



ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – FOR INFORMATION

SUBJECT: REVENUE GRANTS 2020/2021

REPORT BY: INTERIM CORPORATE DIRECTOR - COMMUNITIES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide information to Members relating to revenue grants for 2020/21 for Communities Directorate service areas.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The report provides details of the 2020/21 revenue grant funding for Communities Directorate. The report excludes grant funded schemes where CCBC merely act as banker for Partnership schemes. During the financial year further grants are often made available subject to new funding being identified and successful outcomes to bids.
- 2.2 The report is provided to ensure that Members are aware of grants and their intended purpose. Further details of individual grants can be made available to Members if requested.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee Members are requested to note the contents of this report and the summary grant pages that follow in respect of Infrastructure Services Division, Public Protection Division and Community & Leisure Services Division, which all fall within the remit of this Scrutiny.

4. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 To inform Members of the 2020/2021 revenue grant funding position for Communities Directorate services.

5. THE REPORT

- 5.1 The attached Appendix provides summary details of revenue grants currently available to the Directorate in 2020-21. It includes a list of the grants, the grant funding bodies, the value of the grant, a brief description of the purpose of the funding, together with details of the responsible officer. As highlighted in the appendix, there is a diverse range of grants available to the Authority.
- 5.2 Grants will have an agreed set of terms and conditions, covering the type of initiatives and expenditure that will be funded, the methods for submitting grant claims and documentary evidence required in support of the claims. The grant funding body will request information to satisfy itself that the grant monies have been spent in accordance with its terms and conditions. Expenditure in respect of grants is usually subject to an external audit.

5.3 External audit would assess expenditure against the terms and conditions of the grant and this assessment would normally comprise a random sample of spend, followed by an in-depth scrutiny of the sampled items. This could involve ensuring proper procurement processes have been adhered to, and/or assets purchased have been located, along with the confirmation that spend complies with the conditions of the grant. The External Auditors produce a report annually summarising any issues that have come to light during their audit of the Authority's grants.

6. CONCLUSION

6.1 External grant funding is very important in helping the Authority deliver some key services and appendix 1 summarises the revenue grants for 2020/2021 and the service area's they support. It is important that services receiving grant adhere to any specific terms and conditions linked to the grant and ensure financial processes and procedures are in place in relation to expenditure incurred and grant claims produced.

7. ASSUMPTIONS

7.1 Details of grant funding included in this report is based on formal notifications of specific grant awards for 2020/2021 or based on the latest estimate of grant likely to be received.

8. LINKS TO RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICIES

8.1 The Council has a number of corporate strategies and this report deals with the use of resources in the achievement of those strategies.

8.2 Effective financial planning and financial control contribute to the following Well-being Goals within the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015:-

- A prosperous Wales
- A resilient Wales
- A healthier Wales
- A more equal Wales
- A Wales of cohesive communities
- A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language
- A globally responsible Wales

9. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

9.1 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.

10. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no equalities issues.

11. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

11.1 Grant funding for service initiatives and schemes can change from year to year and uncertainty of funding or reductions in funding needs to be considered and managed,

including implications for future service provision, employment implications, redundancy costs and alternative funding streams.

- 11.2 Expenditure must comply with the grant terms and conditions, and/or bids. 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.

12. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 Grant funded services provide employment opportunities within the Authority and loss of or reduced grant provision can sometimes impact on employment and possible redundancy.

13. CONSULTATIONS

- 13.1 There are no consultation responses, which have not been included in this report.

14. STATUTORY POWER

- 14.1 Local Government Act 1972 and 2003 and the Council's Financial Regulations.

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Background Papers:
Grant Allocation Reports 2020/21

