



CABINET – 1ST JUNE 2016

SUBJECT: REGENERATION AND PLANNING DIVISION CAPITAL ALLOCATION 2016/17 - SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR COMMUNITIES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This Supplementary Report clarifies and updates the main Cabinet report following consultation feedback received since the Cabinet deadline.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The main report focuses on the provisional capital allocations and the projects that the Regeneration and Planning Division capital budget for 2016/17 will fund during the financial year. As advised by the Interim Head of Finance, Cabinet approval is required to release the budget to the service area.
- 2.2 This supplementary report brings additional information and further clarification to specific projects outlined in the main Cabinet report.
- 2.3 Details on the review of the Business Support and Commercial and Industrial Grants and their possible merger into one Business Growth grant has been removed from the main Cabinet report as this will be the subject of a separate report.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 As main report.

4. THE REPORT

Changed Circumstances as per sections of the report

Background

- 4.1 As main report.

Countryside - Environmental Schemes (2016/17 bid £217,000)

- 4.2 As main report.

Economic Development - Voluntary Sector Capital Grants (2016/17 bid £170,000)

- 4.3 As main report.

Urban Renewal – Commercial and Industrial Grants (2016/17 bid £50,000)

4.4 The aims and objectives of the £50,000 remain the same and therefore paragraphs 4.12 and 4.13 of the main report remain unchanged.

4.5 Paragraph 4.15 and 4.16 of the main Cabinet report are replaced by the following:

It is the intention in 2017/18 to review both the existing Commercial and Industrial Grant and the Business Development Grant currently being offered by the Division to ensure that they remain fit for purpose and focus upon the Council's regeneration priorities. The outcome of the review will feature in a further report.

Urban Renewal - Town Centres (2016/17 bid £30,000)

4.6 Paragraph 4.17 remains as per the main report.

Abertridwr Improvement Programme (£6,000)

4.7 This supplementary report identifies that this project is to be phased over two financial years. The project seeks £6,000 in 2016/17 to cover costs associated with addressing encroachment issues on Council owned land. In 2017/18 a further allocation will be sought to undertake preparatory works and project design to enable the community to bid to external grant funding bodies to bring this site into beneficial community use.

Bute Town, Rhymney HLF bid (£24,000)

4.8 This supplementary report reconfirms that the original "envelope" scheme was managed by the former Mid Glamorgan County Borough Council (funded via the Welsh Office) and that Caerphilly County Borough Council has no legal responsibility to address the associated residual issues.

4.9 This supplementary report also clarifies that the £24,000 bid seeks to support the residents of Bute Town by offering professional support and expertise to maximise the opportunity for the owners to apply for external funding.

4.10 The allocation would be utilised to fund the necessary expert and conservation advice to assist residents in preparing their own funding bids to CADW and other funding bodies. It is not intended to utilise this funding allocation for physical works.

4.11 Paragraph 4.20 of the original report should now reflect that should Cabinet not support the Urban Renewal Town Centre bid for Abertridwr and Bute Town, that they consider allocating it to progressing projects that complement the objectives and aims of the Council's adopted Town Centre Actions Plans.

New Grants Regime

4.12 Paragraph 4.21 to 4.22 are to be deleted as they refer to the review of the grant which will be subject to separate report.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 As main report.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 As main report.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 As main report.

8. CONSULTATIONS

8.1 This supplementary report reflects additional comments received.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 As main report, which states:

In accordance with the Full Council Budget Report, Cabinet approval is sought to award:

- i) The 2016/17 capital allocation of £217,000 to Countryside's Environmental Schemes Programme.
- ii) The 2016/17 capital allocation of £50,000 to Urban Renewal to Commercial and Industrial Grants scheme.
- iii) The 2016/17 capital allocation of £30,000 to Urban Renewal's Town Centres projects.

10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 As main report.

11. STATUTORY POWER

11.1 As main report.

12. APPENDICES

12.1 Appendix 1 is to be deleted.

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