



SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 18TH JUNE 2019

SUBJECT: SOCIAL SERVICES GRANTS 2019/20

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR SOCIAL SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform Members of 2019/20 grant funding for the Directorate of Social Services.

2. SUMMARY

2.1 The report provides details of current 2019/20 grant funding for the Directorate of Social Services. During the financial year further grants are often made available subject to new funding being identified and successful outcomes for bids.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Members are requested to note the content of this report.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 To ensure that Members are aware of the grants for the Directorate and their intended purpose.

5. THE REPORT

5.1 Appendix 1 provides details of the current grant awards for 2019/20 categorised as follows:-

- Grants receivable by Caerphilly Social Services for Caerphilly CBC only.
- Grants receivable by Caerphilly Social Services for wider Consortium arrangements.
- Grants receivable by other Organisations for wider Consortium arrangements that include Caerphilly Social Services.

5.2 Members should note that the grant funding is fully committed for specific purposes in line with the terms and conditions of the grant awarding bodies. At year-end the grant funding bodies request information to satisfy them that monies have been spent in accordance with the relevant terms and conditions.

5.3 Where required, External Audit assesses expenditure against the terms and conditions of the grant. This assessment normally comprises of a random sample of spend, followed by an in-depth scrutiny of the sampled items. This can also involve ensuring proper procurement processes have been adhered to and confirmation that expenditure complies with the conditions of the grant and the intended purpose. Any issues identified by the Auditors will be investigated and this could lead to a need to review a larger sample of expenditure. The schedule in Appendix 1 shows which grants are subject to audit review.

5.4 The External Auditors produce a report annually summarising any issues that have come to light during their audit of the Authority's grants.

5.5 **Conclusion**

The report is provided to ensure that Members are aware of the grants available to fund services which fall under the responsibility of the Corporate Director for Social Services along with their intended purpose. Further details of individual grants can be made available to Members if required.

6. **ASSUMPTIONS**

6.1 There are no assumptions included in this report.

7. **LINKS TO RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICIES**

7.1 The effective utilisation of grant funding will ensure that the Authority is well placed to achieve its stated aims and contribute towards national objectives.

7.2 **Corporate Plan 2018-2023**

Appendix 2 provides details of how the services funded by each of the social services grants receivable in 2019/20 will contribute towards the Corporate Well-being Objectives included in the Corporate Plan for 2018-2023.

8. **WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS**

8.1 Effective financial management including the effective utilisation of external grant funding is a key element in ensuring that the Well-being Goals within the Well-Being and Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 are met.

9. **EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 This report is for information purposes, so the Council's Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) process does not need to be applied.

10. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 Grant funding levels can change from year to year leading to uncertainty of funding. As mentioned above, many of the grants are subject to audit and expenditure must comply with the grant terms and conditions. Failure to comply may result in a qualification of the grant by the External Auditors, which could result in the clawback of the grant funding.

11. **PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 Grant funded posts have the potential to be at risk if funding is withdrawn. Wherever possible this risk is mitigated through fixed-term appointments to grant funded posts.

12. **CONSULTATIONS**

12.1 All consultation responses have been incorporated into this report.

13. STATUTORY POWER

13.1 Local Government Acts 1972 and 2003 and the Council's Financial Regulations.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 - Schedule of Social Services Grant Funding for 2019/20

Appendix 2 - Potential Impact on Wellbeing Objectives of Social Services Grant Funding for 2019/20

Grants Receivable by Caerphilly Social Services for Caerphilly C.B.C. Only							
Grant	Funding Body	Grant Funding	Matched Funding	Division	Lead Officer	Purpose of Grant	Subject to Audit
Social Care Workforce and Sustainability Pressures Grant	Welsh Government	£1,779,173		Adults and Children	Senior Management Team	To address current workforce pressures and supporting the sustainability of the social care workforce and supporting the delivery of sustainable social care services, ensuring they are better placed to meet increased or unexpected demands	No
Mental Capacity Act/Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards Grant	Welsh Government	£14,103	-	Adults	Service Manager	To provide an interim additional resource while we await the Department of Health's decision in relation to the Law Commission's report and recommendations in relation to the Mental Capacity Act and DoLS	No
Funded Nursing Care Grant	Welsh Government	2019/20 funding to be confirmed	-	Adults	Service Manager	To fund ongoing liabilities stemming from the Supreme Court Ruling on the funding of tasks performed by registered nurses in care homes. £61,168 was awarded to CCBC in 2018/19.	No

Grants Receivable by Caerphilly Social Services for Wider Consortium Arrangements

