



REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT (PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT) SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 15TH NOVEMBER 2012

SUBJECT: LOCAL GOVERNMENT BORROWING INITIATIVE – BIDS 2013/14 AND 2014/15

REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update and seek comment from scrutiny on the Local Government Borrowing Initiative 2013/14 and 2014/15 CCBC bid proposals.

2. SUMMARY/BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The previous report to Council dated 23 February 2012 (appendix 1) details the full background to the Local Government Borrowing Initiative and the Council approved projects.
- 2.2 The proposals highlight the priorities identified for Caerphilly County Borough Council's bid for the Welsh Governments (WG), Local Government Borrowing Initiative (LGBI) for 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15 which is the three years over which this funding is available.
- 2.3 The funding available to Caerphilly County Borough Council is circa £2.8 million per year over the identified three years.
- 2.4 A proposed projects table is appended and is to be submitted as the bids for years 2013/14 and 2014/15. The 2012/13 bid information has been previously approved and is included for information.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The report links directly to the regeneration of the county borough making Caerphilly County Borough a better place to live and work.
- 3.2 The report links directly to the council's priority to improve the look and feel of its streets and to make Caerphilly a safer place to live and work.

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 The £2.8 million of approved identified schemes for 2012/13 (appendix 2) will be substantially complete by December 2012 and within the budget estimates previously provided.
- 4.2 In order to comply with Welsh Government (WG) guidance for future funding provision, bids for 2013/14 and 2014/15 need to be submitted to the Regional Transport Consortia (RTC) for

appraisal by the end of December 2012. Following RTC appraisal the bids will be forwarded to WG for approval during February/March 2013.

- 4.3 Council previously approved Caerphilly's outline bid strategy on 23 February 2012 as detailed in Appendix 1.
- 4.4 Outline costs have now been assigned to the previously identified schemes for 2013/14 and 2014/15 (appendix 2) and the proposed project table has been updated.
- 4.5 The proposed carriageway and footway schemes to be undertaken with the 2013/14 bid funding are included in appendix 3.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 An EqlA screening has been completed in accordance with the Council's Equalities Consultation and Monitoring Guidance and no potential for unlawful discrimination and/or low level or minor negative impact have been identified, therefore a full EqlA has not been carried out.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The borrowing initiative is fully financially supported by Welsh Government as detailed in the previous report to Council on 23 February 2012.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 None.

8. CONSULTATIONS

- 8.1 As identified at end of the report.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 It is recommended that members note the report and provide comments on the bid document and process and the Council's submission of its LGBI Business Justification Case to WG for that work identified in Appendices 2 and 3. The report will be taken to Cabinet on 27 November 2012.

10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 To positively contribute to extending the life of the Council's biggest asset, namely the highway network.

11. STATUTORY POWER

- 11.1 Highways Act 1980.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1

Local Government Borrowing Initiative - Special Cabinet and Council (23/2/2012)

Appendix 2

Proposed CCBC Business Justification Case Projects

Appendix 3

Carriageway Resurfacing LGBI Sites 2013/2014