

# **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **Cabinet**

25 September 2019

### **Head of Transformation - A.Thomas**

#### **Matter for Decision**

#### **Wards Affected:**

Margam

### **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 the respective Ward Member.

#### **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. Supply and installation of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) at Margam Park.**

This bid has been developed to 'Enhance Existing Council Services.'

The funding will be used to procure a defibrillator through the Registered Charity, 'Welsh Hearts.' The defibrillator will be easy to use, featuring a full colour display with vivid rescue images, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) cycle timer and a gauge that shows CPR compression depth. It is suitable to be used on individuals of any age. The quotation from 'Welsh Hearts' also includes for a heated stainless steel cabinet which will be used to install the AED in the Courtyard at Margam Castle. This is one of the most heavily visited areas in the Park and would be a natural assembly point in the instance of an emergency. 'Welsh Hearts' will make arrangements for a volunteer from the Welsh Ambulance Service to provide free basic life support training and defibrillator training to staff and volunteers, who may be called upon to use the defibrillator in the unfortunate event of a cardiac arrest.

Margam Park receives over 100,000 visitors per year. Activities taking place on a daily basis include cycling, orienteering, yoga, archery and 'Go Ape.' At any time one of these visitors, particularly those taking part in intense physical exercise, or indeed Park Staff/ volunteers could suffer from a cardiac arrest. Sudden cardiac arrest is a leading cause of premature death, but with immediate treatment

many lives can be saved. The provision of a defibrillator at this location would enable the deployment of potentially life-saving medical treatment whilst waiting for the Emergency Services to arrive.

The request for grant aid from the Members Community Fund is for £1,611.00, which is the full cost of procuring the defibrillator, the stainless steel cabinet and an A-Frame sign to alert members of the public to its location. This is the fifth proposal received to the Members Community Fund from Cllr Rob Jones and if it prevails, £3,679.06 will remain in his Members Fund allocation to develop further priority projects.

### **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 defibrillator will ultimately be the responsibility of the management team at Margam Park, who have made an ongoing commitment to ensuring it is appropriately insured and maintained for the foreseeable future.

The defibrillator and stainless steel cabinet come with a 10 year warranty from 'Welsh Hearts.' The defibrillator performs a daily self-check and displays a warning light if it is in need of attention. The battery and pads have a long shelf life, allowing the defibrillator to be left unattended for long periods of time.

### **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 supply and installation of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) at Margam Park be approved, and that Cllr Rob Jones' allocation of £1,611.00 under the Members Community Fund be 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 Margam initiative has been developed from the Members Community Fund Application Form submitted by Councillor Rob Jones, which has been retained for future reference. The first stage Impact Assessment documentation associated with this project proposal has also been retained.

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