



POLICY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – FOR INFORMATION

**SUBJECT: CORPORATE SERVICES AND MISCELLANEOUS FINANCE REVENUE
GRANTS 2018-19**

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR EDUCATION & CORPORATE SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To provide information to Members relating to revenue grants for 2018/19 for Corporate Services and Miscellaneous Finance.

2. SUMMARY

2.1 The report provides details of the 2018/19 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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Cllr C. Gordon, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services.

Cllr L. Phipps, Cabinet Member for Homes & Places.

Background Papers:

Grant Allocation Reports 2018/19

Appendices:

Appendix 1 Schedule of Corporate Services and Miscellaneous Finance Grants 2018-19

<i>CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE & OTHER</i>	Estimate 2017/18	Revised Estimate 2017/2018	Estimate 2018/2019
SUMMARY			
CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND SECRETARIAT	249,967	249,967	255,465
DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE/DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES & EDUCATION	200,161	200,161	204,620
CORPORATE FINANCE			
Financial services & Internal Audit	2,069,794	2,103,458	2,124,090
	2,069,794	2,103,458	2,124,090
PROCUREMENT & CUSTOMER SERVICES			
Procurement	438,467	390,108	314,726
Customer First	1,182,248	1,230,607	1,187,491
	1,620,715	1,620,715	1,502,217
LEGAL & GOVERNANCE SUPPORT			
Legal & Democratic Services	1,032,569	1,032,569	1,090,282
Members Allowances	1,648,122	1,648,122	1,681,273
Electoral Services	315,411	315,411	323,524
	2,996,102	2,996,102	3,095,079
INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY			
IT Services	4,316,066	4,316,066	4,085,463
Central Services	386,915	386,915	403,398
	4,702,981	4,702,981	4,488,861
CORPORATE PROPERTY SERVICES			
Management	0	0	312,809
Energy		137,453	135,870
Estates	519,199	372,203	57,357
Non Operational Properties	0	127,500	130,051
Facilities	2,380,113	2,355,992	2,746,018
Maintenance	2,190,006	2,190,006	2,176,038
Building Consultancy	(57,146)	(57,146)	(201,931)
	5,032,172	5,126,008	5,356,212
HUMAN RESOURCES, COMMUNICATIONS & HEALTH & SAFETY			
Human Resources	1,563,174	1,563,174	1,505,946
Trade Union Facilities	26,122	26,122	88,151
Communications Unit	286,527	286,527	308,953
Health & Safety	943,894	943,894	902,518
	2,819,717	2,819,717	2,805,568
TOTAL CORPORATE SERVICES	19,691,609	19,819,109	19,832,112
CORPORATE POLICY			
Policy	671,173	671,173	648,395
Equalities	382,832	382,832	384,562
Performance Management Unit	207,917	207,917	223,534
Community Safety	127,926	127,926	82,093
	1,389,848	1,389,848	1,338,584
HOUSING SERVICES			
General Fund Housing	990,666	990,666	1,317,617
Private Housing	363,362	363,362	326,020
	1,354,028	1,354,028	1,643,637
TOTAL NON-CORPORATE SERVICES	2,743,876	2,743,876	2,982,221
RESERVES			
Social Services	0	0	(29,514)
Corporate Services	0	0	(91,492)
TOTAL RESERVES	0	0	(121,006)
TOTAL SERVICES	22,435,485	22,562,985	22,693,327

<i>MISCELLANEOUS FINANCE</i>	Estimate 2017/18	Revised Estimate 2017/2018	Estimate 2018/2019
MISCELLANEOUS FINANCE			
Staff Related Costs			
Pension Contribution - Former Authorities Ongoing	1,215,689	1,215,689	1,215,689
Recharge to Education - Former Authorities	(189,629)	(189,629)	(189,629)
	1,026,060	1,026,060	1,026,060
Catering			
Subsidy	56,313	56,313	0
	56,313	56,313	0
Statutory Benefit Schemes			
Council Tax Benefits	14,560,178	14,560,178	13,788,308
DHP Rent allowances		61,053	56,808
DHP Rent Rebates		549,472	511,276
DHP Income		(610,525)	(568,084)
General Rent Allowances	28,118,381	28,118,381	28,543,432
Rent Rebates	29,009,587	29,009,587	27,456,591
Rent Allowance War Widow Concessions	35,000	35,000	35,000
Housing Benefit Subsidy	(57,127,968)	(57,127,968)	(56,000,023)
	14,595,178	14,595,178	13,823,308
Levies Upon the Council			
Coroner	196,975	196,975	200,946
Archives	209,092	209,092	209,092
Fire Service Authority	8,378,145	8,378,145	8,475,706
	8,784,212	8,784,212	8,885,744
Capital Financing			
Debt Charges (Principal Repaid)	14,316,180	2,373,043	2,383,236
Debt Charges (Interest Payments)		8,708,589	8,977,172
Debt Charges (Debt Management Exp's)		44,519	42,285
Income from External Investments:		(400,000)	(600,000)
Rescheduling Discounts		(152,931)	(110,369)
Earmarked for specific funds/balances	259,960	812,891	846,498
CERA (Capital Expenditure funded from Revenue Account)	217,872	3,407,901	2,604,319
	14,794,012	14,794,012	14,143,141
Corporate and Democratic Core Costs			
Bank Charges	185,978	185,978	189,698
Income from HRA	(31,281)	(31,281)	(31,907)
Income from DLO/DSO	(13,353)	(13,353)	(13,620)
External Audit Fees	474,584	474,584	484,076
Income from HRA	(79,825)	(79,825)	(81,422)
Income from DLO/DSO	(34,074)	(34,074)	(34,755)
Subscriptions	110,736	110,736	110,736
	612,765	612,765	622,806

<i>MISCELLANEOUS FINANCE</i>	Estimate 2017/18	Revised Estimate 2017/2018	Estimate 2018/2019
Grants to Voluntary sector			
Assistance to Voluntary sector	175,817	175,817	179,333
	175,817	175,817	179,333
Private Finance Initiative			
PFI Schools	2,459,038	2,459,038	2,340,304
PFI SEW	4,043,023	4,043,023	3,960,234
	6,502,061	6,502,061	6,300,538
Other			
Budget Pressures	121,166	121,166	0
NNDR - Authority Empty Properties	130,608	130,608	130,608
Counsel Fees	330,720	330,720	330,720
Careline	35,900	35,900	35,900
Carbon Management Scheme	27,618	27,618	28,170
Carbon Energy Tax	221,856	221,856	229,884
IT Replacement Strategy	129,257	129,257	131,842
PV Panels Income	(40,600)	(40,600)	(40,600)
Risk Management Contribution	(456,511)	(456,511)	(456,511)
Class 1A NI	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)
Welsh Language	52,115	52,115	53,157
City Deal	60,000	60,000	239,200
Matched Funding for Community Schemes	25,400	13,400	15,908
Targeted Rate Relief Scheme			77,000
Miscellaneous Items			4,631
	577,529	565,529	719,909
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS FINANCE	47,123,947	47,111,947	45,700,839
EXPENDITURE TO DIRECTORATE SUMMARY	69,559,432	69,674,932	68,394,166