



## REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – FOR INFORMATION

**SUBJECT: REVENUE GRANTS 2018/2019**

**REPORT BY: INTERIM CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITIES**

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

- 1.1 To provide information to Members relating to revenue grants for 2018/19 for Environment Directorate service areas.

### **2. SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The report provides details of the 2018/19 revenue grant funding for Environment Directorate. The report excludes grant funded schemes where CCBC merely act 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.
- 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 The attached Appendix provides summary details of revenue grants currently available to the Directorate in 2018-19. 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 or reductions in funding needs to be considered and managed, including implications for future service provision, employment implications, redundancy costs 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 and possible redundancy.

## **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 2018/2019 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 2018/19

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Appendix 1 Schedule of Environment Directorate Grants 2018-19

**Appendix 1 - Schedule of Environment Directorate Revenue Grant Funding for 2018-19**

Grant	Funding Body	Grant Funding 2018/2019	Grant Funding 2017/2018	Matched Funding	Division	Lead Officer	Purpose of Grant	Subject to Audit
Rights of Way Improvement Grant (ROWIP)	National Resources Wales (NRW)	£0	£31,000	No	Planning - Countryside	Countryside Manager	To fund implementation of Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) - 10yr programme ended 2017/18	Yes
Rural Development Plan (RDP) 2014-2020	EU funding via Welsh Government (WG)	£371,865	£371,865	Yes	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)	£85,471	£42,900	No	Planning - Countryside	Countryside Manager	Natural Resource Management including Biodiversity and Landscape	Yes
Local Sport Plan	Sports Council for Wales (SCW)	£688,200	£662,700	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
Sustainable Waste Management Grant	Welsh Government (WG)	£942,804	£0	No	Community & Leisure - Waste Management & Cleaning	Waste Strategy & Operations Manager	Waste Resource Management including resource efficiency through waste prevention, recycling and landfill diversion. WG have reverted to funding waste recycling initiatives via a combination of Sustainable Waste Management Grant (SWMG) and a transfer of funding into the RSG (Revenue Support Grant) settlement. The combined funding for Caerphilly is £2,761,804 (compared to £3,034,136 ESD grant received in 2017/2018 "see below") a reduction of £272,332.	
Environment and Sustainable Development (ESD)	Welsh Government (WG)	£0	£3,034,136	No	Community & Leisure - Waste Management & Cleaning	Waste Strategy & Operations Manager	Waste Resource Management including resource efficiency through waste prevention, recycling and landfill diversion (for 2018/2019 the method of funding waste resource management has changed, see SWMG grant above)	Yes
Environment and Sustainable Development (ESD)	Welsh Government (WG)	£30,347	£27,252	No	Community & Leisure - Waste Management & Cleaning	Special Projects Officer	Local Environment Quality - tackle environment quality issues	Yes
Flood & Coastal Erosion Risk Management Grant	Welsh Government (WG)	£65,000	£0	No	Engineering & Transportation	Senior Engineer Corporate Land Drainage	For 2018/2019 WG have reverted to funding flood alleviation initiatives via a specific flood related grant rather than via the ESD grant.	
Environment and Sustainable Development (ESD)	Welsh Government (WG)	£0	£83,529	No	Engineering & Transportation	Senior Engineer Corporate Land Drainage	Local Flood alleviation management. For 2018/2019 WG have reverted to funding flood alleviation initiatives via a specific flood related grant rather than via the ESD grant (see Flood Grant above).	Yes
Road Safety Revenue Grant	Welsh Government (WG)	£88,200	£95,000	No	Engineering & Transportation	Transport Engineering Manager	Provision of 4 Road Safety activities comprising of Kerb craft, National Standards Cycle Training, Pass Plus Cymru & Megadrive	No

<b>Bus Services Support Grant</b>	Welsh Government (WG)	<b>£413,928</b>	<b>£407,902</b>	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 who are the lead Authority.	Yes
<b>Concessionary Fares Grant</b>	Welsh Government (WG)	<b>£3,175,110</b>	<b>£3,175,110</b>	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 less £934,000 CCBC contribution. Also this mechanism may be changing in 2018/19 on how grant is administered, claimed & paid.	Yes
<b>Bus Service Operators Grant (Connect 2)</b>	Welsh Government (WG)	<b>£9,000</b>	<b>£8,600</b>	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
<b>Bus Service Operators Grant (Social Services Transport)</b>	Welsh Government (WG)	<b>£40,000</b>	<b>£40,000</b>	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
<b>Arts Council for Wales (ACW) Revenue Grant</b>	Arts Council for Wales (ACW)	<b>£129,375</b>	<b>£129,375</b>	No	Regeneration & Planning	Destination & Events Manager	Development of arts provision in CCBC via the Blackwood Miners Institute (BMI)	Yes
<b>SE Wales Arts &amp; Education Regional Network</b>	Arts Council for Wales (ACW)	<b>£200,000</b>	<b>£213,550</b>	No	Regeneration & Planning	Destination & Events Manager	Bankers for grant to be spent over whole region, employer of 2 PT staff to deliver	Yes
<b>Communities First</b>	Welsh Government (WG)	<b>£0</b>	<b>£2,031,411</b>	No	Regeneration & Planning - Community Regeneration	Community Regeneration Manager	To enable and support the delivery of the Communities First programme. The original Communities First grant funded initiatives were phased out by Welsh Government during 2017/2018 and ceased in 2018/2019 but they have now been replaced by new grant funded initiatives of £2million in relation to Legacy (building resilient communities via a 3E's approach of employability, empowerment and early years) and C4W (Communities for Work funded via the Employment Support Fund).	Yes
<b>LIFT</b>	Welsh Government (WG)	<b>£0</b>	<b>£150,349</b>	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
<b>Legacy</b>	Welsh Government (WG)	<b>£547,867</b>	<b>£0</b>	No	Regeneration & Planning - Community Regeneration	Community Regeneration Manager	Legacy funding, building resilient communities via a 3E's approach of employability, empowerment and early years	Yes
<b>C4W+ (Communities For Work Plus)</b>	Welsh Government (WG)	<b>£856,754</b>	<b>£0</b>	No	Regeneration & Planning - Community Regeneration	Community Regeneration Manager	C4W+ funding, building resilient communities via a 3E's approach of employability, empowerment and early years	Yes
<b>C4W (Communities For Work)</b>	EU funding via Welsh Government (WG)	<b>£596,540</b>	<b>£591,159</b>	No	Regeneration & Planning - Community Regeneration	Community Regeneration Manager	As compensation for services in relation to the C4W programme in each Cluster	Yes
<b>SCHOOL MILK</b>	EU funding & Welsh Government (WG) & Health	<b>£337,900</b>	<b>£320,963</b>	NO	Public Protection	Catering Manager	Grant value approximate as based on milk uptake, also varies according to exchange rate	No
<b>Total: -</b>		<b>£8,766,669</b>	<b>£11,605,109</b>					