

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cabinet

25 September 2019

Report of the Head of Transformation - A.Thomas

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected:

Baglan

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 three Ward Members for Baglan.

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. Road Safety measures at St. Illtyd's Drive and Tyn y Twr, Baglan.

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 secure a legal Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). The initiative will involve the marking of double yellow lines with kerb clips to establish a prohibition of waiting at any time order at the junction of St. Illtyd's Drive and St. Catharine's Road and also at Tyn y Twr with its junction at Bwlch Road. The proposal for St. Illtyd's Drive also includes for disabled crossing at three designated crossing points and 'Araf/Slow' road markings to advise traffic to reduce their speed on the approaches to the junctions.

The need for this initiative has been brought to the attention of the three Baglan Councillors through numerous complaints made by residents, concerns raised in PACT meetings and the occurrence of two serious road traffic accidents at this junction. The scheme will provide junction protection and improved visibility to the pedestrian crossing points.

The long term sustainable benefits associated with the proposal include assisting those who have use of a wheelchair, mobile scooter, pushchair or pram to cross the area safely. The restrictions will greatly reduce irresponsible parking and improve road safety.

The request for Grant aid from the Members Community Fund is for total cost of realising the project which is £9,999. Councillor Richards is to commit the remainder of his Members Fund allocation (£2,395) and Councillors Clement- Williams and Renkes are to contribute £3,802 each to arrive at the total project cost.

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 to instil road safety measures at St. Illtyd's Drive and Tyn y Twr, Baglan is approved and that the allocation of £9,999 (as stipulated above), 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. Full Funding Applications can be made to the Members Community Fund until the 03.02.2020 in readiness for Cabinet decision on the 19.02.2020. The Fund will then close. Funds left unallocated will be returned to Reserves.

Implementation of Decision

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

List of Background Papers

14. This Baglan initiative has been developed from the Members Community Fund Application Form submitted jointly by Cllr Clement-Williams, Cllr Richards and Cllr Renkes. The Application Form has been retained for future reference, as have documents associated with the first stage Impact Assessment.

15. Officer Contact

Paul Hinder, Project Development & Funding Manager, (ELLL).

Tel: 01639 763390, email: p.hinder@npt.gov.uk

