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SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – INFORMATION ITEM

SUBJECT: SOCIAL CARE GRANTS 2022/23

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR SOCIAL SERVICES AND HOUSING

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform Members of grant funding available for social care in the 2022/23 financial year.

2. SUMMARY

2.1 The report provides details of current 2022/23 grant funding available for social care. During the financial year further grants are often made available subject to new funding being identified and successful outcomes for bids.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Members are asked to note the content of this report.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 To ensure that Members are aware of the grants available for social care and their intended purpose.

5. THE REPORT

5.1 Appendix 1 provides details of the current grant awards for 2022/23 while appendix 2 highlights how those grant awards contribute towards the Council's wellbeing objectives, These grant awards are categorised as follows: -

- Grants receivable by Caerphilly Social 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.

5.2 Members should note that the grant funding is fully committed for specific purposes in line with the terms and conditions set by 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.

5.3 Where required, external auditors assess 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.

5.4 The external auditors produce a report annually summarising any issues that have been identified during their audit of the Authority's grants.

5.5 **Conclusion**

The report is provided to ensure that Members are aware of the social care grants available to fund services that fall under the responsibility of the Corporate Director for Social Services and Housing, along with their intended purpose. Any additional awards of grant funding made available throughout the 2022/23 financial year will be identified through the regular budget monitoring information reported to the Social Services Scrutiny Committee.

6. **ASSUMPTIONS**

6.1 There are no assumptions included in this report.

7. **SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

7.1 An Integrated Impact Assessment is not needed because the issues covered are for information purposes only.

8. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 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 set by the awarding body. 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.

9. **PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 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.

10. **CONSULTATIONS**

10.1 All consultation responses have been incorporated into this report.

11. **STATUTORY POWER**

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

12. URGENCY (CABINET ITEMS ONLY)

12.1 This report is for information only and as such does not require a Cabinet decision.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Schedule of Social Care Grant Funding for 2022/23

Appendix 2 Potential Impact on Wellbeing Objectives of Social Care Grant Funding for 2022/23

APPENDIX 1**Schedule of Social Care Grant Funding for 2022/23**

Grants Receivable by Caerphilly Social Services for Caerphilly C.B.C. Only							
Grant	Funding Body	Grant Funding	Matched Funding	Division	Lead Officer	Purpose of Grant	Subject to Audit
Social Care Workforce Grant	Welsh Government	£2,677,908	-	Adults and Children	Senior Management Team	To supporting the sustainability of the social care workforce and social care services, ensuring they are better placed to meet increased or unexpected demands	No
Out of Court Parenting Support grant	Welsh Government	£45,000	-	Children	Service Manager	To employ a parenting worker to support parental engagement and ensure the sharing of good practice	No
Mental Capacity Act/Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards Grant	Welsh Government	£71,411	-	Adults	Service Manager	To further support work to address the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards backlog and to deliver Mental Capacity Act training	No
Implementation of the Performance and Improvement Framework	Welsh Government	£15,000	-	Adults and Children	Senior Management Team	To provide capacity to be able to engage with and implement the new Performance and Improvement Framework 2021-22	No
Young Carers ID Card Scheme	Welsh Government	£6,818	-	Children	Carers Co-ordinator	Provision of Young Carers' ID cards to raise awareness of the issues affecting young carers	No
Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children Grant	Home Office	£95 per day	-	Children's	Service Manager	Caerphilly are currently supporting 7 asylum seekers	No
Covid19 Enhanced Statutory Sick Pay Scheme	Welsh Government	Reimbursement in respect of claims submitted by qualifying staff	-	Adults and Children	Service Manager	To provide financial support to social care workers so that they do not feel financially pressured to attend work when they should be self isolating	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 Justice Grant	Youth Justice Board	2022/23 allocation yet to be confirmed. 2021/22 allocation totalled £418,126	-	Children's	Service Manager	To tackle local youth justice priorities within Caerphilly and Blaenau Gwent.	Yes
Youth Offending Police Grant	Police and Crime Commissioner	£79,150	-	Children's	Service Manager	To tackle local youth justice priorities within Caerphilly and Blaenau Gwent.	No
Remand Framework for Children Grant	Youth Justice Board	2022/23 allocation yet to be confirmed. 2021/22 allocation totalled £24,348	-	Children's	Service Manager	Funding allocation for remands to youth detention accommodation of children and young people (under 18 years of age) Funding for 2021/22 included £15,436.63 for Caerphilly and £8,911.37 for Blaeanu Gwent.	No
National Approach to Advocacy Grant	Welsh Government	£118,175 for Gwent including £37,580 for Caerphilly	-	Children's	Service Manager	To support the implementation of the National Approach to Statutory Advocacy for Children and Young People across the Gwent region.	No
Safeguarding Boards-Training	Welsh Government	£10,000	-	Children	Safeguarding Business Manager	To deliver safeguarding training to support the implementation of Welsh Government policy and legislation across the Gwent region	No
Housing Support Grant (including what was previously the Supporting People Grant)	Welsh Government	Main allocation of £8,435,366 plus ring-fenced allocation of £79,292 in respect of projects being transferred from the Homelessness Prevention Grant	-	Adults	Supporting People Project Manager	to provide housing-related support services which prevent homelessness and support people to have the capability, independence, skills and confidence to access and/or maintain a stable and suitable home	Internal Audit only

