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Date: 11th November 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

A digital meeting of the **Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel** will be held via Microsoft Teams on **Thursday, 18th November, 2021 at 5.00 pm** to consider the matters contained in the following agenda. You are welcome to use Welsh at the meeting, a minimum notice period of 3 working days is required should you wish to do so.

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Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chrissy'.

Christina Harrhy
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

AGENDA

	Pages
1 To receive apologies for absence.	

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2 Declarations of Interest.

Councillors and Officers are reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest(s) in respect of any item of business on this agenda in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution and the Code of Conduct for both Councillors and Officers.

To approve and sign the following minutes: -

3 Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel held on 21st July 2021.

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To receive and consider the following report from the Head of Financial Services & S151 Officer: -

4 Applications for Financial Assistance.

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Circulation:

Councillors C. Andrews, M. Davies, A. Farina-Childs, A. Gair (Chair), R.W. Gough (Vice Chair), D.T. Hardacre, A.G. Higgs, L. Jeremiah, Mrs A. Leonard, Mrs G.D. Oliver, D.W.R. Preece, J. Ridgewell, J.E. Roberts, J. Taylor and B. Zaplatynski.

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GRANTS TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR PANEL

MINUTES OF THE DIGITAL MEETING HELD VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON
WEDNESDAY, 21ST JULY 2021 AT 5.00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillor A. Gair – Chair
Councillor R. Gough – Vice Chair

Councillors:

C. Andrews, A. Gair, J. Ridgewell, J. Taylor and B. Zaplatynski.

Together with:

S. Harris (Head of Financial Services & S151 Officer), V. Doyle (Policy Officer), E. Sullivan (Senior Committee Services Officer), S. Hughes (Committee Services Officer) and M. Harris (Committee Services Support Officer).

RECORDING AND VOTING ARRANGEMENTS

The Chairperson reminded those present that the meeting was being recorded and would be made available to view via the Council's website, except for discussions involving confidential or exempt items. [Click here to view.](#)

1. TO APPOINT A CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

It was moved and seconded that Councillor A. Gair be appointed as Chair of the Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel for the ensuing year and by a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that Councillor A. Gair be appointed as Chair of the Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel for the ensuing year.

It was moved and seconded that Councillor R. W. Gough be appointed as Vice Chair of the Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel for the ensuing year and by a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that Councillor R. W. Gough be appointed as Vice Chair of the Grants to the Voluntary Sector for the ensuing year.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors M. Davies, A. Farina- Childs, D. Hardacre, A. Higgs, L. Jeremiah, Mrs A. Leonard, Mrs G. D. Oliver, D. W. R. Preece and J. E. Roberts.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor R. Gough declared a personal interest in agenda item 5 (5.2.2 of the report), as Chair of Llanbradach Community Centre Management Committee.

Councillor C. Andrews declared a personal interest in agenda item 5 (5.1.8 of the report), as Valley Daffodils is one of the Mayor's charities and her friend volunteers for them.

It was noted that these items had been approved by the Head of Financial Services & S151 Officer under delegated powers and were reported to the Panel for information only.

4. MINUTES – 24TH MARCH 2021

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel held on 24th March 2021 (minute nos. 1 – 4) were received and approved as a correct record.

5. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The report provided the Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel with details of the applications for financial assistance received between 1st January 2021 and 31st March 2021 relating to the 2020/21 financial year and applications for financial assistance received between 1st April 2021 and 31st May 2021 relating to the 2021/22 financial year. The Panel was also asked to consider two applications from individuals in relation to the Welsh Church Acts Fund.

Members were advised of the budget allocations for both the Voluntary Sector budget and the Welsh Church Acts Fund budget and provided with details of applications received and approved by the Head of Financial Services & S151 Officer under delegated powers between 1st January and 31st May 2021.

A Member enquired as to whether the grant allocation could be increased for the first Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel held in the next financial year due to the consequences of Covid-19 in the current financial year. The Head of Financial Services & S151 Officer informed the Panel that a service review is being undertaken in relation to all grants across the Council, however it was agreed that the situation will be monitored over the next six months and it may need to be considered outside of the review.

