

**CABINET MEMBER FOR
REGENERATION, LEISURE, CULTURE AND TOURISM**

MONDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2024

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

The following officers were in attendance:

M. Bull, Economic Development Funding & Business Manager;
H. Barrett, Project & Funding Co-ordinator;
B. Hale, Economic Development Coordinator;
M. E. Pemberton, Rural Programme Co-ordinator;
C. Owen, Bureau Officer;
J. Owen, Democratic Services Officer.

Committee Room 1, County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP: 12:00pm - 12:35pm

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 29TH JULY 2024

RESOLVED that the decision record of the meeting held on the 29th July 2024 be signed as a correct record.

3. 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
Laugharne Memorial Hall	Laugharne Memorial Hall	£20,000

4. TARGETED FINANCE FUND APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED that the following applications for assistance from the Targeted Finance Fund be approved subject to the usual terms and conditions and those specified in the report:

Targeted Finance Fund	
Applicant	Award
TFF-24-01 – St Clears Town Trust	£18,212
TFF-24-02 – Pencader Family Centre	£18,800
TFF-24-03 – CYCA	£20,000
TFF-24-04 – Ynni Sir Gâr	£20,000
	£77,012

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 REPORTS NOT FOR PUBLICATION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as amended by The Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007 that the following items were not for publication as the reports contained exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.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. 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. 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 project applications received from businesses seeking assistance from the Shared Prosperity Fund – Business Start-up and Growth Fund, the aim of which was to support businesses in Carmarthenshire to start, sustain, grow and create jobs.

RESOLVED that the project applications submitted seeking assistance from the Shared Prosperity Fund – Business Start Up & Growth Fund be approved, as per the recommendations set out within the report.

7. TOWN CENTRE LOAN SCHEME

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 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 business named in the report at an unfair disadvantage in relation to their commercial competitors.

The Cabinet Member considered a loan request application to the Town Centre Loan Scheme.

RESOLVED that the loan application to the Town Centre Loan Scheme be approved subject to the usual terms and conditions and those specified in the report.

8. CARMARTHENSHIRE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT 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 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 business named in the report at an unfair disadvantage in relation to their commercial competitors.

The Cabinet Member received for consideration an application to receive support from the Carmarthenshire Commercial Property Development Fund. In noting the background of the application, the Cabinet Member was provided with an update in regard to planning conditions that had been received following the publication of the agenda.

RESOLVED to defer the consideration of the application until the planning permission condition had been discharged.

CABINET MEMBER

DATE