

**CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR THE
LEADER
14.09.21**

Cabinet Member:	Portfolio:	
Cllr. Emlyn Dole	Leader	
WG ALLOTMENT SUPPORT GRANT		
Purpose:		
To consider and approve the following proposals:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To approve the Welsh Government 2021/22 Allotment Support Fund and associated projects. 		
Recommendations / key decisions required:		
Approve the delivery of the Allotment Support Fund and associated projects.		
Reasons:		
To increase the availability of good quality allotment plots within Carmarthenshire.		
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Declaration of Personal Interest (if any): None

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

DECISION MADE:	
Signed: <hr style="width: 80%; margin-left: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER</p>	DATE: _____

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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WG Allotment Support Grant

Carmarthenshire County Council has been awarded funding of £39,554 by Welsh Government via the Allotment Support Grant to increase the availability of good quality allotment plots across Carmarthenshire. The funding relates to activity within 21/22 financial year. The fund will be used in a variety of ways to help boost the capacity of the organisations. This includes -

- 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

Welsh Government requested that a short 'Work Plan' be submitted proposing a number of improvements to allotments within the county and that will form the targets that are expected to be achieved.

The grant was made available to Carmarthenshire County Council and subsequently contact was made with community groups who operate allotments in the county to establish the level of interest. Based on this information each group was asked to provide a list of works and outputs that would increase the availability of good quality allotments plots with works to be completed by March 2022.

Subsequently 10 projects were identified which then formed the 'Work Plan' that was submitted to Welsh Government for approval.

The funding will be administered by the Authority central Bureau team to those organisations that were approached, and which formed the 'Work Plan' (see attached) approved by Welsh Government.

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	YES	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

1. Finance

A total budget of £39,554 capital funding has been awarded via the Welsh Government Allotment Support Grant for 21/22 financial year and will be utilised to support community groups. The fund will cover 100% of the costs, as no match funding will be required.

The funding will be distributed to Third Parties in line with procedures agreed with CCC Finance.

The Funding relates to the period 5 July 2021 to 25 February 2022 and must be claimed in full by Friday 4 March 2022.

The Authority will be reimbursed by Welsh Government via a two-claim process. The first claim (approximately 50% of incurred costs) must be submitted by 15/12/21 with the final claim no later than the 04/03/22 based on

2. Legal

Terms and Conditions will be established with the Third-party groups in receipt of the funding.

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