

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

7 MARCH 2023

CABINET (POLICY AND RESOURCES) SUB COMMITTEE

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: S.K.Hunt (Chairperson), S.A.Knoyle and A.Llewelyn

Officers in Attendance:

H.Jones, C.Owen, C.Furlow-Harris, C.John and T.Davies

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor S.K.Hunt be appointed Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **CHAIRPERSONS ANNOUNCEMENT/S**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes from the meeting of 24 January, 2023, were agreed as an accurate record.

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No questions had been received.

6. **THIRD SECTOR GRANTS 2023-24 - ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS**

Members noted that the grant applications contained within the circulated report had been received outside of the deadline. Although Cabinet Members were in favour of awarding the grants, they asked that the timescales be adhered to in the next round of Third Sector Grant Funding.

It was also noted that the Council intended carrying out a review of the Third Sector Grants process, over the summer months.

Decision:

That the following organisations be awarded grant funding, as detailed below:

Grant Award to Third Party Strategic Partner Organisations 2023/24	2023/24 Year 1	2024/25 Year 2	2025/26 Year 3
Citizens Advice Swansea Neath Port Talbot	£90,000	£94,879	£98,674
NPT Shopmobility	£47,000	£51,480	£51,480
Total	£137,000	£146,480	£150,154

Reason for Decision:

To approve grants to a third sector organisations in line with the Council's Scheme.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

7. **MISCELLANEOUS GRANT FUND APPLICATION**

It was noted that this application was reported to the Cabinet (Policy and Resources) Sub Committee on 24 January 2023, however, the incorrect Ward and premises i.e. Baglan Ward and Evans Bevan Playing Fields was reported. This was now correctly reported as Pontardawe Ward and the premises referred to is Cross Community Centre High Street, Pontardawe.

Decision:

That the Trustees of Jones CIC be granted £9,350 per annum towards the cost of the rent of £9,845 pa, in relation to the lease of Cross Community Centre, High Street, Pontardawe.

Reason for Decision:

To agree the amount of financial support in respect of the grant application received.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

8. **COMMUNITY COUNCILS MINOR PROJECTS SCHEME**

Decision:

That a grant of 70% of actual costs, up to a maximum of £14,000, be awarded to Pelenna Community Council, to enable community improvements.

Reason for Decision:

To enable community improvements.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

9. **RATE RELIEF FOR CHARITIES AND NON-PROFIT MAKING ORGANISATIONS**

Decision:

That the current scheme of rate relief for charities and non-profit organisations, be extended to 31 March 2029.

Reason for Decision:

To enable the Council to provide discretionary rates relief to ratepayers to the 31 March 2029.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

10. **CYBER SECURITY STRATEGY 2023 UPDATE**

Decision:

That the update report be noted.

11. **ACCESS TO MEETINGS - EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED: That pursuant to Regulation 4 (3) and (5) of Statutory Instrument 2001 No. 2290, the public be excluded for the following items of business which involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

12. **WRITE OFF OF BUSINESS RATES**

Decision:

That approval be granted to write off the amounts of Business Rates, as detailed in the private circulated report.

Reason for Decision:

To enable the Council to write off irrecoverable accounts.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

13. **WRITE OFF OF COUNCIL TAX**

Decision:

That approval be granted to write off the amounts of Council Tax, as detailed in the private circulated report.

Reason for Decision:

To enable the Council to write off irrecoverable accounts.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

CHAIRPERSON