Appendices:
Appendix 1- Schedule of Communities Directorate Grants 2020-21

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Grant	Funding Body	Grant Funding 2020/2021	Grant Funding 2019/2020	Matched Funding	Division	Lead Officer	Purpose of Grant	Subject to Audit
Rural Development Plan (RDP) 2014-2020	EU funding via Welsh Government (WG)	£386,083	£379,045	Yes	Planning - Countryside	RDP Delivery Manager	Regeneration Initiatives in rural areas through community engagement and development.	Yes
Aberbargoed Grasslands SSSI	National Resources Wales (NRW)	£20,000	£20,000	No	Planning - Countryside	Countryside Manager	To part fund the Aberbargoed Grasslands SSSI	No
Agriculture & Farming - Ynys Hywel Farm	Welsh Government (WG)	£8,000	£8,000	No	Planning - Countryside	Countryside Manager	To part fund / subsidise farming activities at Ynys Hywel Farm	No
Environment and Sustainable Development (ESD)	Welsh Government (WG)	£0	£85,471	No	Planning - Countryside	Countryside Manager	This grant is no longer available, environmental and sustainability initiatives funding by other means	N/A
Local Sport Plan	Sports Council for Wales (SCW)	£566,275	£672,925	No	Community & Leisure - Sports Development	Sports & Leisure Development Manager	Support the development of physical activities in CCBC	No
National Exercise Referral Scheme	Public Health Wales	£138,600	£138,600	No	Community & Leisure - Sports Development	Sports & Leisure Development Manager	Provide exercise schemes to support over 16's at risk of chronic disease	No
Disability Sports grant	Federation of Disability Sports Wales (FDSW)	£21,598	£21,708	No	Community & Leisure - Sports Development	Sports & Leisure Development Manager	Provision of sport activities for people with disabilities	No
Sustainable Waste Management Grant	Welsh Government (WG)	£888,479	£942,804	No	Community & Leisure - Waste Management & Cleaning	Waste Strategy & Operations Manager	Waste Resource Management including resource efficiency through waste prevention, recycling and landfill diversion.	Yes
Environment and Sustainable Development (ESD)	Welsh Government (WG)	£0	£30,347	No	Community & Leisure - Waste Management & Cleaning	Special Projects Officer	No grant in 2020/2021 but replaced by Caru Cymru Keep Wales Tidy funding.	Yes
Caru Cymru Partnership	Welsh Government (WG)	£30,000	£30,000	No	Community & Leisure - Waste Management & Cleaning	Special Projects Officer	Caring for the Environment and Keeps Wales Tidy initiatives. Funding via Caru Cymru	Yes
Flood & Coastal Erosion Risk Management Grant	Welsh Government (WG)	£105,000	£70,000	No	Infrastructure	Senior Engineer Corporate Land Drainage	Flood alleviation initiatives	No
Road Safety Revenue Grant	Welsh Government (WG)	£45,858	£88,500	No	Infrastructure	Transport Engineering Manager	Provision of 4 Road Safety activities comprising of Kerb craft, National Standards Cycle Training, Pass Plus Cymru & Megadrive. Funding reduced by 50% for 20/21	No
Bus Services Support Grant	Welsh Government (WG)	£426,430	£423,376	No	Infrastructure	Principal Passenger Transport Officer	To support Local and Rural Bus Services with a minimum requirement for Community Transport. This is a WG funded grant but is claimed via Monmouthshire CC who are the lead Authority.	Yes

Concessionary Fares Grant	Welsh Government (WG)	£3,386,000	£3,311,500	No	Infrastructure	Principal Passenger Transport Officer	To pay towards the Concessionary Fares Scheme operated by WG via each Local Authority and its Bus Service Contracts. Figure is indicative only and paid on actual basis plus administration less £934,000 CCBC contribution. Also this mechanism may be changing in the future on how grant is	Yes
Bus Service Operators Grant (Connect 2)	Welsh Government (WG)	£9,000	£9,000	No	Infrastructure	Principal Passenger Transport Officer	To pay towards Bus Service Operators Costs and based on kilometre's travelled. This is a WG funded grant but is claimed via Monmouthshire CC the lead Authority. Figure is indicative only and are normally paid on actual mileage travelled but 20/21 is based on 19/20 figures due to Covid-19	No
Bus Service Operators Grant (Social Services Transport)	Welsh Government (WG)	£45,000	£45,000	No	Infrastructure	Principal Passenger Transport Officer	To pay towards Bus Service Operators Costs and based on kilometre's travelled. This is a WG funded grant but is claimed via Monmouthshire CC the lead Authority. Figure is indicative only and are normally paid on actual mileage travelled but 20/21 is based on 19/20 figures due to Covid-19	No
Arts Council for Wales (ACW) Revenue Grant	Arts Council for Wales (ACW)	£130,798	£129,375	No	Regeneration & Planning	Destination & Events Manager	Development of arts provision in CCBC via the Blackwood Miners Institute (BMI)	Yes
SE Wales Arts & Education Regional Network	Arts Council for Wales (ACW)	£0	£150,000	No	Regeneration & Planning	Destination & Events Manager	Grant ceased in 2020/2021 (Bankers for grant to be spent over whole region, employer of 2 PT staff to deliver)	N/A
Children & Communities Grant	Welsh Government (WG)	£1,403,067	£1,403,068	No	Regeneration & Planning - Community Regeneration	Community Regeneration Manager	New grant from WG which incorporates Legacy and C4W+ together with 5 other grants into one funding allocation.	Yes
C4W (Communities For Work)	EU funding via Welsh Government (WG)	£597,465	£601,975	No	Regeneration & Planning - Community Regeneration	Community Regeneration Manager	As compensation for services in relation to the C4W programme in each Cluster	Yes
SCHOOL MILK	EU funding & Welsh Government (WG) & Health	£292,900	£292,900	NO	Public Protection	Catering Manager	Grant value approximate as based on milk uptake, also varies according to exchange rate	No
Total: -		£8,500,553	£8,853,594					