<p>Children and Communities Grant</p>	<p>Welsh Government</p>	<p>Total grant of £11,439,008 of which £2,697,747 is earmarked for the Families First Partnership, £75,726 for St. David's Day Schemes and £584,065 for the Caerphilly Cares Scheme.</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>Children's</p>	<p>Service Manager</p>	<p>The Families First Partnership provides a range of services to support families living in Caerphilly county borough. The St. David's Day schemes support young people who are or have been in local authority care to access opportunities that will lead them towards independent and successful lives. The Caerphilly Care Scheme aims to ensure people receive the right support, in the right place, at the right time, using a single point of contact through a triage system.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
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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
Social Care Wales Workforce Development	Social Care Wales	£1,411,315 for the entire Gwent Region	Grant funds maximum of 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).
Regional Integration Fund (Revenue)	Welsh Government	£26,858,840 for the entire Gwent Region	No match funding requirement for 2022/23	Aneurin Bevan University Health Board	Corporate Director for Social Services and Housing	To transform health and social care services in response to a Parliamentary Review, driving integration and focussing on building primary care services, providing care closer to home and supporting the transformation of hospital-based care.
Regional Integration Fund (Capital)	Welsh Government	£20,608,000 for the entire Gwent Region	-	Aneurin Bevan University Health Board	Corporate Director for Social Services and Housing	(a) To develop housing and accommodation that will be let as social rented tenancies such as extra care and supported living, (b) to rebalance the residential care market between in-house and independent provision and (c) To develop integrated health and social care hubs.

APPENDIX 2

Potential Impact on Wellbeing Objectives of Social Services Grant Funding for 2022/23

Grant	Well Being Objective Contributed Towards	Specific Outcome Achieved
Social Care Workforce Grant	2.Enabling employment.	1.Aim to reduce the impact of poverty by supporting people into better employment prospects.
	6.Support citizens to remain independent and improve their well-being.	3.Provide support to reduce the need for higher tier statutory interventions. 6.Continue to identify opportunities to work collaboratively wherever appropriate.
Out of Court Parenting Support grant	1.Improve education opportunities for all.	8.Safeguard all children and young people in order to create a climate for learning, particularly for those most vulnerable.
	6.Support citizens to remain independent and improve their well-being.	1. Support people to 'help themselves' by providing comprehensive advice and information including signposting to other services. 3.Provide support to reduce the need for higher tier statutory interventions.
Mental Capacity Act/Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards Grant	6.Support citizens to remain independent and improve their well-being.	1. Support people to 'help themselves' by providing comprehensive advice and information including signposting to other services.
		3.Provide support to reduce the need for higher tier statutory interventions.
Implementation of the Performance and Improvement Framework	6.Support citizens to remain independent and improve their well-being.	4.Continue to identify opportunities to work collaboratively wherever appropriate.
Young Carers ID Card Scheme	6.Support citizens to remain independent and improve their well-being.	3.Provide support to reduce the need for higher tier statutory interventions.
Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children Grant	6.Support citizens to remain independent and improve their well-being.	3.Provide support to reduce the need for higher tier statutory interventions.
Covid19 Enhanced Statutory Sick Pay Scheme	6.Support citizens to remain independent and improve their well-being.	3.Provide support to reduce the need for higher tier statutory interventions.
Youth Justice Grant	1.Improve education opportunities for all.	4.Help those who are not able to follow a traditional attainment path.
		5.Support learning that enables young and adult employment opportunities including a focus on 'future skills'. 8.Safeguard all children and young people in order to create a climate for learning, particularly for those most vulnerable.
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Grant	Well Being Objective Contributed Towards	Specific Outcome Achieved
	6.Support citizens to remain independent and improve their well-being.	1. Support people to 'help themselves' by providing comprehensive advice and information including signposting to other services. 2.Have 'meaningful conversations' to help people identify 'what matters'to them to inform'outcome focused' planning. 3.Provide support to reduce the need for higher tier statutory interventions. 4.Continue to identify opportunities to work collaboratively wherever appropriate.
Youth Offending Police Grant	as Youth Offending Good Practice Grant (above)	as Youth Justice Grant (above)
Remand Framework for Children Grant	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
National Approach to Advocacy Grant	6.Support citizens to remain independent and improve their well-being.	1. Support people to 'help themselves' by providing comprehensive advice and information including signposting to other services. 4.Continue to identify opportunities to work collaboratively wherever appropriate.
Safeguarding Boards Training	1.Improve education opportunities for all.	8.Safeguard all children and young people in order to create a climate for learning, particularly for those most vulnerable.
	6.Support citizens to remain independent and improve their well-being.	1. Support people to 'help themselves' by providing comprehensive advice and information including signposting to other services. 2.Have 'meaningful conversations' to help people identify 'what matters'to them to inform'outcome focused' planning. 3.Provide support to reduce the need for higher tier statutory interventions. 4.Continue to identify opportunities to work collaboratively wherever appropriate.

