



REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – FOR INFORMATION

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE REVENUE GRANTS 2016-17

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR – COMMUNITIES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide information to Members relating to revenue grants in 2016/17 for the Environment Directorate.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The report provides details of the 2016/17 revenue grant funding for Environment Directorate Services. The report excludes grant funded schemes where CCBC merely acts as banker for Partnership schemes. During the financial year further grants are often made available subject to new funding being identified and successful outcomes to bids.
- 2.2 The report is provided to ensure that Members are aware of grants and 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 support the Authority in delivering its stated aims and objectives.

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 Appendix 1 provides a list of grants known at this point in time, along with a brief description of the use of the grant funding. Grant funding applies in the main to specific schemes and initiatives and is often time limited.
- 4.2 The current administration arrangements are such that each grant has an agreed set of terms and conditions. The grant funding body at year-end requests information to satisfy itself that the grant monies have been spent in accordance with its terms and conditions and for the majority of grants an external audit is required.
- 4.3 Where required, Auditors will assess expenditure against the terms and conditions of the grant. This assessment would normally comprise a random sample of spend, followed by an in-depth scrutiny of the sampled items. This could involve ensuring proper procurement processes have been adhered to and confirming spend complies with the conditions of the grant. Any issues identified will be investigated; this could lead to a need to review a larger sample of expenditure. The External Auditors produce a report annually summarising any issues that have come to light during their audit of the Authority's grants.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report is for information purposes, so the Council's Equality Impact Assessment (EqLA) process does not need to be applied.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Grant funding levels can change and in incidences where grant funding reduces, this can lead to service budget pressures where associated expenditure cannot be easily reduced. The majority of grants are subject to external audit and the 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.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Grant funded posts may be at risk if the funding is withdrawn. Wherever possible this risk is mitigated through fixed-term appointments to grant funded posts.

8. CONSULTATIONS

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

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 Members are requested to note the contents of the report.

10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 To ensure that Members are aware of the revenue grants for Environment Directorate in 2016/2017.

11. STATUTORY POWER

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

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Background Papers:
Grant Allocation Reports 2016/17

Appendices:
Appendix 1- Schedule of Environment Directorate Grants 2016-17

Appendix 1 - Schedule of Environment Directorate Revenue Grant Funding for 2016-17

