



## **POLICY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – FOR INFORMATION**

**SUBJECT: CORPORATE SERVICES AND MISCELLANEOUS FINANCE REVENUE  
GRANTS 2017-18**

**REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES AND SECTION 151  
OFFICER**

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### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To provide information to Members relating to revenue grants for 2017/18 for Corporate Services and Miscellaneous Finance.

### **2. SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The report provides details of the 2017/18 revenue grant funding for Corporate Services and Miscellaneous Finance. 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.
- 3.2 Effective financial planning and financial control contribute to the following Well-being Goals within the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015: -
- A prosperous Wales.
  - A resilient Wales.
  - A healthier Wales.
  - A more equal Wales.
  - A Wales of cohesive communities.
  - A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language.
  - A globally responsible Wales.

### **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 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 Equality Impact Assessment (EqLA) process does not need to be applied.

## **7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 Grant funding levels can change leading to uncertainty of funding. 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.

## **8. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 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.

## **9. CONSULTATIONS**

- 9.1 This report has been sent to the Consultees listed below and all comments received are reflected in this report.

## **10. RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

## **11. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 11.1 To ensure that Members are aware of the revenue grants for Corporate Services and Miscellaneous Finance.

## 12. STATUTORY POWER

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

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Background Papers:  
Grant Allocation Reports 2017/18

Appendices:  
Appendix 1- Schedule of Corporate Services and Miscellaneous Finance Grants 2017-18

**Appendix 1 - Schedule of Corporate Services and Miscellaneous Finance Revenue Grant Funding for 2017-18**

Grant	Funding Body	Grant Funding	Matched Funding	Division	Lead Officer	Purpose of Grant	Subject to Audit
Housing Benefits	Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)	£732,417		Housing Benefits	Acting Benefits Manager	Funds housing benefit staff who process housing benefit claims.	Yes
Housing Benefit Subsidy	Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)	£57,127,968		Housing Benefits	Acting Benefits Manager	Funds the housing benefits payments	Yes
Police & Crime Panel	Home Office	£71,895		Legal & Governance	Interim Head of Legal Services & Monitoring Officer	Funds the panel members and associated costs in running the panel.	Yes
Community Safety Grant	Police & Crime Commissioner	£30,895		Corporate Policy	Community Safety Officer	Funds a full-time member of staff based in the Community Safety Partnership team.	No
Community Safety Grant	Police and Crime Commissioner via Torfaen CBC	£15,282		Corporate Policy	Community Safety Officer	Part funds staff involved in anti-social behaviour case management	No
Promoting Positive Engagement for Young People at risk of offending	Welsh Government	£248,230		Corporate Policy	Community Safety Officer	Funds programmes of support for young people and families, and diversionary activities to reduce crime (including posts.)	No
Domestic Abuse	Welsh Government via Newport CC	£42,141		Corporate Policy	Community Safety Officer	Funds Independent Domestic Violence Advocate.	No
Area Planning Board	Welsh Government via Newport CC	£9,797		Corporate Policy	Community Safety Officer	Funds Admin Officer	No
Strengthening Local Government Delivery of the Covenant	Ministry Of Defence	£49,877		Corporate Policy	Corporate Policy Manager	To fund a regional post to support the Armed Forces.	No
Homelessness Prevention- transitional funding	Welsh Government	£172,200		General Funding Housing	Housing Portfolio Manager	Prevent Homelessness in the Bouough.	Yes
<b>Total: -</b>		<b>£58,500,702</b>					