Grant	Well Being Objective Contributed Towards	Specific Outcome Achieved
Housing Support Grant (including what was previously the Supporting People Grant)	1.Improve education opportunities for all.	1.Aim to reduce the impact of poverty within early years.
		8.Safeguard all children and young people in order to create a climate for learning, particularly for those most vulnerable.
	3.Address the availability, condition and sustainability of homes throughout the county borough and provide advice, assistance or support	6. Prevent homelessness and tackle rough sleeping.
		7. Sustaining tenancies by providing a range of housing related services.
6.Support citizens to remain independent and improve their well-being.	1. Support people to 'help themselves' by providing comprehensive advice and information including signposting to other services.	
	3.Provide support to reduce the need for higher tier statutory interventions.	
Children and Communities Grant	1.Improve education opportunities for all.	1.Aim to reduce the impact of poverty within early years.
		2.Raise standards of attainment.
		4.Help those who are not able to follow a traditional attainment path.
		8.Safeguard all children and young people in order to create a climate for learning, particularly for those most vulnerable.
	5.Creating a county borough that supports a healthy lifestyle in accordance with the Sustainable Development Principle within the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.	1.Aim to reduce inequalities in health across the county borough.
	6.Support citizens to remain independent and improve their well-being.	1. Support people to 'help themselves' by providing comprehensive advice and information including signposting to other services.
		2.Have 'meaningful conversations' to help people identify 'what matters'to them to inform'outcome focused' planning.
		3.Provide support to reduce the need for higher tier statutory interventions.
4.Continue to identify opportunities to work collaboratively wherever appropriate.		
Regional Integration Fund (Revenue and Capital)	1.Improve education opportunities for all.	4.Help those who are not able to follow a traditional attainment path.
		8.Safeguard all children and young people in order to create a climate for learning, particularly for those most vulnerable.
	3.Address the availability, condition and sustainability of homes throughout the county borough and provide advice, assistance or support to help improve people's well-being.	4.Deliver adaptations to support the health and well-being of people in their own homes and maximise the delivery and appropriate use of accessible homes.
	5.Creating a county borough that supports a healthy lifestyle in accordance with the Sustainable Development Principle within the	1.Aim to reduce inequalities in health across the county borough.

Grant	Well Being Objective Contributed Towards	Specific Outcome Achieved
Capital	Sustainable Development Principle within the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.	2. Creating a place that supports a healthy lifestyle.
	6. Support citizens to remain independent and improve their well-being.	1. Support people to 'help themselves' by providing comprehensive advice and information including signposting to other services.
		2. Have 'meaningful conversations' to help people identify 'what matters' to them to inform 'outcome focused' planning.
		3. Provide support to reduce the need for higher tier statutory interventions.
4. Continue to identify opportunities to work collaboratively wherever appropriate.		