

CABINET BOARD MEMBER FOR RURAL AFFAIRS AND PLANNING POLICY

15TH JULY 2022

Cabinet Member:	Portfolio:
Cllr. Ann Davies	Cabinet member for Rural Affairs and Planning Policy

WG ALLOTMENT SUPPORT GRANT

Purpose:

Approve the delivery of the Allotment Support Fund and associated projects.

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To retrospectively approve applications submitted for consideration as part of the Welsh Government 2022/23 Allotment Support Fund.

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:

DATE: _____

CABINET 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
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1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.

Carmarthenshire County Council has been allocated an indicative amount £39,601 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 22/23 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 have 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 Funding Bureau has subsequently made contact with Town & Community Councils and Allotment groups who operate allotments within Carmarthenshire to establish the level of need. 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 2023.

Subsequently 14 projects were submitted and assessed by the Bureau team, which then formed the 'Work Plan' that was submitted to Welsh Government for approval by the deadline of 10th June 2022. Work Plan attached as Appendix A and guidance as Appendix B.

The fund will be administered by the Authority's Bureau team and any variations to the funding will be managed by the team.

REPORT ATTACHED

No

- **Appendix A – Work Plan**
- **Appendix B - Guidance**

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 £39,601 capital funding has been awarded via the Welsh Government Allotment Support Grant for 22/23 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 2022/23 and must be fully claimed by March 2023.

The Authority will be reimbursed by Welsh Government.

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

Relevant T&CC contacted who either lease or sublease allotments, to promote the opportunity to access the WG Allotment support grant.

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