

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Education, Skills and Wellbeing Cabinet Board

Report of the Head of Property & Regeneration Simon Brennan

25th January 2023

MATTER FOR : Information

WARD(S) AFFECTED: Margam

Update on the Council's successful bid to Cadw for Emergency Works grant funding

Purpose of Report

To inform Members of the grant funding received from the Welsh Government (CADW) to deliver repair works to Margam Castle.

Executive Summary

To inform Members of the £500k Cadw Emergency Works Grant Funding bid, which was successfully secured to undertake repair works to Margam Castle.

Background

NPTC were invited by Cadw to apply for the Emergency Works grant funding in a competitive bid to secure funding to repair Listed Buildings that were at risk or vulnerable to deterioration.

The Property and Regeneration team have a rolling programme of works to undertake repairs to Margam Castle, supported by the Capital Programme and maintenance budget. Every funding opportunity is explored to secure additional funding to enhance the scope of the repair programme.

The budget was set by a programme and schedule of works prepared by our in-house team of Architects. The programme of works and funding application submitted to Cadw was for £500k and a grant offer letter for

the full amount was received on the 15th December 2022 and an acceptance letter reply was sent on the 20th December 2022.

The work has to be completed by the end of March 2023 and the grant funding also claimed by the end of the financial year.

The Repair Works

The repair work will include works to the following areas:

Main Tower: Repairs to stonework at high level on all elevations, including resetting of finial and crown stones

Brewery Tower: Repairs to stonework, including parapet crenulations, pointing and rainwater goods

Inner Courtyard: Repairs to copings, chimneys and gables to include dismantling and rebuilding stonework

North Elevation: Repairs to copings, gables and courtyard walls, including dismantling and rebuilding stonework.

Given the tight programme to achieve completion of these works and the difficulty in delivering building work at height and during the winter months, there is some flexibility in the grant conditions to vary the works. This will be agreed with Cadw prior to any changes. In the event of inclement weather affecting progress of the external works, a programme of works has already been prepared for scaffolding and surveying the internal Main tower which we will request as the variation works.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact as a result of the grant funding. No match funding was required. The works are 100% funded by the Cadw grant.

Integrated Impact Assessment:

An IIA is not required to accompany this report as the purpose of the report is for Members information and not for decision.

Valleys Communities Impacts

There are no impacts on valleys communities

Workforce Impact

There are no workforce impacts associated with this report.

Legal Impact

The Council are required to comply with the terms and conditions of the Emergency Works Grant Fund specified in the Grant Offer Letter.

Risk Management

There are no risk management issues associated with this report.

Consultation

No external consultation has been required.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Members note the benefits of grant funding in supporting repair works at Margam Castle.

Appendices

None

List of Background Papers

None

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