Grant	Funding Body	Grant Funding	Matched Funding	Division	Lead Officer	Purpose of Grant	Subject to Audit
Youth Offending Effective Practice Support Grant	Youth Justice Board	2019/20 funding to be confirmed	-	Children's	Service Manager	To tackle local youth justice priorities within Caerphilly and Blaenau Gwent. Funding for 2018/19 amounted to £376,941.	Yes
Youth Offending Police Grant	Police and Crime Commissioner	2019/20 funding to be confirmed	-	Children's	Service Manager	To tackle local youth justice priorities within Caerphilly and Blaenau Gwent.. Funding for 2018/19 amounted to £51,517.	No
Remand Framework for Children Grant	Youth Justice Board	2019/20 funding to be confirmed	-	Children's	Service Manager	Funding allocation for remands to youth detention accommodation of children and young people (under 18 years of age) Funding for 2018/19 amounted to £23,419.96 for Caerphilly and £13,520.04 for Blaeanu Gwent.	No
National Approach to Advocacy Grant	Welsh Government	£118,175 for Gwent including £37,580 for Caerphilly	-	Children's	Service Manager	To support the implementation of the National Approach to Statutory Advocacy for Children and Young People across the Gwent region.	No
Housing Support Grant (including what was previously the Supporting People Grant)	Welsh Government	Total grant of £6,412,036 of which £6,232,790 is earmarked for the Supporting People Programme	-	Adults	Supporting People Project Manager	To provide support (not personal care) to vulnerable people to enable them to live as independently as possible.	Internal only
Children and Communities Grant (including what was previously Families First Grant and the St.David's Day Fund)	Welsh Government	Total grant of £9,742,237 of which £2,697,474 is earmarked for the Families First Partnership and £144,053 for St. David's Day Schemes	-	Children's	Service Manager	The Families First Partnership provides a range of services to support families living in Caerphilly county borough. The St. David's Day schemes support young people who are or have been in local authority care to access opportunities that will lead them towards independent and successful lives.	Yes

Grants Receivable by Other Organisations for Wider Consortium Arrangements Including Caerphilly Social Services

Grant	Funding Body	Grant Funding	Matched Funding	Grant Recipient	Lead Officer	Purpose of Grant
Transformation Grant	Social Care Wales	£9,982,830 for the Gwent Region		Aneurin Bevan University Health Board	Director of Social Services	To transform health and social care services in response to a Parliamentary Review, driving integration and focussing on building primary care services, providing care closer to home and supporting the transformation of hospital-based care.
Social Care Wales Workforce Development	Social Care Wales	£420,269 for Caerphilly and £200,876 for Blaeanu Gwent	Grant funds 70% of total expenditure.	Blaenau Gwent Social Services	Learning and Development Manager	To develop an appropriately trained workforce across the Social Care sector (not just Local Authority staff).
Integrated Care Fund	Welsh Government	£15,469,000 revenue funding and £6,484,000 capital funding for the Gwent region.	-	Aneurin Bevan University Health Board	Director of Social Services	To encourage collaborative working between social services, health and housing, to support people to maintain their independence.
Carers' Grant	Welsh Government	£191,000 for the Gwent region	-	Aneurin Bevan University Health Board	Director of Social Services	To enable local health boards to work collaboratively with all partners to enhance the lives of carers in line with national priorities

Potential Impact on Wellbeing Objectives of Social Services Grant Funding for 2019/20

Grant	Well Being Objective Contributed Towards	Specific Outcome Achieved
Social Care Workforce and Sustainability Pressures Grant	1.Improve education opportunities for all.	8.Safeguard all children and young people in order to create a climate for learning, particularly for those most vulnerable.
	6.Support citizens to remain independent and improve their well-being.	1. Support people to 'help themselves' by providing comprehensive advice and information including signposting to other services.
		3.Provide support to reduce the need for higher tier statutory interventions. 5.Improve the recruitment of Foster Carers and Shared Lives carers.
Mental Capacity Act/Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards Grant	6.Support citizens to remain independent and improve their well-being.	1. Support people to 'help themselves' by providing comprehensive advice and information including signposting to other services. 3.Provide support to reduce the need for higher tier statutory interventions.
Funded Nursing Care Grant	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Youth Offending Effective Practice Support Grant	1.Improve education opportunities for all.	4.Help those who are not able to follow a traditional attainment path.
		5.Support learning that enables young and adult employment opportunities including a focus on 'future skills'.
		8.Safeguard all children and young people in order to create a climate for learning, particularly for those most vulnerable.
	2.Enabling employment.	1.Aim to reduce the impact of poverty by supporting people into better employment prospects.
	6.Support citizens to remain independent and improve their well-being.	1. Support people to 'help themselves' by providing comprehensive advice and information including signposting to other services.
2.Have 'meaningful conversations' to help people identify 'what matters'to them to inform'outcome focused' planning.		
3.Provide support to reduce the need for higher tier statutory interventions. 6.Continue to identify opportunities to work collaboratively wherever appropriate.		
Youth Offending Police Grant	as Youth Offending Effective Practice Support Grant (above)	as Youth Offending Effective Practice Support Grant (above)
Remand Framework for Children Grant	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
National Approach to Advocacy Grant	6.Support citizens to remain independent and improve their well-being.	1. Support people to 'help themselves' by providing comprehensive advice and information including signposting to other services.
		6.Continue to identify opportunities to work collaboratively wherever appropriate.

