

# **The Vale of Glamorgan Council**

## **Cabinet Meeting: 26 September, 2016**

### **Report of the Leader**

#### **Christmas Grants 2016/17**

##### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek Cabinet's approval in the awarding of Christmas Grants for 2016/17.

##### **Recommendations**

1. That the sum to be made available to each Town/Community Council that apply for Christmas CASH(Community Action Self Help) funding for 2016/17 will be £315.
2. The per capita sum to be made available to pensioner and similar organisations that apply for Christmas Lunches in 2016/17 will be £3.00.
3. That Delegated Authority be given to the Managing Director in consultation with the Leader to award CASH grants.

##### **Reasons for the Recommendations**

- 1-2 To award monies in accordance with the scheme.
3. To enable CASH grant applications to be processed.

##### **Background**

2. In 2015/16 as in previous years Town/Community Councils were requested to submit a suitable Christmas feature project for CASH funding. A sum of £315 per Town/Community Council was made available in 2015/16 and the total grant awarded was approximately £6,615.
3. Pensioner and similar organisations have been invited to apply for financial assistance towards provision of a Christmas Lunch for their members. The amount per capita in 2015/16 was £3.00 at a total cost of approximately £3,519.

##### **Relevant Issues and Options**

4. In respect of Christmas CASH grants it is proposed that the sum is maintained at £315 per Town and Community Council in 2016/17. The budget set aside for this in 2016/17 is £7k.
5. In respect of Christmas lunch grants for pensioners and similar organisations, it is proposed that the sum of £3.00 per capita is maintained for 2016/17. The budget set aside for this in 2016/17 is £5k.

6. The provision of these grants will need to be kept under review, having regard to the Council's Reshaping Services programme. Under this initiative the efficiency of the Council's approach to grant funding is being reviewed. Any future allocations will therefore, need to be assessed as part of this Reshaping Services work.
7. As in 2015/16 it is proposed that applications for Christmas grants in 2016/17 will be distributed on request only.

### **Resource Implications (Financial and Employment)**

8. Financial provision has been made within the Corporate Policy revenue budget in 2016/17.

### **Sustainability and Climate Change Implications**

9. There are no sustainability and climate change implications arising out of this report.

### **Legal Implications (to Include Human Rights Implications)**

10. There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

### **Crime and Disorder Implications**

11. There are no crime and disorder implications.

### **Equal Opportunities Implications (to include Welsh Language issues)**

12. The core eligibility criteria provided to all applicants, provides that all organisations seeking funding must actively promote equal opportunities in their operations and service delivery.

### **Corporate/Service Objectives**

13. The proposals are within the corporate priorities of the Council.

### **Policy Framework and Budget**

14. This is a matter for Executive decision.

### **Consultation (including Ward Member Consultation)**

15. Since the proposals are within the Policy Framework and Budget, no further consultation is required.

### **Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

16. Corporate Resources

### **Background Papers**

Grant application.

### **Contact Officer**

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**Officers Consulted**

None

**Responsible Officer:**

Managing Director