

## **The Vale of Glamorgan Council**

### **Cabinet Meeting: 24 April, 2017**

## **Report of the Cabinet Member for Building Services, Highways & Transportation**

### **Transport Grant Awards 2017/18**

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

1. To advise Cabinet of the funding awarded for Transport Grant and related Schemes for 2017/18.

#### **Recommendations**

1. That the funded schemes for 2017/18 are approved.
2. That Cabinet note that the Head of Visible Services & Transport and the Cabinet Member for Building Services, Highways and Transportation used delegated powers to finalise the details of the bids in time for submission to comply with the Welsh Government deadline and that the Head of Visible Services & Transport used delegated powers in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Building Services, Highways and Transportation to accept the funding by the deadline of 5th April 2017 in order for the award not to be withdrawn.
3. That Cabinet approve the Capital funding of £279,600 and its inclusion in the 2017/18 Visible Services and Transport Capital Programme.

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

1. To endorse the acceptance of the schemes approved.
2. To advise the acceptance of the funding by the relevant officers.
3. To enable schemes to be started as early as possible in the new financial year.

#### **Background**

2. Welsh Government (WG) invites local authorities to submit bids for Local Transport Fund (LTF), Road Safety and Safe Routes in Communities (formally Safe Routes to Schools) (SRiC) funding annually to enable the delivery of transport and local road safety projects that enhance road safety and encourage sustainable travel to various key locations. There is an emphasis around access to schools and key locations for

these grants. WG invited bids on 19th December 2016 with a deadline for submission of 3rd February 2017.

## Relevant Issues and Options

3. WG has restricted the number of road safety revenue schemes to be submitted by each local authority and 4 of the schemes must include kerbcraft, pass plus cymru, national standards cycle training and motorcycle interventions. The funding allocation was indicative at £72k, a £2k increase from the 2016/17 allocation.
4. Within the LTF Grant, an Active Travel Mapping allocation has been provided of £9k. The allocation is for funding the costs associated with the activities in relation to the development of the integrated network maps that are due to be submitted to WG in November 2017.
5. Only two new schemes bids were permitted from LTF Grant, due to existing schemes that had already been committed for funding from previous years, and a maximum of 3 schemes were permitted for Road Safety and SRiC. Bids could include schemes over a 3 year period and a maximum of £1.5m would be allocated per scheme in any one year.
6. For the LTF Grant, the following schemes were submitted:
  - Junction 34 to A48 and Weycock Cross to Cardiff Airport Corridor - to include a WelTAG Stage 1 Appraisal of a route from J34 to A48 and a shared pedestrian / cycle route from Weycock Cross to Cardiff Airport, and
  - Dinas Powys Transport Network Weltag Stage 2 and Land options to provide cycle route from Biglis Roundabout to Dinas Powys.
7. For SRiC Grant, the following schemes were submitted:
  - Llantwit Major, Ham Lane - Active Travel scheme;
  - St Cyres to Lavernock pedestrian / cycle route, and
  - Porthkerry Road / Romilly Road, Barry - Active Travel scheme.
8. For Road Safety Capital Grant, the following schemes were submitted:
  - Road safety improvements in South Road, Sully;
  - Road Safety Improvements at Pen-Y-Turnpike Junction and associated works, and
  - Road Safety improvements at Merthyr Dyfan Road.
9. For Road Safety Revenue Grant, the following schemes were submitted:
  - National Standards Cycle Training;
  - Kerbcraft / Child Pedestrian Training;
  - Motorcycle Training;
  - Pass Plus Cymru; and
  - Megadrive.
10. [Appendix 1](#) contains the Grant Award Letter from WG. Funding has been awarded for the J34 to A48 WelTAG Stage 1 Appraisal and the Dinas Powys Transport Network WelTAG Stage 2 Appraisal and cycle route scheme, the Llantwit Major, Ham Lane Active Travel scheme and the road safety revenue grant schemes. All other capital schemes were unsuccessful this financial year.

11. The terms and conditions of the Grants mean that the works identified for the year, will need to be completed by 31st March 2018.

**Resource Implications (Financial and Employment)**

12. The table below shows the full list and value of bids and whether they were successful.

Scheme	Source of Funding	Bid amount	Match Funding	Successful/ Unsuccessful
Active Travel Mapping	LTF	£9,000		Successful
Junction 34 to A48 & Weycock Cross to Cardiff Airport Cycle scheme	LTF	£1,157,000	£148,192	Part Successful (£60,000 for WeITAG Appraisal)
Dinas Powys Transport Network and Land Options for Biglis Roundabout to Dinas Powys	LTF	£60,000		Successful
Llantwit Major, Ham Lane Active Travel Scheme	SRiC	£150,600		Successful
Dinas Powys to Lavernock Cycle Scheme	SRiC	£322,640		Unsuccessful
Porthkerry Road / Romilly Road, Barry Active Travel Scheme	SRiC	£80,000		Unsuccessful
Road Safety improvements at Sully	Road Safety Capital Grant	£252,000		Unsuccessful
Road Safety Improvements Pen-Y-Turnpike, Dinas Powys	Road Safety Capital Grant	£92,000		Unsuccessful
Road Safety Improvements Merthyr Dyfan Road, Barry	Road Safety Capital Grant	£178,120		Unsuccessful
National Standards Cycle Training	Road Safety Revenue Grant	£34,000		Successful
Kerbcraft / Child Pedestrian Training	Road Safety Revenue Grant	£24,000		Successful

Motorbike Training	Road Safety Revenue Grant	£2,500		Successful
Pass Plus Cymru	Road Safety Revenue Grant	£7,500		Successful
Megadrive	Road Safety Revenue Grant	£4,000		Successful

13. Road Safety Revenue funding can be amended to meet demand, subject to advising the WG.
14. The measures contained within this report will be fully funded from the Grants.
15. Visible Services and Transport priorities will need to change in accordance with the amount and type of grant available.

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

16. Measures to improve road safety, walking and cycling will all aid sustainable accessibility and the reduction of single occupancy car movements, therefore having a positive impact on sustainability and climate change.

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

17. If local authorities do not provide a road safety service as statutorily required under Section 39 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 action could be taken for a breach of statutory duty. Providing a road safety service involves (amongst other things) education, training and publicity which benefits road safety and enables the upholding of laws in relation to the safe use of the highway.

### **Crime and Disorder Implications**

18. It is anticipated that the number of road traffic accidents in the Vale, particularly those involving children, young people and vulnerable road users, will be reduced as a consequence of these initiatives.

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

19. The concept of equal opportunities is a fundamental principle that underlies all of this Council's policies. Improvements to pedestrian and cycling routes in the Vale will benefit all members of the community including some of the most vulnerable road user groups.
20. There are no particular Welsh Language issues associated with these grants and all promotional material produced in association with the supported schemes will be bilingual in accordance with Council Policy.

### **Corporate/Service Objectives**

21. The delivery of the schemes funded, will assist the Council in delivering its objectives within the Corporate Plan including specific objectives within an inclusive and safe Vale, an environmentally responsible Vale and an active and healthy Vale. It will also

contribute to the Well-being Goals for Wales, introduced by the Well Being of the Future Generation Act (2015).

### **Policy Framework and Budget**

22. This is a matter for Executive decision by Cabinet.

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

23. This report affects all areas of the Council and therefore no specific ward consultation has been undertaken.

### **Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

24. Environment & Regeneration

### **Background Papers**

[Appendix 1](#) - Grant Award Letter from Welsh Government

### **Contact Officer**

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### **Officers Consulted**

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### **Responsible Officer:**

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