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Social Services and Public Protection Services Grants Funding for 2017/18



HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND WELL BEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR INFORMATION

SUBJECT: SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION GRANTS 2017/18

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR SOCIAL SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members of 2017/18 grant funding for the Directorate of Social Services and Public Protection Services.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The report provides details of current 2017/18 grant funding for the Directorate of Social Services and for Public Protection Services. During the financial year further grants are often made available subject to new funding being identified and successful outcomes for bids.
- 2.2 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 requested.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

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

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 Appendix 1 provides details of the current grant awards for 2017/18 categorised as follows: -
- Grants receivable by Caerphilly Social Services and Public Protection 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.
- 4.2 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.

4.3 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.

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

5 WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

5.1 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.

6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

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

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 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.

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8. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 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.

9. CONSULTATIONS

9.1 All consultation responses have been incorporated into this report.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

11. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

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

12. STATUTORY POWER

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

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Appendices:
Appendix 1 – Schedule of Social Services and Public Protection Services Grant Funding for 2017/18

Grants Receivable by Caerphilly Social Services and Public Protection Services for Caerphilly C.B.C. Only							
Grant	Funding Body	Grant Funding	Matched Funding	Division	Lead Officer	Purpose of Grant	Subject to Audit
Supporting People Grant	Welsh Government	£6,232,790	-	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
Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children	UK Border Agency	£95 per day for under 16s and £71 per day for 16-17 year olds	-	Children's	Service Manager	Caerphilly are currently supporting 2 x 16 year olds and 3 x 16 to 17 year olds. Two of these individuals have not yet had their asylum seeker status confirmed by the Home Office.	No
Welsh Independent Living Fund Grant	Welsh Government	£1,009,909	-	Adults	Service Manager	To enable payment of recipients of the former Independent Living Fund (ILF) which closed on 30th June 2015	No
Social Care Workforce Grant (National Living Wage)	Welsh Government	£600,016	-	Adults	Corporate Director for Social Services	To assist local authorities to manage the financial impacts of changing workforce costs and arrangements within the social care sector, particularly pressures arising from the national living wage.	No
Additional Investment in Social Care	Welsh Government	£20m across Wales. Caerphilly's allocation to be confirmed	-	Adults and Children's	Corporate Director for Social Services	£9 million to promote the stability of the social care market, £8 million to prevent children from entering care and improve outcomes for those leaving care and £3 million to support carers. Terms and conditions to follow.	No
School Milk Grant	EU funding & Welsh Government (WG) & Health	£320,963	-	Public Protection	Catering Manager	Provision of school milk to nursery and key stage 1 & 2 children. Grant value approximate as based on milk uptake, also varies according to exchange rate.	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	£376,941	-	Children's	Service Manager	To tackle local youth justice priorities within Caerphilly and Blaenau Gwent.	Yes
Youth Offending Police Grant	Police and Crime Commissioner	£51,517	-	Children's	Service Manager	To tackle local youth justice priorities within Caerphilly and Blaenau Gwent.	No
Remand Framework for Children Grant	Youth Justice Board	£22,023.89 for Caerphilly and £12,714.11 for Blaeanu Gwent	-	Children's	Service Manager	Funding allocation for remands to youth detention accommodation of children and young people (under 18 years of age)	No
Families First Grant	Welsh Government	£2,747,197	-	Children's	Service Manager	Provides a range of services to support families who live in Caerphilly county borough.	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	Subject to Audit
Caerphilly & Blaenau Gwent Social Care Workforce Development	Welsh Government	£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).	Yes
Integrated Care Fund (previously known as Intermediate Care Fund)	Welsh Government	£9,072,696 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. This funding covers Caerphilly, Newport, Torfaen, Monmouthshire and Blaenau Gwent.	No