

# **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **Cabinet Board**

**17 December 2018**

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

**H. Jenkins**

**Matter for:** Decision

**Wards Affected:** All Wards

### **Third Sector Grant Funding – Award of Grants 2019/20**

#### **Purpose of Report**

1. 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 for 2019/20.

#### **Background**

2. Grants awarded under the Scheme have been for 12 month periods or 3 year periods. The grants which have been provided for 3 years (to partners the Council has identified as Strategic Partners) were due to expire at the end of this financial year (2018/19).
3. In light of the above funding coming to an end the Council took the opportunity to review the Scheme this year to make sure it continues to be aligned with the Council's priorities as expressed in the Corporate Plan 2018-2022. This is also in line with Principle 17 – Monitoring the Scheme.
4. Following a 12 week consultation period on the proposed changes to the Scheme, Cabinet approved the revised Scheme on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018. Members also agreed to support the principle of allocating a higher proportion of the funds available to support the sustainability of strategic partners, with actual details confirmed upon receipt of applications.

## **Executive Summary**

5. This report presents the outcomes of the monitoring arrangements for current year grant recipients.
6. Outcome of the assessments undertaken for the 36 applications received this year (including the continuation of funding for the eight identified Strategic Partners).
7. 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**

8. 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 eight partner organisations are listed in Appendix 1 and are required to complete a 6 monthly return by end of October 2018 and end of April 2019. The Group have monitored the October returns and are satisfied with performance to date and recommend the recipients continue to receive their funding for year 3 i.e. to the end of March 2019.
9. All other 2018/19 grant recipients (1 year) are required to submit evidence of outcomes and performance achieved by end of January 2019.

## **Assessment of Grant Applications for 2019/20**

10. The Group used the relevant assessment criteria, to ensure consistency and equity in the assessment of the applications received.
11. In light of the revised Scheme those organisations bidding for core funding are also expected to demonstrate their commitment to helping the Council implement its Corporate Plan in the following eight areas:
  - a. Promote the take up of the Council's on-line services through the Switch brand and help people to access those on-line services (digital assist support);
  - b. Encourage participation in Council and local community-run events to support well-being;

- c. Leverage in additional funding;
- d. Promote the Council's Community Directory (Dewis) so that there is a good understanding of all the services that are available within the local area and how to access them;
- e. Encourage the identification and development of local early intervention and prevention services and facilitate access to those services;
- f. Support, inform and promote the Council's priorities;
- g. Contribute to engagement and communications campaigns to improve understanding within communities of the Council's priorities and services;
- h. Where appropriate, provide a physical space that can facilitate co-location of workers from across the public service to provide more integrated services that respond to the needs of local people and communities.

12. Those applications that are recommended for approval in appendices 1 and 2 have satisfied some or all of the criteria contained within Principle 1 of the revised Scheme and have also demonstrated their commitment to a number of the eight areas listed above (a to h).

- Appendix 1 lists the eight identified Strategic Partners approved for 3 year funding.
- Appendix 2 contains a table listing all other applications approved for either 1 year or 2 year funding.
- Appendix 3 contains those applications not approved for funding.

## **Financial Appraisal**

13. One of the principles of the Third Sector Grant Funding Scheme is that the amounts of funds available will vary in line with the Local Government Settlement. The Welsh Government's Provisional Local Government Settlement for 2019/20 was published on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018 which shows that this Council will receive a slight increase of 0.2%.
14. Members should note as part of the Council's public consultation on the 2019/20 Budget that there is a proposal to provide an

additional £100,000 to the Third sector Grant Funding Scheme. Whilst the budget consultation is currently ongoing this report seeks confirmation from Cabinet that the £100,000 is added to the current year's budget thus making a total budget provision of £513,630 for next year. Of this amount it is proposed that £14,000 is retained as one off grants for Community Safety (retained at £11,350) and Miscellaneous (reduced from £3,650 to £2,650) grant applications. The proposed amount payable to each partner in 2019/20 is set out in Appendix 1.

**Table 1**

<b>Budget</b>	<b>2019/20</b>
Base Year Budget including one off grants	£413,630
Additional Budget Allocation for 2019/20	£100,000
Total available 2019/20 plus any amount carried forward from 2018/19	£513,630

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

**Table 2**

<b>Budget Summary</b>	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2019/20</b>
Total available	£ 413,630	£ 413,630
Additional Provision for 2019/20		£ 100,000
Add amount carried forward	£ 17,295	£ 7,169
Less approved previous year	-£ 423,756	-
Amount Available Dec	£ 7,169	£ 520,799
Total recommended for approval:		
Appendix 1 – for Strategic Partners	N/A	£ 333,695
Appendix 2 – New Applications	N/A	£ 170,164
One off grants – Community Safety and Miscellaneous	N/A	£ 14,000
Sub total	£ -	£ 517,859
Projected Amount carried forward	£ 7,169	N/A
Balance remaining	N/A	£ 2,940

All grants payable are subject to successful delivery of outcomes as set out in the application forms / final grant offer letters and agreed by the Council with each applicant.

