



VOLUNTARY SECTOR SUB-COMMITTEE - 5TH DECEMBER 2012

SUBJECT: RURAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (RDP) AND COMMUNITY REGENERATION GRANTS UPDATE AND GUIDELINES

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report outlines the grants awarded under the RDP grant schemes (Basic Services Community Key Fund and Village Renewal & Development Key Fund) since it began and the amount of funding still available. It will go on to outline awards under the Community Regeneration Fund in the current financial year and the amount still remaining within the budget for the current year. The application guidelines for the individual grant schemes are attached to this report.

RDP Basic Services Community Key Fund

The total amount of grant funding available to award to projects was £152,000 capital and £40,000 revenue. To date the Cwm a Mynydd Grants Panel has awarded £152,000 capital and £25,884.31 revenue to 12 projects, leaving a balance of £14,115.69 revenue still to be allocated. The total project cost of all the projects supported to date is £468,999.13, with £314,357.74 match funding being provided by the applicants themselves or other match funding sources.

RDP Village Renewal & Development Key Fund

The total amount of grant funding available to award to projects was £176,000 capital and £24,000 revenue. To date the Cwm a Mynydd Grants Panel has awarded £176,000 capital and £7,350 revenue to 10 projects, leaving a balance of £16,650 revenue still to be allocated. The total project cost of all the projects supported to date is £487,219.93, with match funding of £303,869.93 being provided by the applicants themselves or other match funding sources.

Community Regeneration Fund

This grant scheme is funded via the Council's Voluntary Sector Budget. In the 2012/13 financial year the total budget available was £156,936 capital and £209,578 revenue.

With regard to the capital budget, an additional £17,605 has been recycled back into the budget from projects approved in previous financial years that have not spent their full allocation, resulting in a total budget of £174,541. To date two applications rounds have been run, with the Community Regeneration Fund Grant Panel allocating £149,464.49 capital funding to 13 projects. Capital funding of £25,076.51 still remains to be allocated.

With regard to the revenue budget, an additional £35,903.34 has been recycled back into the budget from projects approved in previous financial years that have not spent their full allocation, resulting in a total budget of £245,481.34. The two application rounds to date have seen the Grants Panel allocating £84,217.97 revenue funding to four projects. Revenue funding of £161,263.37 still remains to be allocated.

A further round of this grant scheme closed on 16th November 2012, and the Panel is due to meet on 4th December to consider the applications received. It is worth noting that the Community Regeneration Fund can be used as a match funding source for projects applying for funding from the RDP grant schemes, so there will be an element of CRF funding included within the match funding figures quoted above.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 - APP3 - Application Criteria
Appendix 2 - APP6 - Terms and Conditions
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