Grant	Funding Body	Grant Funding 2016/2017	Grant Funding 2015/2016	Matched Funding	Division	Lead Officer	Purpose of Grant	Subject to Audit
Rights of Way Improvement Grant (ROWIP)	National Resources Wales (NRW)	£37,480	£37,480	No	Planning - Countryside	Countryside Manager	To fund implementation of Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP)	Yes
Rural Development Plan (RDP) 2014-2020	EU funding via Welsh Government (WG)	£366,237	£218,044	No	Planning - Countryside	RDP Delivery Manager	Regeneration Initiatives in rural areas through community engagement and development.	Yes
Aberargoed Grasslands SSSI	National Resources Wales (NRW)	£20,000	£25,000	No	Planning - Countryside	Countryside Manager	To part fund the Aberargoed Grasslands SSSI	No
Agriculture & Farming - Ynys Hywel Farm	Welsh Government (WG)	£8,000	£8,844	No	Planning - Countryside	Countryside Manager	To part fund / subsidise farming activities at Ynys Hywel Farm	No
Environment and Sustainable Development (ESD)	Welsh Government (WG)	£51,436	£54,700	No	Planning - Countryside	Countryside Manager	Natural Resource Management including Biodiversity and Landscape	Yes
Local Sport Plan	Sports Council for Wales (SCW)	£672,097	£683,549	No	Community & Leisure - Sports Development	Sports & Leisure Development Manager	Support the development of physical activities in CCBC	No
National Exercise Referral Scheme	Public Health Wales	£138,600	£138,600	No	Community & Leisure - Sports Development	Sports & Leisure Development Manager	Provide exercise schemes to support over 16's at risk of chronic disease	No
Disability Sports grant	Federation of Disability Sports Wales (FDSW)	£21,708	£21,708	No	Community & Leisure - Sports Development	Sports & Leisure Development Manager	Provision of sport activities for people with disabilities	No
Environment and Sustainable Development (ESD)	Welsh Government (WG)	£3,134,136	£3,342,931	No	Community & Leisure - Waste Management & Cleaning	Waste Strategy & Operations Manager	Waste Resource Management including resource efficiency through waste prevention, recycling and landfill diversion	Yes
Environment and Sustainable Development (ESD)	Welsh Government (WG)	£32,852	£35,000	No	Community & Leisure - Waste Management & Cleaning	Special Projects Officer	Local Environment Quality - tackle environment quality issues	Yes
Environment and Sustainable Development (ESD)	Welsh Government (WG)	£100,000	£100,000	No	Engineering & Transportation	Senior Engineer Corporate Land Drainage	Local Flood alleviation management	Yes
Road Safety Revenue Grant	Welsh Government (WG)	£90,600	£90,000	No	Engineering & Transportation	Transport Engineering Manager	Provision of 5 Road Safety activities comprising of Kerb craft, Older Drivers, National Standards Cycle Training, Pass Plus Cymru & Megadrive	Yes
Bus Services Support Grant	Welsh Government (WG)	£407,713	£416,175	No	Engineering & Transportation	Principal Passenger Transport Officer	To support Local and Rural Bus Services with a minimum requirement for Community Transport. This is a WG funded grant but is claimed via Monmouthshire CC the lead Authority	Yes
Concessionary Fares Grant	Welsh Government (WG)	£3,127,110	£3,242,319	No	Engineering & Transportation	Principal Passenger Transport Officer	To pay towards the Concessionary Fares Scheme operated by WG via each Local Authority and its Bus Service Contracts. Figure is indicative only and paid on actual basis plus administration	Yes
Bus Service Operators Grant (Connect 2)	Welsh Government (WG)	£7,000	£8,343	No	Engineering & Transportation	Principal Passenger Transport Officer	To pay towards Bus Service Operators Costs and based on kilometre's travelled. This is a WG funded grant but is claimed via Monmouthshire CC the lead Authority. Figure is indicative only and paid on actual mileage travelled	No
Bus Service Operators Grant (Social Services Transport)	Welsh Government (WG)	£14,210	£33,781	No	Engineering & Transportation	Principal Passenger Transport Officer	To pay towards Bus Service Operators Costs and based on kilometre's travelled. This is a WG funded grant but is claimed via Monmouthshire CC the lead Authority. Figure is indicative only and paid on actual mileage travelled	No
Arts Council for Wales (ACW) Revenue Grant	Arts Council for Wales (ACW)	£125,000	£30,000	No	Regeneration & Planning	Destination & Events Manager	Development of arts provision in CCBC	Yes
SE Wales Arts & Education Regional Network	Arts Council for Wales (ACW)	£213,550	£0	No	Regeneration & Planning	Destination & Events Manager	Bankers for grant to be spent over whole region, employer of 2 PT staff to deliver	Yes
Communities First	Welsh Government (WG)	£2,902,016	£2,902,016	No	Regeneration & Planning - Community Regeneration	Community Regeneration Manager	To enable and support the delivery of the Communities First programme in 2016 /17 as set out in the application	Yes
LIFT	Welsh Government (WG)	£146,137	£140,020	No	Regeneration & Planning - Community Regeneration	Community Regeneration Manager	To enable and support the delivery of the LIFT Programme in 2016 /17 as set out in the application	Yes
C4W (Communities For Work)	EU funding via Welsh Government (WG)	£595,859	£158,622	No	Regeneration & Planning - Community Regeneration	Community Regeneration Manager	As compensation for services in relation to the C4W programme in each Cluster	Yes
Streetgames	Welsh Government (WG) via Street Games UK	£25,615	£31,615	No	Regeneration & Planning - Community Regeneration	Community Regeneration Manager	Staff and associated costs to deliver the Street Games programme.	Yes
Heritage Lottery Funding Llancaich Fawr	Heritage Lottery	£17,233	£20,421	Yes	Regeneration & Planning - Operations	Destination & Events Manager	Final year of the Manor House funding bid, ends December 2016	Yes
Total: -		£12,254,589	£11,739,168					