



COUNCIL - 11TH OCTOBER 2016

SUBJECT: AUTHORISATION OF OFFICERS – COMMUNITY/PARTNERSHIP GRANT SCHEMES

REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES AND SECTION 151 OFFICER

- 1.1 The attached report, which was considered by Cabinet on 7th September 2016, seeks approval to authorise Officers in relation to the operation of community/partnership grant schemes within the Public Protection Division, and the endorsement of a subsequent change to the Council's Constitution and is referred to Council for consideration.
- 1.2 The report outlines the proposed changes to the Council's Constitution following organisational changes, whereby the Head of Public Protection is now responsible for the Corporate Policy function including the administration of the Technical Assistance Fund, and Greener Caerphilly Small Grants Fund. For the Technical Assistance Fund a Panel chaired by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Planning and Sustainable Development considers applications and makes recommendations. The fund was established to help voluntary organisations and community groups in the borough meet the costs of pre-application professional fees, technical or legal, for capital projects. The Greener Caerphilly Small Grants Fund provides up to £10,000 in match funding for partnership projects to deliver tangible environmental improvement and benefits to the community, applications are considered by the Greener Caerphilly Partnership.
- 1.3 At the meeting of Cabinet, Members noted that, as a result of organisational changes, the Corporate Policy function now sits with the Head of Public Protection and considered a request that the Council's Constitution be amended to reflect these changes and include the delegation for the approval or refusal of applications for funding under the Technical Assistance Fund and Greener Caerphilly Small Grants Fund to the Corporate Policy function.
- 1.4 Following consideration and discussion, it was moved and seconded that the recommendations in the report be approved. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officers report it be recommended to Council that: -

- (i) the authorisation of any Director or the Head of Public Protection to approve or refuse applications under the grant schemes detailed in paragraph 4.2 of the report be approved;
 - (ii) the proposed changes to the Council's Constitution as set out in paragraph 4.4 of the report be approved and the Council's Monitoring Officer be given delegated authority to make the necessary amendments to the Council's Constitution.
- 1.5 Members are asked to consider the recommendations.

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Appendix: Report to Cabinet dated 7th September 2016