

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR THE LEADER
15th October 2020

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.

The Authority has over recent years provided support to third sector organisations to further develop their growth. Funding has been made available via the Targeted Finance Fund (TFF) to support third sector organisations to create sustainable jobs.

The COVID 19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the third sector and in light of the current situation, it is proposed that the TFF guidelines be amended to reflect the current economic climate. It is therefore proposed that:

The intervention rate is increased from 60% to 80% to reflect the ability of groups to access other match funding at the present time

The outcomes of the funded projects are not solely focused on 'job creation' and that 'jobs safeguarded will be considered to have equal value in terms of the scoring criteria

Projects supported will be required to demonstrate how the funding will support community groups to adapt their services/facilities to meet local needs as a result of the pandemic.

In addition, the Authority will work collaboratively with Social Business Wales and Carmarthenshire Association of Voluntary Services to provide 'Peer to Peer support' to assist with exchanging skills and knowledge, providing online webinars to assist with their long term sustainable planning.

Police Participatory fund

The Police & Crime Commissioner has awarded £10K per Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) area in Dyfed Powys to undertake a Participatory Budgeting exercise within their areas. NPTs have been tasked to find partner contributions to increase the fund available in each area.

Carmarthenshire has 4 NPTs covering the county. Areas such as Newcastle Emlyn and Llanybydder are actually covered by Ceredigion based NPTs so would not be covered in the 4 NPTs we're being asked to support. The funding will be used to support community based community cohesion/community based diversionary activities.

Once the budget is confirmed, the Police and Crime Commissioner's officer will establish local steering groups for each NPT area, for which all organisations that have financially contributed will be a member of that group. This Steering Group will prepare some criteria for the fund and then put out a call for community based projects to put forward applications for funding. The project/activity doesn't have to necessarily be policing/crime focused but the aim of the funding is to increase community cohesion / ownership i.e. community based activities that act as a diversion from possible crime and anti-social behaviour. These can be existing or new projects/activities.

All projects would then be put forward to a 'Participatory Budgeting' event – one for each NPT, which the Police are hoping to hold in November (likely to be virtual). This will be open to the public and attendees will vote on their preferred projects and those who get most votes will then be funded. This new initiative has already been successfully trialled in Newtown.

It is proposed that the Authority contributes £2,500 per NPT as part of this initial trial, resulting in a total contribution of £10,000.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	NO
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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: Jason Jones

Head of Regeneration

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

3. Finance

A budget of £90,000 is made available via the Authority's core funds to provide support to third sector organisations via the Targeted Finance Fund.

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: Jason Jones

Head of Regeneration

- 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:

THERE ARE NONE