A Member raised concerns regarding the projected level of Discretionary Rate Relief payments for 2021/22. The Head of Financial Services & S151 Officer informed Members that the Discretionary Rate Relief Policy was amended a few years ago and some larger organisations no longer qualify or can only access a proportion of the funding. Members were advised that, moving forward the Head of Financial Services & S151 Officer may consider separating the Discretionary Rate Relief budget so that there would be a definitive budget every year for grants to organisations. However, this would be part of the wider service review and appropriate recommendations would be made in due course.

The Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel noted the applications received that met the criteria for Financial Assistance and the Welsh Church Acts Fund, which have already been approved by the Head of Financial Services & S151 Officer under delegated powers, and which are reported to the Panel for information.

PUBLIC INTEREST TESTS

Members considered the public interest test certificate, in relation to Appendix 2 of the application for financial assistance, from the Proper Officer and concluded that on balance the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the

information. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

Members considered the public interest test certificate, in relation to Appendix 3 of the application for financial assistance, from the Proper Officer and concluded that on balance the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure to them of exempt information as identified in paragraphs 12 and 14 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

EXEMPT MATTER

Members of the Panel were asked to make a recommendation for approval or otherwise in relation to requests for funding from two individuals under the Welsh Church Acts Fund. This recommendation will then be considered and approved by the Head of Financial Services & S151 Officer under delegated powers.

Following consideration and discussion, it was moved and seconded that the recommendation in the Officers report be approved. By way of electronic voting, this was unanimously agreed.

RECOMMENDED to the Head of Financial Services & Section 151 Officer:

Appendix 2 – To approve the request from an individual in relation to the Welsh Church Acts Fund.

Appendix 3 – To approve the request from an individual in relation to the Welsh Church Acts Fund.

The meeting closed at 5.39 p.m.

Approved as a correct record and subject to any amendments or corrections agreed and recorded in the minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2021, they were signed by the Chair.

CHAIR

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GRANTS TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR PANEL – 18TH NOVEMBER 2021

SUBJECT: APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

**REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR EDUCATION AND
CORPORATE SERVICES**



1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Panel of the applications for Financial Assistance received between 1st June and 30th September 2021.
- 1.2 To seek Panel views on one application for Financial Assistance that does not meet the general criteria.
- 1.3 To inform the Panel of the applications for Welsh Church Acts Fund received between 1st June and 30th September 2021.
- 1.4 To inform Panel members of funding withdrawn from two previously approved Welsh Church Acts Fund projects and the reasons for this course of action.
- 1.5 To seek Panel views on one application from an individual in relation to the Welsh Church Acts Fund.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The report advises Panel members of the budget allocations for both the Voluntary Sector budget and the Welsh Church Acts Fund budget. It provides details of applications received and approved by the Head of Financial Services & S151 Officer under delegated powers between 1st June and 30th September 2021. It also provides details of funding withdrawn from two previously approved projects under the Welsh Church Acts Fund and the reasons for this. Finally, it seeks Panel views in relation to one application for Financial Assistance that does not meet the general criteria, and one application received from an individual under the Welsh Church Acts Fund, with the purpose of making a recommendation to the Head of Financial Services & S151 Officer for approval or otherwise.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Panel members note the applications received that meet the criteria for Financial Assistance and the Welsh Church Acts Fund, which have already been approved by the Head of Financial Services & S151 Officer under delegated powers, and which are reported to the Panel for information.
- 3.2 Panel members make recommendations for approval or otherwise in relation to one application for Financial Assistance that does not meet the general criteria, and one application from an individual under the Welsh Church Acts Fund. This recommendation will then be considered and approved or otherwise by the Head of Financial Services & S151 Officer under delegated powers.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 To ensure that the applications received under this report are determined in accordance with the Council's scheme of delegation criteria.

