



VOLUNTARY SECTOR LIAISON SUB-COMMITTEE – 30TH NOVEMBER 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**

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 organisation which is outside the General Criteria for the GTVS Fund, and one application from an 'exceptional individual' in relation to the WCAF, and to make recommendations for grants to be awarded.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the Voluntary Sector Liaison Sub-committee makes recommendations in relation to these applications. These recommendations 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 Since the last meeting of the VSLC Sub-committee one application has been received in relation to the GTVS Fund which is outside the General Criteria for the grant. A redacted version of the application form, which includes the reasons for the application included at Appendix 1. The applicant has also provided a letter, which is provided at the end of the document for information.
- 5.2 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. This recommendation will be considered by the Head of Financial Services/S151 Officer and approved or otherwise under delegated powers.
- 5.3 In addition, since the last meeting of the VSLC Sub-committee one application has been received from an 'exceptional individual' in relation to the WCAF. A redacted version of the application is included at Appendix 2, together with various supporting evidence.
- 5.4 Members of the Sub-committee are asked to consider this application and make a recommendation on whether it should be supported and if so, the amount of funding to be awarded. This recommendation will be considered by the Head of Financial Services/S151 Officer and approved or otherwise under delegated powers.

Conclusion

- 5.5 The report requests that members of the Sub-committee make a recommendation in relation to the two applications received, in light of the additional information provided.

6. ASSUMPTIONS

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

7. SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 An Integrated Impact Assessment has not been undertaken as this report deals with specific applications received from one organisation and one individual.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There is a budget available to fund both applications 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:

Appendix 1 Application from an organisation outside the General Criteria for the GTVS Fund

Appendix 2 Application from an 'exceptional individual' in relation to the WCAF