

CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR REGENERATION, LEISURE, CULTURE & TOURISM

11TH AUGUST 2023

Cabinet Member: Cllr. Gareth John	Portfolio: Cabinet Member Decisions Meeting for Regeneration, Leisure, Culture & Tourism
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10 TOWNS REVENUE FUND

Recommendations / key decisions required:

- To consider one application submitted as part of the Carmarthenshire Ten Towns Revenue Fund which is funded via the Shared Prosperity Fund.
- To review the recommendations of the Funding Panel and approve the project.

Reasons:

The Carmarthenshire 10 Towns Revenue Fund is funded by the UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund. The fund will enable the delivery of projects identified by the respective areas to support their growth aspirations.

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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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10 TOWNS REVENUE FUND

The 10 Towns Revenue Fund provides support to participating towns and their surrounding areas in their future growth ambitions by supporting projects identified and agreed by the growth teams.

RECOMMENDATIONS / KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:

The purpose of this report is to consider one application that has been received for applications under the Rural Innovation 10 Towns Revenue Fund, as part of the Shared Prosperity Fund.

It is recommended that one application totalling £4,999 be approved as outlined below following recommendation to approve by funding panel.

SPF- 10T-Rev- 01 Newcastle Emlyn Town Council Grant Request: £4,999

Newcastle Emlyn Town Council are seeking funding towards a feasibility study on the former Courthouse building. The Grade II listed former Courthouse building is currently in the ownership of Carmarthenshire County Council and until 2019 was used as the town's library. The building is currently vacant, but the Town Council have been offered the opportunity to manage the building for the benefit of the town on a long-term lease.

The Town Council recently conducted a public consultation with local residents on potential uses for the building. The responses have given the Town Council an idea of possible uses for the building. The findings of the consultation suggest that the building will need to be multi-use to cater for the groups that propose to use it.

Before committing to taking on the former Courthouse, the Town Council require estimated financial projections for the future running costs of the building. Based on the projected running costs a business plan and cashflow forecast will need to be prepared to inform the Town Council as to the viability of the project. The aim is to provide a sustainable asset for the town without the need to rely on grant funding.

Recommendation

Approve grant of £4,999 based on a project expenditure of £4,999 to support one of the projects identified by Newcastle Emlyn's Growth Team.

Total Number of Applications recommended for approval - 1 Total Value = £ 4,999

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED	No

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 Digital

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

Policy and Crime & Disorder

The Shared Prosperity Fund provides an opportunity to draw down additional investment which will help deliver against some of the County's key strategic objectives. In order to draw down the funding, a Regional Investment Plan was submitted to UK Government setting out how the Region intends to utilise the funding based on local needs and opportunities. A Carmarthenshire Investment Plan was developed which fed into the Regional Plan. The Investment Plan for Carmarthenshire is based on our existing strategies and plans including the Economic Recovery Plan, Local Innovation Strategy, Wellbeing Assessment, and the South West Wales Regional Economic Delivery Plan. The Carmarthenshire Plan is aligned to the 7 Wellbeing goals of the Well-being of Future Generations Act. An extension to the 10 towns initiative forms part of the Rural Anchor which has been developed to address some of the challenges and opportunities detailed in Carmarthenshire's Local Investment Plans and as such, are in line with Carmarthenshire's existing strategies and plans including the Corporate Strategy and Well-being Objectives

Legal

The Authority will enter into a funding agreement with all delivery partners which will be executed as a deed. The Authority's legal team have been involved in development.

Finance

The funding requested will be provided from the Rural Anchor programme which is funded via the UK Government Shared Prosperity 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, Policy and Digital

1. Local Member(s)

2. Community / Town Council

3. Relevant Partners

4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations The application has been agreed by Newcastle Emlyn's Growth Team

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
10 Towns Revenue Fund	SPF- 10TownsRev- 01	County Hall, Carmarthen. SA31 1JP