

CABINET MEMBER FOR RURAL AFFAIRS, COMMUNITY COHESION AND PLANNING POLICY

FRIDAY, 14 July 2023

PRESENT: Councillor: C.A. Davies (Cabinet Member).

The following officers were in attendance:

C. Owen, Bureau Officer

A. Rees, Bureau Officer

K. Thomas, Democratic Services Officer

Virtual Meeting - 10.00 - 10.10 am

1. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

2. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE DECISION RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 14TH MARCH 2023

RESOLVED that the decision record of the meeting held on the 14th March 2023 be signed as a correct record.

3. WELSH GOVERNMENT ALLOTMENT SUPPORT GRANT

The Cabinet Member considered a report seeking retrospective approval for the submission of a work plan to the Welsh Government by the 30th April 2023, detailing ten funding applications under its 2023/24 Allotment Support Fund and to also agree to the Authority's Bureau Team undertaking the administrative role in line with the grants Terms and Conditions.

The Cabinet Member noted that Carmarthenshire County Council had been allocated an indicative amount of £34,308 by the Welsh Government via the Allotment Support Grant to increase the availability of good quality allotment plots across Carmarthenshire for the 23/24 financial year. An indicative amount of £34,308 had also been allocated for activity within 2024-25, subject to another Work Plan being finalised by no later than 31 December 2023. It was also noted the 10 applications detailed within the report had subsequently been approved by the Welsh Government.

The fund, which is to be administered by the Authority's Bureau Team, would be used in a variety of ways to help boost the capacity of the organisations detailed within the report and included:-

- Creation of new plots
- Bringing derelict plots back into use
- Improving accessibility
- Improving site services
- Improving site security

- Improving site management
- Increase recycling / renewability
- Increase biodiversity / pollinators

RESOLVED

- 3.1 That retrospective approval be granted for the submission of funding applications to the Welsh Government as part of its 2023/24 Allotment Support Fund.**
- 3.2 That the Authority's Bureau Team undertake the administrative role in line with the grants Terms and Conditions**

CABINET MEMBER

DATE