

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cabinet

5 February 2020

Report of the Head of Transformation - A.Thomas

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected:

Glyncorwg

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 Ward Member for Glyncorwg.

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. To provide additional play equipment at Ynyscorrwg Park Play Area.

The Ynyscorrwg Play Area falls under the purview of the NPTCBC Streetcare Services, who have pledged their full support to this application for funding.

The proposal is to enhance the existing play facilities by installing two additional pieces of play apparatus; a 'Zig-Zag' twister and a 'Spin-a-Bounce', which is a dynamic combination of both a roundabout and see-saw.

The play area is the only outdoor amenity available to the children and young people in the Ward of Glyncorwg. Representation has been made to the local Ward Member that the play area lacks variety and does not cater to the high volume of activity it receives, particularly during the summer months. The two additional items of equipment will improve play value, make good use of the existing vacant space, and fill identified gaps in provision for apparatus that encourages spinning/rotating.

The long term community benefits associated with the project include encouraging further outdoor play which will in turn reduce obesity in children and promote socialisation between both children and adults alike. The addition of the 'Zig-Zag' twister and 'Spin-a-Bounce' will

greatly enhance a facility which provides a safe and secure environment for play and recreation for all year round community use.

The project costs are based upon quotations secured from reputable Playscape providers. £6,772.02 is sought from Councillor Nicola-Jayne Elsie Davies' Members Fund allocation which is the total cost of delivering the proposal.

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.

This proposal has the full support of NPTCBC's Streetcare Services. They will be responsible, as they are now, for the ongoing insurance, maintenance and inspection of the Park for the foreseeable future.

The new play equipment will be of robust construction. It conforms to the relevant British and European standards i.e. steel components to EN 10087:1998, polyester powder paint to EN 13438:2005. The fixings are anti-vandal and corrosion resistant. Due to this there should not be any issues in terms of repair/replacement for the length of the warranty period.

The NPTCBC Streetcare Services will continue to carry day-to-day maintenance, grass cutting, litter picking and site supervision, to ensure the play area is kept clean and safe.

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 this project proposal to provide additional play equipment at Ynyscorrwg Park Play Area is approved and that Councillor Davies' allocation of £6,772.02 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 end of the financial year. 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 Glyncorwg initiative has been developed from the Members Community Fund Application Form submitted by Councillor Nicola-Jayne Elsie Davies. The Quotation provided by 'Wicksteed' 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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