miners Community Hall	Support	*£5,000	n/a	£10,000	£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 which will help to reduce the demand on public services.
7. Melincryddan Community Conference – MCC	Resource Centre	*£10,000  (£15,500 amount was split over 2 years i.e. 2016/17 & 2017/18)	£10,000	£40,000	£10,000	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. The coordinators activities include recruiting, training and coordinating volunteers to support existing digital inclusion services and to arrange additional sessions to increase the scope and coverage of the provision which helps people improve their digital skills and employability prospects.

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8. Me, Myself and I (Port Talbot)	Support	*£9,318	n/a	£9,248	£9,211	To help people living with younger onset dementia to access a day break service which promotes healthy living, improves well-being and will help people to maintain independence and stay in their community for longer.

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9. The Mullany Fund (TMF)	Support	n/a	£5,000	£30,000	-	<p>To widen participation (via e-Mentoring children and young people) within life-sciences professions and to raise aspirations and educational attainment targeting areas of deprivation, communities first clusters and children and young people receiving free school meals.</p> <p>The £5,000 grant will enable the project to continue in the NPT area until the outcome of a Big Lottery application is known in May 2018. Insufficient funding to support 2018/19 application.</p>

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10. Ystalyfera Development Trust	Support	(Strategic partner)	n/a	£12,520	£12,520	To expand Basic IT Classes by offering additional courses in Social Media, Tablets, Internet safety and computer skills for job search.
11. Neath Port Talbot District Sports Council	Support	n/a	n/a	£972	£972	To coordinate and provide information to support club success, including funding opportunities and safe practice.
12. Port Talbot Stroke Club	Support	*£1,000	n/a	£900	£900	Supporting stroke victims and their families and friends via fortnightly meetings.
<b>Total</b>			<b>£15,000</b>		<b>£112,229</b>	

Third Sector New Applications 2018/19 - Applications not recommended for approval:

Organisation	Amount Applied for 2018/2019	Activity
1. Amman Valley Trotting Club	£43,764	Application for the salary and on-costs of employing a full-time Development Assistant over a 36-month period to assist the development of Amman Valley Trotting Club's expansion programme
2. Briton Ferry Health and Wellbeing Group	£6,000	To continue to offer Health and Well-being classes to the over 60's and those with health issues.
3. Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids Club	£22,995	To employ a Childcare Business Development Officer to support out of school childcare providers in Neath Port Talbot.
4. Dragon Arts and Learning Core Funding	£49,860	To recruit a Deputy Manager and a part time IT officer at Dragon Art Learning to enable the CEO to concentrate in developing the new social enterprise planned for Herbert Street, Pontardawe.
5. Dragon Arts and Learning Project	£15,700	To support the start-up costs of a social enterprise in Pontardawe – "Y Caffi Gath" (The Cat Café)

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6. Resolven Building Blocks	£26,393	Contribution towards core running costs (salary of manager) to enable the continuation of services e.g. supporting children's early years development, family support services, childcare places and the community centre.
7. Y Banwen	£54,000	To employ a Youth and Community Worker (in partnership with Canolfan Maerdy) to work with young people living in the Upper Amman Valley.
8. Ystalyfera Development Trust	£30,000	To assist the core funding of the organisation to deliver activities and services from the centre, including assisting community groups and businesses, provision of training and supporting to gain qualifications and jobs.
<b>Total</b>	<b>£248,712</b>	