Grant	Well Being Objective Contributed Towards	Specific Outcome Achieved
Housing Support Grant (including what was previously the Supporting People Grant)	1.Improve education opportunities for all.	1.Aim to reduce the impact of poverty within early years. 8.Safeguard all children and young people in order to create a climate for learning, particularly for those most vulnerable.
	3.Address the availability, condition and sustainability of homes throughout the county borough and provide advice, assistance or support to help improve people's well-being.	6.Promote the development of a healthy and vibrant private rented sector as a viable housing option. 7.Prevent homelessness and tackle rough sleeping. 8. Prevent tenancies from failing by providing a range of housing related support (including those affected by financial hardship, mental health issues or physical disabilities).
	6.Support citizens to remain independent and improve their well-being.	1. Support people to 'help themselves' by providing comprehensive advice and information including signposting to other services. 3.Provide support to reduce the need for higher tier statutory interventions.
	Children and Communities Grant (including what was previously Families First Grant and the St.David's Day Fund)	1.Improve education opportunities for all.
5.Creating a county borough that supports a healthy lifestyle in accordance with the Sustainable Development Principle within the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.		1.Aim to reduce inequalities in health across the county borough.
6.Support citizens to remain independent and improve their well-being.		1. Support people to 'help themselves' by providing comprehensive advice and information including signposting to other services. 2.Have 'meaningful conversations' to help people identify 'what matters'to them to inform'outcome focused' planning. 3.Provide support to reduce the need for higher tier statutory interventions. 4.Identify and support carers. 6.Continue to identify opportunities to work collaboratively wherever appropriate.
Transformation Grant		5.Creating a county borough that supports a healthy lifestyle in accordance with the Sustainable Development Principle within the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.
	6.Support citizens to remain independent and improve their well-being.	3.Provide support to reduce the need for higher tier statutory interventions. 6.Continue to identify opportunities to work collaboratively wherever appropriate.

Grant	Well Being Objective Contributed Towards	Specific Outcome Achieved
Social Care Wales Workforce Development	2.Enabling employment.	1.Aim to reduce the impact of poverty by supporting people into better employment prospects.
	6.Support citizens to remain independent and improve their well-being.	1. Support people to 'help themselves' by providing comprehensive advice and information including signposting to other services.
		2.Have 'meaningful conversations' to help people identify 'what matters'to them to inform'outcome focused' planning.
		3.Provide support to reduce the need for higher tier statutory interventions.
		4.Identify and support carers.
6.Continue to identify opportunities to work collaboratively wherever appropriate.		
Integrated Care Fund	1.Improve education opportunities for all.	4.Help those who are not able to follow a traditional attainment path.
		8.Safeguard all children and young people in order to create a climate for learning, particularly for those most vulnerable.
	3.Address the availability, condition and sustainability of homes throughout the county borough and provide advice, assistance or support to help improve people's well-being.	4.Deliver adaptations to support the health and well-being of people in their own homes and maximise the delivery and appropriate use of accessible homes.
	5.Creating a county borough that supports a healthy lifestyle in accordance with the	1.Aim to reduce inequalities in health across the county borough.
	6.Support citizens to remain independent and improve their well-being.	2.Creating a place that supports a healthy lifestyle.
		1. Support people to 'help themselves' by providing comprehensive advice and information including signposting to other services.
		2.Have 'meaningful conversations' to help people identify 'what matters'to them to inform'outcome focused' planning.
3.Provide support to reduce the need for higher tier statutory interventions.		
4.Identify and support carers.		
5.Improve the recruitment of Foster Carers and Shared Lives carers.		
6.Continue to identify opportunities to work collaboratively wherever appropriate.		
Carers' Grant	6.Support citizens to remain independent and improve their well-being.	1. Support people to 'help themselves' by providing comprehensive advice and information including signposting to other services.
		2.Have 'meaningful conversations' to help people identify 'what matters'to them to inform'outcome focused' planning.
		3.Provide support to reduce the need for higher tier statutory interventions.
		4.Identify and support carers.
		6.Continue to identify opportunities to work collaboratively wherever appropriate.