



VOLUNTARY SECTOR LIAISON SUB-COMMITTEE – 8TH JUNE 2023

**SUBJECT: APPLICATIONS RECEIVED OUTSIDE THE GENERAL
CRITERIA FOR THE GRANTS TO THE VOLUNTARY
SECTOR FUND AND FROM EXCEPTIONAL INDIVIDUALS IN
RELATION TO THE WELSH CHURCH ACTS FUND**

**REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR EDUCATION AND
CORPORATE SERVICES**

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consult with members of the Voluntary Sector Sub-committee in relation to applications received which are outside the General Criteria for the Grants to the Voluntary Sector (GTVS) Fund or are from 'exceptional individuals' in relation to the Welsh Church Acts Fund (WCAF).
- 1.2 To seek a recommendation from Sub-committee members in relation to any applications considered, which will be reported to and approved or otherwise by the Head of Financial Services/S151 Officer under delegated powers.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 This report asks members of the Voluntary Sector Liaison Sub-committee to consider one application that has been received from an 'exceptional individual' in relation to the WCAF.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the Voluntary Sector Liaison Sub-committee makes a recommendation in relation to this application. The recommendation will then be reported to and approved or otherwise by the Head of Financial Services/S151 Officer under delegated powers.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 To ensure that the applications received under this report are determined in accordance with the Council's scheme of delegation criteria.

5. THE REPORT

- 5.1 This report is the first to be considered by the Voluntary Sector Liaison Sub-committee in its role as the replacement for the Grants to the Voluntary Sector (GTVS) Panel. The decision was taken at the Council's AGM on 11th May 2023 to disband the GTVS Panel and transfer its functions to the Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee (VSLC). However, as the main meeting of the VSLC includes representatives from the voluntary sector, they are unable to take part in any Council decision-making process. Therefore, this has necessitated the need for the Sub-Committee to deal with applications that cannot be automatically awarded in accordance with existing criteria.
- 5.2 The Sub-committee are asked to consider one application that has been received from an 'exceptional individual' in relation to the WCAF. A redacted version of the application form and quotes for items to be purchased are included at Appendix 1.
- 5.3 Members of the Sub-committee are asked to consider the application and make a recommendation on whether it should be supported, and if so, the amount of funding to be awarded. The recommendation will then be reported to and approved or otherwise by the Head of Financial Services/S151 Officer under delegated powers.

5.4 Conclusion

- 5.4.1 The report requests that the members of the Sub-committee make a recommendation in relation to one application received.

6. ASSUMPTIONS

- 6.1 There are no assumptions as the 2023/24 budget has been confirmed and funding is available if members of the Sub-committee are minded to recommend approval of the application.

7. SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 An Integrated Impact Assessment has not been undertaken as this report deals with a specific application received from an individual.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There is a budget available to fund the application if that is the recommendation of members of the Sub-committee.

9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no personnel implications.

10. CONSULTATIONS

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

11. STATUTORY POWER

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

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Appendices:	Public Interest Test
Appendix 1	Exempt – Application from an 'exceptional' individual in relation to the WCAF