### **Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)**

15. 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.”

16. An Equality Impact Assessment was completed as part of the initial development of the Grant Scheme in 2016 and a further Integrated Impact Assessment was completed as part of the proposed changes to the Scheme in 2018. All applications have been considered in alignment with the revised Scheme and therefore no further Equality Impact Assessment is required.

### **Workforce Impact**

17. There is no workforce impact.

### **Legal Impact**

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

### **Risk Management**

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

### **Recommendations**

20. It is recommended that Members:

21. Note the monitoring arrangements for the current grant recipients.

22. Confirm that the 2019/20 Budget for Third Sector Grants increases by £100,000 to £513,630.
23. Approve the award of Grants to the Third Sector organisations as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 of this report.
24. Confirm that grants not be awarded for the applications set out in Appendix 3 of this report.

### **Reason for Proposed Decision**

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

### **Implementation of Decision**

26. The decision is proposed for immediate implementation in order to notify all applicants of the outcome before the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 as specified in the Scheme.

### **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – Grant proposed to Third Sector Strategic Partners for 3 years
- Appendix 2 – Third Sector Applications 2019/20 – Applications recommended for approval
- Appendix 3 - Third Sector Applications 2019/20 - Applications not recommended for approval

### **List of Background Papers**

- The Neath Port Talbot Third Sector Grant Funding Scheme.

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## Grant proposed to Third Sector Strategic Partners for 3 years

Organisation	Grant Awarded 2018/19	Amount Applied 2019/20	Grant Awarded 2019/20	Overview of outcomes to be delivered:
1. Canolfan Maerdy	£17,766	£26,000	£26,000	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	£78,624	£89,238	£80,000	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. In addition the CAB has been successful in seeking additional funding from the DWP for work associated with Universal Credit from April 2019.
3. DANSA Transport	£31,394	£38,809	£32,000	The provision of affordable and accessible transport.
4. DOVE Workshops	£33,601	£44,282	£35,000	The advancement of education, training and retraining of people in the Neath, Dulais and Swansea Valleys.
5. Glynneath Training Centre	£41,652	£45,450	£42,000	The advancement of education, training and retraining of people in the Glynneath Area.

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Grant Awarded 2018/19</b>	<b>Amount Applied 2019/20</b>	<b>Grant Awarded 2019/20</b>	<b>Overview of outcomes to be delivered:</b>
6. NPT CVS - Core Funding Contribution	£43,262	£43,695	£43,695	To support, promote and develop the participation of voluntary organisations, community groups and individuals in the voluntary sector in Neath Port Talbot.
7. NPT Shop Mobility	£35,328	£45,519	£45,000	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	£27,420	£33,792	£30,000	The advancement of education, training and retraining of people in the Ystalyfera and Godre'r Graig areas.
<b>Total</b>	<b>£296,527</b>	<b>£366,785</b>	<b>£333,695</b>	



## Third Sector Applications 2019/20 – Applications recommended for approval

(\* table also shows current 1 year recipients)

Organisation	Type of service provided	*Current one year grant awarded 2018/19	Amount applied for 2019/20	Amount of grant proposed	Overview of outcomes to be delivered
1 Age Connects Neath Port Talbot (Age Concern)	Support	*£20,000	£39, 249.55	£10,000	To continue to deliver the EngAGE project, which will ensure those experiencing the highest levels of disadvantage, isolation, loneliness and deprivation due to closure of facilities, service cuts and digital exclusion will have accessible services
2. Care and Repair Western Bay	Support	*£4, 980	£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	*£4,980	£5,000	£2,500	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	*£15,000	£23,500	£12,500 (amount reducing year on year as organisation becomes self-funding)	To contribute towards meeting part of the salary and on costs of a fulltime hall manager. This post is to enable the effective running of the hall and provision of a wide range of social, recreational activities for local people of all ages.
5. NPT CVS (OPC)	Support	N/A	£33,332	£33,000	To support the appointment of a development officer at NPT CVS to work with the Older Persons' Council for Neath Port Talbot. Likely 2 year commitment to 2020/21
6. Gwynfi Miners Community Hall	Support	*£4,980	£12,000	£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

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					which will help to reduce the demand on public services.
7. Melincryddan Community Conference - MCC	Resource Centre	*£10,000	£40,000	£24,000	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.
8. Me, Myself and I	Support	*£9,211	£6,000	£5,000	To support the community hub in the Briton Ferry area.
9. NPT Black Minority Ethnic Community Association	Support	N/A	£28,254	£28,254	To support core running costs and employ member of staff to lever in further funding.
10. Port Talbot Stoke Club	Support	*£900	£900	£500	To provide social contact for people that have suffered from a stroke who would otherwise be isolated / meetings.
11. NPT Stroke Club	Support	N/A	£1460	£500	To provide stroke survivors and their families with support, signposting and information on stroke and other services they can utilise to improve their living conditions and wellbeing.