5. THE REPORT

5.1 GRANTS TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR BUDGET

- 5.1.1 The Grants to the Voluntary Sector budget for 2021/22 is shown in the table below:

Budget 2021/22	£188,160.00
Less Discretionary Rate Relief (Estimated)	£194,757.97
Remaining Budget	(£6,597.97)
Carry forward balance from 2020/21	£137,206.20
Total Available Budget 2021/22	£130,608.23
Total 2021/22 Grants awarded previously	£900.00
Balance Remaining	£129,708.23

- 5.1.2 The projected Discretionary Rate Relief for 2021/22 is **£194,757.97**, which is £6,597.97 over the budget available for 2021/22. Allowing for the projected spend on Discretionary Rate Relief, the available balance for schemes is £130,608.23, which includes carry forward balances. Spend of £900 in 2021/22 was reported at the last Panel meeting, leaving a balance of **£129,708.23**.
- 5.1.3 Between 1st June and 30th September 2021, seven new General Criteria awards have been made totalling **£890**. These have been approved by the Head of Financial Services & S151 Officer under delegated powers and are reported to the Panel for information only. The awards are summarised in the table overleaf.

Ref	Name of organisation/ individual	Category	Amount awarded
21/GC006	Penuel Baptist Church	Community Groups	£100
21/GC007	Blackwood Musical Theatre Society	Theatre Groups	£200
21/GC008	URV Walking Football Group	Sports Club (up to 50 members)	£100
21/GC009	Tredomen Allotment Association	Allotments	£100
21/GC010	Application from an individual	Individuals (amateur) representing Wales at home – Clay Target Shooting	£130
21/GC011	Application from an individual	Individuals (amateur) representing Wales at home – Clay Target Shooting	£130
21/GC012	Application from an individual	Individuals (amateur) representing Wales at home – Clay Target Shooting	£130
		Total	£890

5.1.4 In the period between 1st June and 30th September 2021, one application has been received that is outside the general criteria as set out in Appendix 1. The application is attached at Appendix 2, and Panel Members are requested to make a recommendation as to whether this application should be supported, and if so the amount of funding to be awarded. This recommendation will then be considered by the Head of Financial Services & S151 Officer and approved or otherwise under delegated powers.

5.1.5 After the awards detailed in the table above have been considered, the amount remaining in the current financial year is **£128,818.23**, less any award recommended under 5.1.4.

5.1.6 As previously agreed by the Panel, grants awarded during the 2021/22 financial year that exceed the budget allocation will be funded from the brought forward balances.

5.2 WELSH CHURCH ACTS FUND

5.2.1 The total Welsh Church Acts Fund budget available for 2021/22 is **£146,248.14**. This consists of the annual allocation from Monmouthshire County Council (**£63,840**) and unallocated sums from previous years (**£82,408.14**).

Budget 2021/22	£63,840.00
Carry forward balances	£82,408.14
Total available budget 2021/22	£146,248.14
Total 2021/22 grants awarded previously	£15,885.00
Awards made in previous years where funding has been withdrawn	£10,000.00
Balance remaining	£140,363.14

5.2.2 Between 1st June and 30th September 2021, two applications have been received totalling **£9,743.44**. These have been approved by the Head of Financial Services & S151 Officer under delegated powers and are reported to the Panel for information only. The awards are summarised in the table below:

Ref	Name of organisation	Description	Amount awarded
ORG21/WCF005	Friends of the Eco Park	Purchase of welfare/storage cabin	£5,000.00
ORG21/WCF006	Pontygwindy Allotment Association	Purchase of various equipment and sheds/polytunnels	£4,743.44
		Total	£9,743.44

5.2.3 Since the last Panel meeting a total of £10,000 has been withdrawn from two previously approved projects for the reasons given below, and this funding has been recycled back into the pot to be used for other projects:

- a. ORG19/WCF015 Pontlottyn Allotment Association – grant was not spent within the 18-month timeframe (£5,000 grant awarded)
- b. ORG20/WCF008 Agape Community Church, Ty Sign – Cabinet decided not to grant the organisation a lease for the land to build the new centre, so project unable to proceed (£5,000 grant awarded)

5.2.4 Since the last Panel meeting one application has been received from an individual in relation to the Welsh Church Acts Fund. A copy of this application is attached at Appendix 3, and it is recommended that these are treated as exempt from publication and Panel members consider excluding the press and public when discussing Appendix 3 during the meeting. Panel members are asked to consider the application and make a recommendation as to whether to support the applicant and if so, the level of grant to be awarded. The recommendation will then be considered and approved as appropriate by the Head of Financial Services & S151 Officer under delegated powers.

