

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cabinet

31 July 2019

Report - Head of Transformation - A.Thomas

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected:

Glynneath

Project Proposal made to the Members Community Fund

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek Cabinet approval to fund a project proposal that requests financial support under the Members Community Fund. The project has been tabled by one of the respective Ward Members.

Executive Summary

2. The Members Community Fund is to be used to address local needs and to support projects and initiatives that will contribute towards creating vibrant and sustainable communities.

The Project Development & Funding Unit (PDFU) within ELLL is charged with the governance of the Fund and will act as the Grant Management Organisation.

Bids can be made for projects that enhance existing Council services, assist voluntary sector provision or form part of a larger initiative that is in need of additional financial support.

Eligible projects will include those that enrich the environment, promote non - statutory education and learning, assist Health & Well Being, and promote culture and / or recreation in all its forms.

Another project proposal now seeks funding and has been formally submitted to the PDFU. The bid has been checked for completeness, accuracy and deliverability and is 'fit for purpose' and ready for determination by Cabinet.

Background

3. Disabled Crossing provision at Park Avenue, Glynneath.

This bid has been developed to 'Enhance Existing Council Services' and has the full support of the NPTCBC Engineering and Transport division.

The proposal is to install a disabled crossing at the location of the 'Tesco Express' and 'Esso' garage. Alterations to be made to the existing pavement include transition kerbs and tactile paving. The addition of a traffic island equipped with three cone bollards will debar motorists from parking irresponsibly between the entrance and exit to the petrol station forecourt.

The need for this initiative has been brought to the attention of Cllr Del Morgan through numerous complaints made by members of the local community. The lack of a suitable crossing is currently forcing those who have use of a wheelchair, as well as those who are using a pushchair or pram, to venture onto the road and re-mount the pavement further along the street in order to circumnavigate the petrol station.

The long term sustainable benefits associated with the proposal include assisting those who are partially sighted, and those who have use of a wheelchair, mobile scooter, pushchair or pram to cross the area safely. The traffic island will greatly reduce irresponsible parking

and curtail the number of 'near misses' due to poor visibility when motorists park at the exit junction.

The request for Grant aid from the Members Community Fund is for total cost of realising the project, £10,000. This is the entirety of Cllr Del Morgan's Members Community Fund allocation for the Ward of Glynneath.

Financial Impact

4. In order to win favour in Cabinet all projects must be sustainable. Projects must have a robust exit strategy that places no additional revenue or financial burden on the Council.

The project will be sustained in the long term in accordance with Highways infrastructure and the ongoing maintenance regime.

Integrated Impact Assessment

5. A first stage impact assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its legislative duties (under the Equality Act 2010), the Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015, the Well - being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

The first stage assessment has indicated that a more in - depth assessment is not required as the summary concludes there are positive outcomes for the sustainable development principle, collaboration and involvement, with no impact on equalities or the Welsh language.

Valleys Communities Impacts

6. No implications

Workforce Impacts

7. There are no workforce impacts associated with this report.

Legal Impacts

8. The delivery of the Members Community Fund will come within the purview of the Local Government Act 2000 which introduced well-being powers which enable every Local Authority to have capacity to do anything which it considers likely to promote an improvement to economic, social or environmental well-being in the area. Under section 56 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 sanction is given for both Executive and Non - Executive Members to invest within their own Ward.

The Council's Constitution should be referred to for explicit guidance on governance.

Risk Management

9. There are no risk management issues associated with this report.

Consultation

10. There is no requirement for external consultation on this item.

Recommendations

11. That the project proposal for a Disabled Crossing provision at Park Avenue, Glynneath, is approved and that Councillor Del Morgan's allocation of £10,000 under the Members Community Fund is awarded.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

12. To approve the Application for funding that has been received under the Members Community Fund. The Members Community Fund will continue to receive bids until the due deadline date of 31.03.2020.

Implementation of Decision

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

List of Background Papers

14. This Glynneath initiative has been developed from the Members Community Fund Application Form submitted by Cllr Del Morgan. The Application Form has been retained for future reference, as have documents associated with the first stage Impact Assessment.

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