

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR THE LEADER

THURSDAY, 17 January 2019

PRESENT: Councillor: E. Dole (Executive Board Member).

The following officers were in attendance:

M. Bull, Economic Development Area Manager

B Hale, Economic Development Coordinator

M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer

Leader's Office, County Hall, Carmarthen: 10.00 am - 10.45 am

1. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interests.

2. DECISION RECORD - 19TH DECEMBER, 2018

RESOLVED that the decision record of the meeting held on the 19th December, 2018 be signed as a correct record.

3. REPORTS NOT FOR PUBLICATION

RESOLVED pursuant to The Local Government Act 1972 as, amended by The Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007 that the following items were not for publication as the reports contained exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

4. CARMARTHENSHIRE BUSINESS FLOOD RELIEF FUND

Following the application of the public interest test it was **RESOLVED** pursuant to the Act referred to in minute no. 3 above not to publicise the content of the report as it contained exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information) (Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act).

The public interest test in this matter related to the fact that the report contained detailed information about the business and financial affairs and ambitions of the applicants. In this case, the public interest in maintaining transparency and accountability is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining confidentiality, as disclosure would be likely to place persons and businesses named in the report at an unfair disadvantage in relation to their commercial competitors.

The Executive Board Member considered applications for assistance from the Carmarthenshire Business Flood Relief Fund.

RESOLVED that the following applications for assistance from the Carmarthenshire Business Flood Relief Fund be approved subject to the usual terms and conditions and those specified in the report:-

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Award</u>
Siop Iago, Newcastle Emlyn	£1850.00
Peter Francis Auctioneers, Carmarthen	£844.00
Steve Jones Car Sales, Carmarthen	£4,999.00
GMJ Body Repairs, Carmarthen	£1544.45

5. CARMARTHENSHIRE BUSINESS START UP/BUSINESS GROWTH FUND

Following the application of the public interest test it was **RESOLVED** pursuant to the Act referred to in minute no. 3 above not to publicise the content of the report as it contained exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information) (Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act).

The public interest test in this matter related to the fact that the report contained detailed information about the business and financial affairs and ambitions of the applicants. In this case, the public interest in transparency and accountability is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining confidentiality, as disclosure of this information would be likely to damage the applicants at this stage.

Further to minute 2 of the meeting held on the 19th February 2018 the Executive Board Member considered an application for assistance from the Carmarthenshire Growth Fund. It was also reported that the number of jobs likely to be created in regard to a previously approved Carmarthenshire Business Start-Up Grant to Welshtastic would be 1 full time job and not 2 Full time jobs and 1 Part time job as originally anticipated. The criteria for the grant was still met.

RESOLVED

5.1 that the following application for assistance from the Carmarthenshire Business Growth Fund be approved subject to the usual terms and conditions and those specified in the report:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Award</u>
Morgan La Roche	£8040.54

5.2 that the previously awarded grant in the sum of £1549.93 to Welshtastic from the Carmarthenshire Business Start-Up Fund be confirmed.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

DATE