5.2.5 Taking into account the £10,000 recycled back into the funding pot since the last Panel meeting and the new awards made, and if the grants awarded in previous years but not yet drawn down spend to the maximum amounts allocated, there will be a balance of **£130,619.70** remaining, less any award in relation to 5.2.4 above.

5.3 **Conclusion**

The report summarises all allocations made under the Grants to the Voluntary Sector and Welsh Church Acts Fund budgets between 1st June and 30th September 2021. It also asks Panel members to make recommendations in relation to one Financial Assistance application not meeting the general criteria, and one application received from an individual in relation to the Welsh Church Acts Fund.

6. **ASSUMPTIONS**

6.1 There are no assumptions as the 2021/22 budget has been confirmed, together with carried forward underspends from previous years.

7. SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 As this report is for information only a full Integrated Impact Assessment has not been undertaken.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The financial implications are those set out in the report.

9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no personnel implications.

10. CONSULTATIONS

- 10.1 There are no consultation responses which have not been reflected in this report.

11. STATUTORY POWER

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

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David Roberts – Principal Group Accountant (roberda@caerphilly.gov.uk)
Deb Gronow – Audit Group Manager (gronode@caerphilly.gov.uk)
Kathryn Peters – Corporate Policy Manager (peterk@caerphilly.gov.uk)
Rob Tranter – Head of Legal Services (trantrj@caerphilly.gov.uk)

Appendices:

Appendix 1 List of General Criteria

Appendix 2 Application for Financial Assistance from an organisation which does not meet the general criteria – ORG21/P001 Llamau

Appendix 3 Application from an individual in relation to the Welsh Church Acts Fund which is exempt from publication as it contains personal and financial information about an individual – IND21/WCF003

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Appendix 1 - General Criteria

Category	New Criteria	Value
a	OAP Association with own building	£300
b	OAP Association without own building	£150
c	Individuals (amateur) representing Wales at home	£130
c1	Individuals (amateur) representing Wales Top Up Grant	£120
d	Individuals (amateur) representing Wales abroad	£250
e	Jazz Bands	£100
f	Choirs	£100
g	Junior Sports Club (up to 50 members)	£100
g1	Junior Sports Club (over 50 members)	£200
h	Boys & Girls Clubs/YMCA/Scouts/Cubs/Brownies/Guides/Boys Brigade/Crusaders (up to 50 members)	£100
h1	Boys & Girls Clubs/YMCA/Scouts/Cubs/Brownies/Guides/Boys Brigade/Crusaders (over 50 members)	£200
l	St John Ambulance (up to 50 members):- Cadets/Badgers	£100
j	St John Ambulance (over 50 members):- Cadets/Badgers	£200
m	Brass and Silver Bands	£400
n	Allotments	£100
o	Arts Society	£100
p	Writers Clubs	£100
q	Theatre Groups	£200
r	Community Groups	£100
s	Beekeepers Groups	£100
t	Garden Clubs	£150
u	Tenants & Residents Association	£100
v	Websites - Initial design stage only	£100
w	Pigeon Clubs	£200
x	Clubs run From Churches/Chapels	£200
y	Sports Club (up to 50 members)	£100
z	Sports Club (over 50 members)	£200
aa	Other - up to max	£400

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CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
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 Tel: 01443 866391

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The completed application should be returned to the Vicki Doyle, Policy and Partnerships Team at the above address.

Any additional information which cannot be supplied in the space provided, may be given on a separate sheet, which should be signed and dated by the applicant.

Name of organisation (as detailed on the bank account):

Llamau

Does the organisation have a Constitution?
 (If yes please provide a copy)

Yes

No

In what year was the organisation formed?

1989

Is the organisation a Charity/Voluntary Organisation/Other?

Charity (please state registration number)

701772

Voluntary organisation

Other (please state)

Name and address of Secretary or Correspondent:

Andora Wild, 23-25 Cathedral Road, Cardiff, CF11 9HA

Email address:

andorawild@llamau.org.uk

Telephone no:

02920239585

Main objectives of the organisation:

Llamau’s mission is to end youth homelessness and homelessness amongst women in Wales. We work with some of the most vulnerable and disenfranchised groups in our community, who face complex barriers to independence; including those with experiences of care, domestic abuse and childhood trauma - shown to significantly increase the risk of health-harming behaviours in adulthood.

