

The Vale of Glamorgan Council

Cabinet Meeting: 25 July, 2016

Report of the Leader

Community Action Self Help (CASH) Scheme 2016/17

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek the views of Cabinet on the awarding of Community Action Self Help (CASH) grants.

Recommendations

1. That grants totalling £23,508 be approved as set out at [Appendix B](#).
2. That a further report be presented to Cabinet to agree new Conditions and Criteria for the Community Action Self Help (CASH) Scheme 2017/18.

Reasons for the Recommendations

1. To progress grants in accordance with the amended scheme.
2. To reflect the Council's Corporate Plan and Reshaping Services Programme.

Background

2. CASH schemes provide funding to Town and Community Councils to undertake capital schemes of their choice within their own area. This is an important feature of the Council's aims to work in partnership with Town and Community Councils and to target resources to all communities within the Vale.
3. Technical assistance from officers is available to Town and Community Councils during the design and implementation of their schemes.

Relevant Issues and Options

4. The scheme's conditions and criteria is set out at [Appendix A](#) to this report. When approving grant applications Cabinet should ensure that the relevant criteria are being met and the purposes for which the grants are awarded are in accordance with the Council's priorities.
5. Schemes must be completed within the financial year 2016/17, are limited to a ceiling of £15,000 for any one Community or Town Council and satisfactory quotations must

be obtained. In addition, the Council will need to be satisfied that the Community/Town Council are able to meet all future revenue costs.

6. The additional criteria introduced in 2016/17 to be applied when considering applications is set out below;
 - Only one scheme will be put forward per Town/Community Council.
 - No grant award should total more than 50% of the scheme value in order to demonstrate commitment to the scheme on behalf of Town/Community Councils.
 - Grant awards should not be more than 30% of the Town/Community Council's precept to ensure the schemes progressed are proportionate to the size of the Town/Community Council.
 - Grants schemes should be greater than 5% of the Town/Community Council's precept. Any scheme that is less than 5% of the precept value should be met from within the Town/Community Council's existing funds.
7. Details of the applications received together with the grants recommended are set out at [Appendix B](#) to this report. As the funding available for grant applications is limited, where appropriate, a number of grant applications shown in [Appendix B](#) will be signposted to other additional sources of funding to support the implementation of the scheme. Any grants allocated are in principle only. Only when conditions are met will final approval be issued. Unless otherwise indicated, the balance of funding for any project will be provided by the Town or Community Council making the application.
8. As a consequence of ongoing work on the Council's Reshaping Services Programme and given the fact that the Council has now produced a new Corporate Plan, it is imperative that the Conditions and Criteria document, attached at [Appendix A](#) (in place for 2016/17) be developed further for 2017/18 to include reference to corporate priorities. As a consequence recommendation 2 is also included.

Resource Implications (Financial and Employment)

9. £30,000 has been included in the 2016/17 Capital Programme for the CASH grant scheme. The total value of grants eligible for funding under the scheme is £23,508.

Sustainability and Climate Change Implication

10. The grants available enable Town and Community Councils to invest in and maintain the assets they are responsible for.

Legal Implications (to Include Human Rights Implications)

11. It is a condition of the CASH scheme that the Town or Community Council is responsible for ensuring that works are undertaken in accordance with current health and safety legislation and that sufficient insurance cover is obtained prior to the commencement of works. However, any grants allocated are in principle only. Only when conditions are met will final approval be issued.

Crime and Disorder Implications

12. There are no Crime and Disorder Implications arising out of this report.

Equal Opportunities Implications (to include Welsh Language issues)

13. There are no Equal Opportunities Implications arising out of this report.

Corporate/Service Objectives

14. Funding support to Community and Town Council's in accordance with the Council's corporate objectives.

Policy Framework and Budget

15. This is a matter for Executive decision.

Consultation (including Ward Member Consultation)

16. No consultation or Ward Member Consultation has taken place as the subject matter of the report is not Ward specific

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

17. Corporate Performance and Resources

Background Papers

Grant application forms and supporting paperwork.

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Officers Consulted

None

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