



## REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – FOR INFORMATION

**SUBJECT: REVENUE GRANTS 2017/2018**

**REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR - COMMUNITIES**

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

- 1.1 To provide information to Members relating to revenue grants for 2017/18 for Environment Directorate service areas.

### **2. SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The report provides details of the 2017/18 revenue grant funding for Environment Directorate. 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 Council has a number of corporate strategies and this report deals with the use of resources in the achievement of those strategies.

### **4. THE REPORT**

- 4.1 The attached Appendix provides summary details of revenue grants currently available to the Directorate in 2017-18. It includes a list of the grants, the grant funding bodies, the value of the grant, a brief description of the purpose of the funding, together with details of the responsible officer. As highlighted in the appendix, there is a diverse range of grants available to the Authority.
- 4.2 Grants will have an agreed set of terms and conditions, covering the type of initiatives and expenditure that will be funded, the methods for submitting grant claims and documentary evidence required in support of the claims. The grant funding body will request information to satisfy itself that the grant monies have been spent in accordance with its terms and conditions. Expenditure in respect of grants is usually subject to an external audit.
- 4.3 External audit would assess expenditure against the terms and conditions of the grant and 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/or assets purchased have been located, along with the confirmation that spend complies with the conditions of the grant. 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 There are no equalities issues.

## **7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 Grant funding for service initiatives and schemes can change from year to year and uncertainty of funding needs to be considered and managed, including implications for future service provision, employment implications and alternative funding streams.
- 7.2 Expenditure must comply with the grant terms and conditions, and/or bids. 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 services provide employment opportunities within the Authority and loss of or reduced grant provision can sometimes impact on employment.

## **9. CONSULTATIONS**

- 9.1 There are no consultation responses, which have not been included 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 inform Members of the 2017/2018 revenue grant funding position for Environment Directorate services.

## **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 Environment Directorate Grants 2017-18

**Appendix 1 - Schedule of Environment Directorate Revenue Grant Funding for 2017-18**

Grant	Funding Body	Grant Funding 2017/2018	Grant Funding 2016/2017	Matched Funding	Division	Lead Officer	Purpose of Grant	Subject to Audit
Rights of Way Improvement Grant (ROWIP)	National Resources Wales (NRW)	£31,000	£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)	£371,865	£366,237	No	Planning - Countryside	RDP Delivery Manager	Regeneration Initiatives in rural areas through community engagement and development.	Yes
Aberbargoed Grasslands SSSI	National Resources Wales (NRW)	£20,000	£20,000	No	Planning - Countryside	Countryside Manager	To part fund the Aberbargoed Grasslands SSSI	No
Agriculture & Farming - Ynys Hywel Farm	Welsh Government (WG)	£8,000	£8,000	No	Planning - Countryside	Countryside Manager	To part fund / subsidise farming activities at Ynys Hywel Farm	No
Environment and Sustainable Development (ESD)	Welsh Government (WG)	£42,900	£51,436	No	Planning - Countryside	Countryside Manager	Natural Resource Management including Biodiversity and Landscape	Yes
Local Sport Plan	Sports Council for Wales (SCW)	£662,700	£672,097	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)	£3,034,136	£3,134,136	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)	£27,252	£32,852	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)	£83,529	£100,000	No	Engineering & Transportation	Senior Engineer Corporate Land Drainage	Local Flood alleviation management	Yes
Road Safety Revenue Grant	Welsh Government (WG)	£95,000	£90,600	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	No
Bus Services Support Grant	Welsh Government (WG)	£407,902	£407,713	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)	£3,175,110	£3,127,110	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. Also this mechanism may be changing in 2017/18 on how grant is administered, claimed & paid	Yes
Bus Service Operators Grant (Connect 2)	Welsh Government (WG)	£8,600	£7,000	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)	£40,000	£14,210	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)	£129,375	£125,000	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	£213,381	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)	£2,031,411	£2,902,016	No	Regeneration & Planning - Community Regeneration	Community Regeneration Manager	To enable and support the delivery of the Communities First programme in 2017 /18 as set out in the application	Yes
LIFT	Welsh Government (WG)	£150,349	£146,137	No	Regeneration & Planning - Community Regeneration	Community Regeneration Manager	To enable and support the delivery of the LIFT Programme in 2017 /18 as set out in the application	Yes
C4W (Communities For Work)	EU funding via Welsh Government (WG)	£591,159	£595,859	No	Regeneration & Planning - Community Regeneration	Community Regeneration Manager	As compensation for services in relation to the C4W programme in each Cluster	Yes
SCHOOL MILK	EU funding & Welsh Government (WG) & Health	£320,963	£320,963	NO	Public Protection	Catering Manager	Grant value approximate as based on milk uptake, also varies according to exchange rate	No
<b>Total: -</b>		<b>£11,605,109</b>	<b>£12,532,535</b>					