

CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION, LEISURE, CULTURE AND TOURISM

THURSDAY, 9 May 2024

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

The following officers were in attendance:

R. Phillips, Economic Development Area Manager
T. Bufton, Town Centre Regeneration Manager
M. Bull, Economic Development Funding & Business Manager
M. E. Pemberton, Rural Programme Co-ordinator
A. Spencer, Economic Development Officer Shared Prosperity Fund - Property Development Fund
A Ralph, Economic Development Officer
K. Thomas, Democratic Services Officer

Chairman's Room, County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP. - 9.30 - 9.50 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 8TH APRIL 2024

RESOLVED that the decision record of the meeting held on the 8th April, 2024 be signed as a correct record.

3. 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 |
|------------------------|--|------------|
| Llandeilo Town Council | Phase 2 of the Ten Towns Project to enhance the new attraction in the town by providing a dedicated parking area, fencing of the pump track and purchase of street furniture at the site | £72,391.00 |

4. REPORTS NOT FOR PUBLICATION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as amended by The Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007 that the following items were not for publication as the reports contained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.

5. SHARED PROSPERITY FUND - VACANT PROPERTY FUND

Following the application of the public interest test it was **RESOLVED**, pursuant to the Act referred to in minute no. 4 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 the exemption under the 1972 Act in respect of this report outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information therein, as disclosure would be likely to place the businesses named in the report at an unfair disadvantage in relation to their commercial competitors.

The Cabinet Member considered two applications received for funding from the Shared Prosperity Fund - Vacant Property Fund.

RESOLVED that the two applications detailed in the report for funding from the Shared Prosperity Fund – Vacant Property Fund be approved subject to the usual terms and conditions and those specified in the report:

6. SHARED PROSPERITY FUND - BUSINESS START UP & GROWTH FUND

Following the application of the public interest test it was **RESOLVED**, pursuant to the Act referred to in minute no. 4 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 be likely to place persons and businesses named in the report at an unfair disadvantage in relation to their commercial competitors.

The Cabinet Member considered seven project applications received from businesses seeking assistance from the Shared Prosperity Fund – Business Startup and Growth Grant Fund, the aim of which was to support businesses to start, sustain, grow and create jobs.

RESOLVED that the seven projects submitted to the Shared Prosperity Fund – Business Start up and Growth Grant Fund as detailed in the report be approved.

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. 4 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 be likely to place the person and business named in the report at an unfair disadvantage in relation to their commercial competitors.

The Cabinet Member considered an application received for funding from the Shared Prosperity Fund - Business Renewable Energy Fund to enable businesses to undertake renewable energy improvement projects leading to business efficiencies and carbon reduction.

RESOLVED that the application received for funding from the Shared Prosperity Fund – Business Renewable Energy Fund as detailed in the report be approved.

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DATE