

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cabinet

19 February 2020

Report of the Head of Transformation - A.Thomas

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected:

Port Talbot

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 Ward Councillors for Port Talbot.

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. Application to equip the street scene in Trefelin Crescent, Velindre, Port Talbot with an additional 6m street lighting column complete with a 27 Watt LED lamp.

This project proposal is to add one lighting column to serve Numbers 1 to 6 Trefelin Crescent as there is a perceived gap within the curtain of light created by existing lamps.

The need for the project has been brought to the attention of the local Councillor as there are concerns for safety, for both pedestrian and vehicular traffic. The area is plunged into darkness in the winter months and there has been a campaign to complete the field of illumination on the junction of Trefelin Road with the Crescent for some time.

Use can be made of existing trunking and electrical connections (with 'Western Power Distribution') and the NPTCBC Public Lighting Division has quoted competitively for the work.

The purchase cost of supplying, installing, connecting and commissioning is £1,584 and the financial support to make this project proposal deliverable is sought from Councillor Rahaman's Members Fund.

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 going forward will be maintained under the current NPTCBC Public Lighting Contract. The new column will come under the umbrella of existing street lighting works.

The project will be supervised by the Area Managers, who will maintain the initial momentum and interest.

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 support street lighting in Velindre, Port Talbot is approved and that Councillor Rahaman contributes £1,584 under the Members Community Fund.

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 Port Talbot initiative has been developed from the Members Community Fund Application Form submitted by Councillor Saifur Rahaman and the NPTCBC Public Lighting Division. The quote that

has been generated and the schematic plan drawings have been entered on File for reference. The first stage Impact Assessment documentation associated with this project proposal has also been retained.

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