

CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION, LEISURE, CULTURE AND TOURISM

MONDAY, 12 February 2024

PRESENT: Councillor H.A.L. Evans (Cabinet Member) (Remote)

The following officers were in attendance (Remotely):

M. Bull, Economic Development Funding & Business Manager
H. Barrett, Project & Funding Co-ordinator
M. E. Pemberton, Rural Programme Co-ordinator
R. Phillips, Economic Development Area Manager
A. Eynon, Principal Translator
J. Owens, Democratic Services Officer

Committee Room 1 (Democratic Services Committee Room) - County Hall, Carmarthen.
SA31 1JP and remotely - 10.00 - 10.06 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 18TH JANUARY 2024

RESOLVED that the decision record of the meeting held on the 18th January 2024 be signed as a correct record.

3. TEN TOWNS PROGRAMME (CAPITAL FUND)

The Cabinet Member considered an application submitted as part of the Ten Towns capital fund.

RESOLVED that the following application for assistance from the 10 Towns Capital Fund be approved subject to the usual terms and conditions and those specified in the report:

Applicant	Project	Award
St Clears Town Council	Y Gat and St Clears Gateway project, St Clears	£33,697

4. TEN TOWNS PROGRAMME (REVENUE FUND)

The Cabinet Member considered an application submitted as part of the Ten Towns revenue fund.

RESOLVED that the following application for assistance from the 10 Towns Revenue Fund be approved subject to the usual terms and conditions and those specified in the report:

Applicant	Project	Award
Llandeilo Town Council	Llandeilo Marketing Officer	£20,000

5. REPORTS NOT FOR PUBLICATION

RESOLVED pursuant to The Local Government Act 1972 as amended by The Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007 that the following items were not for publication as the reports contained exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

6. ENTERPRISING COMMUNITIES

Following the application of the public interest test it was **RESOLVED**, pursuant to the Act referred to in minute no. 5 above, not to publicise the content of the report as it contained exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information) (Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act).

The public interest test in this matter related to the fact that the report contained detailed information about the business and financial affairs and ambitions of the applicants. In this case, the public interest in maintaining transparency and accountability is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining confidentiality, as disclosure would have the potential to unfairly undermine the position of the organisations concerned in relation to other organisations operating in the same sphere of economic activity.

The Cabinet Member considered applications submitted for funding from the Enterprising Communities Fund which formed part of the Arfor II programme.

RESOLVED:

- 6.1** that the following applications for assistance from the Enterprising Communities Fund be approved subject to the usual terms and conditions and those specified in the report:

Applicant Reference	Award
CM-02-01	£20,000
CM-02-03	£17,500
CM-02-04	£30,000
CM-02-05	£17,535
CM-02-06	£28,000
CM-02-07	£30,000
CM-02-09	£30,000
CM-02-10	£9,887

6.2 That the following applications for assistance from the Enterprising Communities fund be rejected:

Applicant Reference	Reason
CM-02-02	The application was the lowest scoring application and there is insufficient budget.
CM-02-08	The organisation was not constituted and is therefore deemed ineligible.

7. SHARED PROSPERITY FUND - BUSINESS RENEWABLE ENERGY FUND

Following the application of the public interest test it was **RESOLVED**, pursuant to the Act referred to in minute no. 5 above, not to publicise the content of the report as it contained exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information) (Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act).

The public interest test in this matter related to the fact that the report contained detailed information about the business and financial affairs and ambitions of the applicant. In this case, the public interest in maintaining transparency and accountability is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining confidentiality, as disclosure would be likely to place persons and business named in the report at an unfair disadvantage in relation to their commercial competitors.

The Cabinet Member considered a project application received from a business seeking assistance from the Shared Prosperity Fund – Business Renewable Energy Fund, the aim of which was to enable businesses to undertake renewable energy improvement projects leading to business efficiencies and carbon reduction.

RESOLVED that the project submitted to Shared Prosperity Fund – Business Renewable Energy Fund as detailed in the report be approved.

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DATE