

Meeting of:	<b>Cabinet</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>Monday, 19 July 2021</b>
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Corporate Performance and Resources
Report Title:	Grant Award and Licence Extension to Cowbridge Charter Trust 2021/22 to 2023/24
Purpose of Report:	To seek Cabinet's approval in the awarding of a grant from the 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24 corporate revenue budgets and the award of a corresponding licence for the Cowbridge Town Wall for the period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2024.
Report Owner:	Report of the Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources
Responsible Officer:	Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer
Elected Member and Officer Consultation:	This report does not require Ward Member consultation.
Policy Framework:	This is a matter for executive consideration by Cabinet.
<p>Executive Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To award a grant to Cowbridge Charter Trust of £1,128 per annum from the Corporate Grants Budget in Policy for 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24</li> <li>To award a licence to Cowbridge Charter Trust for the period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2024.</li> </ul>	

## **Recommendations**

1. That a grant be awarded to Cowbridge Charter Trust Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) of £1,128 per annum for 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24 and a corresponding licence be made for the period.
2. That the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal & Democratic Services be granted Delegated Authority to agree the terms and execute the Licence between the Vale of Glamorgan Council and the Cowbridge Charter Trust CIO in line with Recommendation 1 above.

## **Reasons for Recommendations**

1. To enable maintenance works to be carried out to the Cowbridge Town Wall by Cowbridge Charter Trust CIO (CCT).
2. To enable a Licence to be agreed between the Vale of Glamorgan Council and the Cowbridge Charter Trust CIO for the Cowbridge Town Walls.

## **1. Background**

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 Since the award of the initial grant funding successive grants have been made to CCT to ensure the ongoing repair and maintenance of the Grade II listed Town Walls; the last award having been approved by Cabinet on 19th March 2018 (Minute C257) at a value of £902 for 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21
- 1.3 As the previous funding award ended in 2020/21 CCT have now approached the Council for an extension to the funding and licence for the Cowbridge Town Wall.
- 1.4 Due to the demolition of the Cattle pens in the area and the increase in façade to be maintained CCT have requested a 25% increase on the grant award which approximately represents the increase in area.

## **2. Key Issues for Consideration**

- 2.1 It is considered by the Neighbourhood and Transportation Directorate that the extension of this arrangement offers good value for money for the Council.
- 2.2 The arrangement ensures that the Cowbridge Town Wall receives regular maintenance to ensure the wall remains safe and attractive and minimises the capital cost of repairs to the Council.
- 2.3 A three year grant is requested £1,128 per annum in 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24.

### **3. How do proposals evidence the Five Ways of Working and contribute to our Well-being Objectives?**

- 3.1** The allocation of this revenue funding supports the delivery of outcomes identified in the Corporate Plan as set out below.
- 3.2** To work with and for our communities - funding the Community Interest Organisation (CCT) to ensure that their specialist knowledge is utilised to maintain and enhance the Cowbridge Town Walls.
- 3.3** To respect, enhance and enjoy our environment - to ensure that the Cowbridge Town Walls are maintained in a safe and attractive condition.
- 3.4** The allocation of this revenue grant funding is made in accordance with the Five Ways of Working
- 3.5** **Looking to the long term** - the allocation of funding ensure the maintenance of the condition of the Cowbridge Town Walls.
- 3.6** **Taking an integrated approach** – The approach utilised the specialist knowledge of the CCT to deliver this scheme.
- 3.7** **Involving the population in decisions** – Funding of this organisation ensures that the maintenance is delivered in partnership with the Community.
- 3.8** **Working in a collaborative way** – This approach recognises that more can be achieved and better services can be provided by collaboration providing funding to work with local communities.
- 3.9** **Understanding the root cause of issues and preventing them** – This approach provides proactive funding to ensure that the town walls are maintained.

### **4. Resources and Legal Considerations**

#### **Financial**

- 4.1** Financial provision has been made in the corporate policy revenue budget 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24.

#### **Employment**

- 4.2** There are no employment considerations associated with this report.

#### **Legal (Including Equalities)**

- 4.3** The licence awarded to CCT for the Cowbridge Town Walls will be renewed to enable the maintenance and restorations works to be carried out during the 3 year period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2024.

### **5. Background Papers**

None.