

**POLICY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 9TH JUNE 2009****SUBJECT: CYMORTH & COMMUNITIES FIRST GRANT FUNDING 2009/10****REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES****1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To give detail of spend for 2009/10 in respect of Cymorth and Communities First grants as requested by Members.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 Members have requested further information on spend on the above 2 grants for 2009/10 following a high level summary report to the 21st April 2009 P&R Scrutiny.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 Grant funding links to all of the Council's strategic themes as well as having specific relevance to the effective and efficient application of resources.

4. THE REPORT**Cymorth Grant 2009/10**

- 4.1 There is a Strategic Board which approve how the grant is spent and then details are submitted to the Welsh Assembly Government (WAG). The Board is chaired by the Director of Education and Leisure and includes Representatives from Education and Leisure, Social Services, Caerphilly Teaching Local Health Board, Safer Community Partnership, Gwent Health Care, NHS Trust, Gwent Police, Caerphilly and Blaenau Gwent Youth Offending Service, GAVO, Parent Network, 2 representatives from the Voluntary Sector Network, Communities First and Health Social Care and Wellbeing.
- 4.2 Attached in Appendix 1 are the details of the proposed spend in respect of Cymorth for 2009/10. The allocation for 2009/10 is £3,445,183. The proposed pro rata spend on themes A to E are detailed below:-.

Theme A – Family Support	23%
Theme B – Health Promotion	15%
Theme C – Play, Leisure & Enrichment	17%
Theme D – Empowerment, Participation & Advice Citizenship	5%
Theme E – Training, Mentoring & Information	30%
Other – Monitoring & Evaluation	10%
	100%

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- 4.3 In all cases, spend is governed overall by the categories set out in the grant awards from WAG. Grant can only be spent for the purposes for which it was provided, unless WAG approval is obtained for a change. In submitting grant claims for these projects, a Finance Officer verifies that expenditure has been incurred in accordance with the terms of the grant approvals. Within the context of the above, the Partnerships are each managed by an Executive, which is elected annually, and which has responsibility for the expenditure incurred.
- 4.4 Similarly, decisions on the expenditure incurred by organisations subject to individual approvals rest with the organisations concerned. This applies to Groundwork, Senghenydd Youth Drop-in Centre (SYDIC) and Gigabytes - a youth project which provides a service to marginalised and hard to reach young people in the Greater Bargoed area. The Youth Support award is split into distinct elements relating to SYDIC and CCBC (which is managed by Community Education).
- 4.5 Jan Bennett, the Community Regeneration Officer is responsible for managing the overall programme. This involves accountability to WAG for the delivery of the programme, including control of expenditure incurred.
- 4.6 As can be seen from Appendix 2 the majority of non-Partnership awards relate predominantly to staffing costs, so in practice there is little discretion available re spend. The 30 staff included in Central Support Costs are:-

Finance Officer
Finance Assistant
Admin Officer (Scale 5-6)
Admin Officer (Scale 3)
Admin Officer (Scale 1-2) x 5
Research Officer
Disabilities Rights Officer
Monitoring & Evaluation Officer
Co-ordinator x 5
Support Officer x 6
Health & Well Being Officer x 5
Engagement Officer x 2

All the above are employed within CCBC.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Expenditure funded from specific grants needs to comply with the grant terms and conditions that relate to that specific grant. Non-compliance could lead to a claw back of grant funding. Projects funded by specific grants may be short term in nature.

6. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Grant funded posts may not be sustainable in the longer term and are often temporary whilst the grant is available.

7. CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 No external consultations are required or involved. Internal consultees are listed below.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

9. STATUTORY POWER

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

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Appendix 1: Cymorth Grant 2009/10
Appendix 2: Communities First Grant 2009/10