

The Vale of Glamorgan Council

Cabinet Meeting: 19 March, 2018

Report of the Leader

Grant Award to Cowbridge Charter Trust

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek Cabinet's approval in the awarding of a grant from the 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 corporate revenue budgets and the award of a corresponding licence for the Cowbridge Town Wall for the period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2021.

Recommendations

1. That a grant be awarded to Cowbridge Charter Trust CIO of £902 per annum for 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 and a corresponding licence be made for the period.
2. That the Head of Legal Services be granted Delegated Authority to agree the terms and execute the Licence in line with recommendation 1 above.

Reasons for the Recommendations

- 1&2. To enable maintenance works to be carried out to the Cowbridge Town Wall by Cowbridge Charter Trust CIO (CCT).

Background

2. Following a partial collapse of the Town Wall in 2008, the Authority made a grant of £60,000 to CCT who administered the works to return the Town Wall to a safe and attractive condition.
3. CCT approached the Council for a grant to enable maintenance of the Town Wall and the last award was approved by Cabinet on 9th March 2015 (Minute C2688).
4. The grant awarded was for three years; £1,320 in 2015/16, £752 in 2016/17 and £752 in 2017/18.

Relevant Issues and Options

5. As the previous funding award comes to an end in 2017/18 CCT have now approached the Council for an extension to the funding and licence for the Cowbridge Town Wall.

6. As the organisation is unable to recover VAT on the works it has requested a small increase in funding to reflect the additional costs that they are incurring on the cost of the works.
7. A three year grant is requested £902 in 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21.

Resource Implications (Financial and Employment)

8. Financial provision has been made in the corporate policy revenue budget 2018/19.

Sustainability and Climate Change Implications

9. The grant in question contributes to the maintenance of the wall, a historic structure in the fabric of Cowbridge.

Legal Implications (to Include Human Rights Implications)

10. The licence awarded to CCT for the Cowbridge Town Walls will be renewed to enable the maintenance and restoration works to be carried out during the 3 year period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2021.

Crime and Disorder Implications

11. There are no crime and disorder implications resulting from this report

Equal Opportunities Implications (to include Welsh Language issues)

12. Organisations must actively promote equal opportunities in their operations and service delivery.

Corporate/Service Objectives

13. Contributes to the Corporate Objective of valuing culture in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Policy Framework and Budget

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

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 Performance and Resources

Background Papers

None

Contact Officer

Principal Accountant.

Officers Consulted

Not applicable

Responsible Officer:

Section 151 Officer