Our work aims to prevent homelessness from happening in the first place, provides safe accommodation for those experiencing homelessness and, crucially, supports people to develop the skills and confidence to leave homelessness behind for good.

Examples of our services include:

- Prevention: for example; information and advice services, Youth Homelessness Helpline, Family Mediation and other early intervention support;
- Housing-related support: for example; domestic abuse refuges, supported accommodation for young people, supported lodgings, LGBTQ+, Gender and Care Leaver specific supported accommodation
- ‘Move on’ services: for example; Learning, Training and Employment programmes and outreach services for those living within the community

How often does the organisation meet and where?

In Caerphilly specifically, Llamau supports almost 50 young people with experiences of homelessness at any one time, through our five 24 hour supported accommodation projects and our Housing First, Support Lodgings and Floating Support schemes.

Is membership open to all sections of the community? Yes No

Is the organisation affiliated to a local or national organisation? Yes No

If yes please state:

Is membership open to all sections of the community? Yes No

Is the organisation drawn from people mainly resident in the Authority’s area? Yes No

Composition of membership of the organisation?

Number of adults: Number of juniors:
(under 16 years)

Scale of membership fees or subscription?

N/A

Does the organisation have its own premises?

Yes No

Amount of grant sought?

£500

Purpose for which grant is sought?

Research shows that the physical health and wellbeing of those who have experienced homelessness are poorer than that of the general population. They often face significant health inequalities and barriers to accessing health services and support. Furthermore, Llamau/Cardiff University's research found that young homeless people are more likely to experience poor mental health than their peers. Nine out of ten young homeless people met the criteria for at least one psychiatric disorder, compared to one in three 16-24 year olds in the general population. Almost three quarters (73%) met criteria for two or more psychiatric disorders, which compares to only 12.4% of the general population. Young people supported by Llamau are also more likely to have experienced Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) including maltreatment or trauma; emotional abuse; parental drug/alcohol abuse; and/or parental incarceration. To compound these challenges, young people have been placed firmly in the firing line of the Covid-19 crisis. A survey by our in-house Psychologists into the specific impact of Covid-19 on the well-being of the people Llamau support highlighted that mental health had worsened by nearly a third (32%) across the organisation.

With your support, Llamau will address the specific barriers and stigmas to taking part in sports that homeless young people have told us they face – cost, fear of looking stupid, worries about their appearance and being around unfamiliar people. We will improve young peoples' access to activity through the purchase of sports/fitness equipment.

Young people living in our 24 hour supported accommodation projects in Caerphilly have told us that during periods of lockdown they became frustrated that the pandemic was keeping them indoors and inactive. They would like to purchase sports equipment that they can use at home and in the local community with their peers and Support Workers. These will include games sets for playing team games together, yoga mats and weights and the young people would love a multigame table.

The aim of the project is to improve the health and wellbeing of young people with experiences of homelessness in Caerphilly. The capital items we purchase will enable young people to experience:

- Increased motivation to engage in physical activity and improved access to sports equipment and sessions, at home and in the community
- Increased social inclusion and positive relationships with peers, Llamau colleagues/volunteers and the wider community
- Improved mental health and wellbeing as a result of using exercise as a positive coping mechanism which increases self-esteem, confidence, motivation
- Increased understanding of how to protect their own wellbeing, preventing escalation of health issues and reducing strain on statutory services
- Improved engagement with Llamau's support services, thus addressing key support needs and reducing risk of future homelessness

Engaging young people with positive activities at home and in the community will bring social impacts including improved social cohesion and reduced levels of involvement with negative or anti-social behaviours.

How much is being sought from or provided by other sources? (please provide details)

The entirety of the funding for this project is being sought from this fund. However, if we are unsuccessful in our application we will work with young people to identify alternative sources of funding from trusts and foundations and corporate or community partners.

Has the organisation made an application to the authority for Financial Assistance in recent years?

Yes No

If yes please give result:

No applications for assistance have been made since 2017.

Bank Account details - these must be supplied and must be in the name of the organisation. All payments will be made via bank transfer direct to this bank account.