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12. Families Need Fathers Both Parents Matter (FNF-BPM Cymru)	Support	N/A	£6,500	£3,000	To assist non-resident parents to retain meaningful involvement in their children's lives post-separation in pursuit of the children's best interests; to provide emotional support to non-resident parents (and grandparents); to provide personal one-on-one emotional support to clients most in need of it and specialist service provider to male victims of domestic abuse.
13. NPT Carers Service Ltd	Support	N/A	£43,739	£25,000	Carers will have access to a range of services provided by the Carers Service and partner organisations that will give a carers a break from caring and reduce isolation and stress. Main activities will include: a free sitting service; emotional and wellbeing workshops; counselling sessions and a replacement care service for unmet needs from the sitting service.
14. NPT Community Transport	Support	N/A	£38,000	£15,000	To focus recruiting new volunteer drivers and enabling marketing schemes that already operate to

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					communities across Neath Port Talbot - so that we can continue to provide transport services to elderly and disabled people to engage in social activities.
15. Y Lolfa Community Library	Resource Centre	N/A	£950	£950	To continue to provide a volunteer run community library hub serving communities of Cwmgors, GCG, Tairgwaith and Lower Brynamman wards, which includes online services provided for education and job search.
<b>Total</b>		<b>*£70,051</b>	<b>£247,135</b>	<b>£170,164</b>	

## Third Sector New Applications 2019/20 - Applications not recommended for approval:

	Organisation	Amount Applied For 2019/20	Activity
1.	Ystalyfera Development Trust	£11,981	To update current computers and to purchase tablets to deliver additional IT classes.
2.	Bulldogs	£38,021	To fund a Chief Executive role, to drive the organisation and to generate/lever significant external funding to ensure the 2020 vision becomes a reality.
3.	Coed Darcy FC	£874	To cover the cost of hiring the facilities at Bae Baglan until the clocks revert and we can utilise unlit facilities.
4.	Glyncorrwg Ponds Application 1	£2,057	To continue to employ a caretaker who also has cleaning duties.
5.	Glyncorrwg Ponds Application 2	£4,779	To employ a worker to renew hand rails and steps on woodland walks in ponds park.
6.	Margam Youth Centre	£3,790	To offset costs to maintain the pitches, the general running costs of utility bills gas, electric and water, caretaker fee's /insurance and ground rent fee's to NPTCBC.
7.	Noddfa CC	£28,000	To recruit a Centre manager and making the community facility sustainable.
8.	Old Mill Foundation	£49,500	To continue to run outreach services in the Port Talbot area, covering salary for the outreach coordinator, rent for space to deliver therapies in Afan Community

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			Centre for cancer patients.
9.	Pontardawe Heritage Centre	£4,993	To pay the annual rent, building, contents and liability Insurance and energy bills for one year to help kick start and develop a self-sustaining Heritage and Visitor Centre in Pontardawe.
10.	Relate NPT	£27,949	To develop and roll out a support service with newly or recently diagnosed long term health conditions, terminal illnesses and life changing health events across NPT.
11.	Resolven Building Blocks	£24,680	To strengthen current well established to beneficiaries; children and families.
12.	Riverside / Pontardawe Arena	£32,400	To provide more services to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• over 16 yr. olds - cognitively disabled, ex-offenders, long term unemployed or otherwise disabled or disadvantaged;</li> <li>• disengaged and disadvantaged young people in secondary schools from yrs. 7 to 11;</li> <li>• children in Primary Schools labelled disengaged from an early age</li> </ul> by using contact with the natural environment.
13.	Your Voice Advocacy	£29,927	To allow us to: employ a Peer Advocate for 21 hours a week; employ a volunteer coordinator for 14 hours a week; consolidate our pop-in centre work; establish a resource directory (with dedicated administrator) - in leaflet form available via our website; support existing groups - working with learning disabled adults who are

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			experiencing problems that threaten their continuation; offer individual surgery on issues such as budgeting, benefits; and provide opportunities for social interaction though social groups.
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£258,951</b>	