

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR THE
LEADER
30/10/2018**

Executive Board Member:	Portfolio:
Cllr Emlyn Dole	Leader

CARMARTHENSHIRE BUSINESS FLOOD RELIEF FUND

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To formally approve the provisional allocation of £200k to set up a Business Flood Relief Fund and agree eligibility criteria, forms and proposed procedures for delivery.

Reasons:

To safeguard businesses in affected areas of the County.

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Declaration of Personal Interest (if any): NONE

Dispensation Granted to Make Decision (if any): N/A

DECISION MADE:

Signed:

DATE: _____

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

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
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER LEADER
30TH OCTOBER 2018

CARMARTHENSHIRE BUSINESS FLOOD RELIEF FUND

Background:

Following widespread flooding across the county as a result of Storm Callum, approximately 120 businesses have been affected and have experienced disruption to business activity. To support those businesses to rebuild it is proposed to establish a £200k Carmarthenshire Business Flood Relief Fund to assist private & third sector enterprises to recover from flooding damage.

Proposed Eligibility Criteria:

It is proposed that:

- A maximum project cost of £9999;
- Eligible activities for funding to include Construction Costs to rectify damage to buildings; Replacement or Repairs to equipment; Clean Up Costs;
- Retrospective costs to be considered from 13 Oct 2018;
- Grant award to be maximum of 50% of total costs up to a maximum of £4999.

Ineligible Costs:

- Those that are being covered by insurance company claim (note items can be considered up to value of insurance claim excess);
- Loss of earnings or rent as these are not tangible items and cannot be evidenced in line with grant requirements (invoice to supplier and defrayment), we also cannot cover own employee costs.

Proposed Application & Processes:

- Single stage application process to include application form, one quote, photographs;
- Projects presented to officer panel for consideration;
- Officer recommendation to be forwarded to EBM leader for approval;
- Payment either: in retrospect based on submission of claim form evidence of defrayment and invoice or in advance with evidence supplied within 3 months of signed offer

Recommendations:

- That £200k is allocated to enable the establishment of the Carmarthenshire.
- To approve the proposed eligibility criteria, forms and process as set out above.
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DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

Application Form attached.

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 and Policy**

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

The funding has been identified from the Council's capital programme.

2. Legal

Section 2 of the local government act allows a local authority to do anything that it considers would be likely to promote or improve the economic or social well-being of any person living in the County. Having regard to the Council's Corporate Strategies we are satisfied that the setting up of the funds for those affected by Storm Callum clearly falls within these statutory powers.

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: Wendy Walters **Director of Regeneration and Policy**

1. Scrutiny Committee N/A
2. Local Member(s) N/A
3. Community / Town Council N/A
4. Relevant Partners N/A
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:**

Application Form attached.