Bank name:

Branch:

Sort code:

Account number:

DECLARATION

I/we consent to the information provided on this form, and any information subsequently provided by me/us either verbally or in writing, to be processed for the purposes of the assessment of my/our request for assistance by Caerphilly County Borough Council. I/we understand that the information may be disclosed to other related organisations, and to the Council's external auditors.

I can confirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief, all answers on this application form are true and accurate. I also confirm that I am authorised to sign this agreement and to act on behalf of the organisation making this application.

Print name:

Andora Wild

Signature:



Capacity in which signed:

Trusts and Foundations
Fundraiser

Date:

01/10/2021

We are collecting your personal data (name, address, telephone number, e-mail address and bank account details) in order to process your application for grant funding. Should your application be successful, this information will also be used for the purposes of making payments in relation to your grant award.

If your grant application is successful, your information will be retained for a period of 6 years plus the current year and will also be accessed by the Authority's Corporate Finance and Audit Teams for the purposes of the administration of the financial affairs of the Authority and Audit purposes. If your grant application is unsuccessful, your information will be retained for a period of 2 years.

You have a number of rights in relation to your information, including the right of access to information we hold about you and the right of complaint if you are unhappy with the way that

we have handled your request or your information. If you wish to make a request to see your data, or to object to the manner in which it is processed, please contact the Data Protection Officer at the Information Unit on 01443 864322.

Please note:

All organisations receiving financial assistance must:

- Have principles of operation which accord with legislation on employment, health and safety, racial and sexual discrimination, disability discrimination and language for employees and volunteers.
- Demonstrate an understanding of and commitment to equal opportunities concerning access, language, culture, gender and ethnic issues.

Under the Head of Corporate Finance's role as Section 151 Officer, with responsibility for the administration of the financial affairs of the Authority, all applications may be subject to review. As the authorised representative of the Section 151 Officer, the Council's Internal Audit Services must be granted access to all financial documents or records held by the applicant in relation to the approved grant funding. Any review may, if considered appropriate, include site visits to premises.

If it is found that the grant has been used for purposes other than those as stated within the application, or that any of the terms and condition of the grant have not been complied with, the Authority, at its discretion may withhold or recover part, or all of the funding.

GRANTS TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR PANEL – 18TH NOVEMBER 2021

**PUBLIC INTEREST TEST – EXEMPTION FROM DISCLOSURE OF DOCUMENTS
SCHEDULE 12A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

SUBJECT: APPENDIX 3 – APPLICATION FROM AN INDIVIDUAL IN RELATION TO THE WELSH CHURCH ACTS FUND

REPORT BY: HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES AND MONITORING OFFICER

I have considered grounds for exemption of information to be presented to the Committee and make the following recommendations to the Proper Officer:-

EXEMPTIONS APPLYING TO THE REPORT:

Information relating to a particular individual(s) – paragraph 12 Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972.
Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person – paragraph 14.

FACTORS IN FAVOUR OF DISCLOSURE:

There is a public interest in the way in which the Council awards its grant funding.

PREJUDICE WHICH WOULD RESULT IF THE INFORMATION WERE DISCLOSED:

The report contains detailed personal and financial information relating to a particular individual.

MY VIEW ON THE PUBLIC INTEREST TEST IS AS FOLLOWS:

That paragraphs 12 and 14 should apply. My view on the Public Interest Test is that whilst there is a need to ensure transparency and accountability of a Public Authority for decisions taken in relation to the award of grant funding, this must be balanced against the fact that these matters have not yet been concluded and there is a reasonable expectation of an individual that personal and financial information will remain private. It is considered that this outweighs the need for the information to be made public.

The information is not affected by any other statutory provision which required the information to be made publicly available.

On that basis I feel that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. Members are asked to consider this factor when determining the public interest test, which they must decide when considering excluding the press and public from the part of the meeting when it considers appendix 3 to the report.

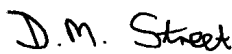
RECOMMENDED DECISION ON EXEMPTION FROM DISCLOSURE:

On that basis I feel that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs that in disclosing the information, and that the report should be exempt.

Signed:  **Date: 8th November 2021**

Post: Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer

I accept the recommendation made above.

Signed:  **Date: 9th November 2021**

Proper Officer

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By virtue of paragraph(s) 12, 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
of the Local Government Act 1972.

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