

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

11TH AUGUST 2017

Executive Board Member:	Portfolio:
Cllr. Hughes Griffiths	Culture, Sport & Tourism

Event Support Fund Applications

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To seek approval on applications received to the Events Support Scheme that have been assessed to the total amount of £4,673.25

Reasons:

To get approval for financially supporting a number of events that can make contributions to the set criteria in growing positive impact of events and festivals

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Declaration of Personal Interest (if any):

Dispensation Granted to Make Decision (if any):

N/A (If the answer is yes exact details are to be provided below:)

DECISION MADE:

Signed:

DATE: _____

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The following section will be completed by the Democratic Services Officer in attendance at the meeting

Recommendation of Officer adopted	YES / NO
Recommendation of the Officer was adopted subject to the amendment(s) and reason(s) specified:	
Reason(s) why the Officer's recommendation was not adopted:	

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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As part of a series of actions to grow the contribution of events and festivals in Carmarthenshire, £20,000.00 has been approved to provide an Event Support Fund Scheme aimed at providing financial assistance to events in the county that can demonstrate that they can make a contribution to the Tourism, Community and Economic strategic aims. As of 1st August 2017, £13,700 has been committed. The following applications have been received, assessed against the criteria with recommendations listed below

- Gorslas Carnival 2017: Recommended support **£423.25**
- Llandovery Sheep Festival 2017: Recommended support **£1,000.00**
- Festival of the Celts 2017: Not progressed due to date of event being in early August
- Autumn Rail and Road Steam Rally 2017: Recommended support **£750.00**
- Llanelli Half Marathon 2018: Recommend support **£2,000.00**

Financial Year 2018/19

- Llanelli Walking Festival 2018: Recommend support **£500.00**

Total sum recommended **£4,673.25**

Scheme amount remaining in 17/18: £2,126.75

Scheme amount remaining in 18/19: £19,500.00

Support has been provided in previous years to Gorslas, the Sheep Festival, Steam Rally and the Walking Festival and the benefits from using the Event Network Circle need to be clearly taken on board by the organisers. This could be done immediately as it would ensure there are funds for other potential events for the key spring 2018 period although the cons of this is that it gives little time for the events to make other connections.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?

Yes

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: Wendy Walters

Director of Regeneration & Policy

Policy and Crime & Disorder	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Organisational Development	Physical Assets
YES	NONE	YES	NONE	Yes	NONE	NONE

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

The County Council's Transformations Regeneration Plan 2015-2030 highlights the aim to *transform the overall economic, environmental, cultural and social well-being of Carmarthenshire*. The Events Support Scheme as one of a set of aligned actions to grow events in the County by the County Council will make an impact to events that can in turn improve the contribution events and festivals make to the economy and communities in Carmarthenshire.

A criteria for assessment in this scheme is the contribution the applicant's events can make to the Heritage and Culture of their community including the positive use of the Welsh Language throughout the communication and delivering event activities through the medium of Welsh.

2. Finance

The funding for this scheme has been provided through core funds from the Marketing & Media section of the County Council. The total agreed sum for the scheme is set at £20,000 for the financial year 2017 / 2018

3. Risk Management Issues

As a third party grant, the responsibility for successful event delivery is with the applicant who under the terms of the scheme are only allowed to make a claim after the event has occurred.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Wendy Walters

Director of Regeneration & Policy

1. Scrutiny Committee

N/A

2. Local Member(s)

Cllr Aled Owen, Gorslas

Cllr Darren Price Gorslas

Cllr Handal Davies, Llandovery

Cllr Hugh Shepardson, Pembrey

Cllr Shirley Matthews, Pembrey

3. Community / Town Council

Burry Port & Pembrey, Llandeilo and Llandovery Councils through the above County Councillors. Discussions will be planned with Llanelli Rural and Town councils with regard to the Half Marathon (if supported) in the already established town forum and Xmas carnival planning meetings

4. Relevant Partners

The 120 members of the Events Network Circle have been made aware of the scheme itself and will be updated on the applications post Ex Board approval. Meetings to discuss the actual delivery of the various events will be organised with the applicants and those from the Local Trade, Carmarthenshire Tourist Association and Visit Wales

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

N/A

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Carmarthenshire Destination Management Plan 2015 2020		http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/business/tourism/destination-management-plan.aspx#.WT-9TsuQyM8
County Council's Transformations Regeneration Plan 2015-2030		http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/business/development-investment.aspx
Event Support Scheme guidance & Criteria		http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/business/business-support/organising-events/funding-for-event-organisers.aspx#.WT_nqtQrKM8