

TECHNICAL OFFICERS'
WORKING PARTY REPORT

WYE VALLEY AONB
JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
6th November 2017

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND (SDF)

Purpose

To endorse the allocations of the Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) for 2017/18 and 2018/19, subject to available funds.

Recommendation

That the JAC endorses the recent allocations of the SDF for 2017/18, and for 2018/19 subject to funds being available.

Key Issues

- The 2017/18 Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) from Welsh Government is £55,000.
- The SDF Assessment Panel allocated £53,977.46 for 2017/18 to date (see attached table).
- The SDF Assessment Panel has provisionally allocated £36,000 for 2018/19 (see attached table) subject to funds being made available from Welsh Government.
- The JAC had previously endorsed the principle of allocating any remaining SDF at end of year to specific AONB projects that meet the SDF criteria.

Reasons

The SDF has been running in Wales for seventeen years and provides a good opportunity for local communities, businesses and organisations within or adjacent to the AONB in Monmouthshire to establish innovative initiatives that benefit the Wye Valley AONB.

Implications

The SDF has nearly been fully allocated for 2017/18 in the Wye Valley AONB. The Welsh Government have not yet determined the level of SDF for 2018/19. However, the SDF Assessment Panel have provisionally approved £36,000 of SDF grant aid for 2018/19 on the assumption that the Welsh Government will not decide to decrease the SDF below this level. For the current year £55,000 of SDF was available which was the same level as 2016/17. All offers to date for 2018/19 are offered conditional to the funding being available.

Background

The AONB Unit and other partners promote the availability of the SDF to as many sectors as possible in Monmouthshire. Members are similarly encouraged to do so. Sarah Sawyer, AONB Community Links Officer, is available to discuss and advise on potential applications (contact community@wyevalleyaonb.org.uk or call 01600 710844).

Table	SDF Wales Summary 2017/18 & 2018/19				
Ref.No	Applicant	Project Name	SDF Amount	Status	Date of Decision
2017/18					
WV00 YR17W	Wye Valley AONB	Admin	£5,000.00		
WV01 YR17W	Monmouthshire Meadows	Enhancement Wet Meadow Trellech	£2,227.46	Approved	26/04/2017
WV02 YR17W	Sylvia Rimat	Tree	£1,000.00	Approved	26/04/2017
WV05 YR17W	Drew Moore	Drystone wall	£1,000.00	Approved - Delegated	01/06/2017
WV03 YR17W	Jon Dunkelman	Fungi booklet	£1,000.00	Approved	6/7/17
WV04 YR17W	AONB Partnership	Wye Valley River Festival 2018	£25,000.00	Approved	6/7/17
WV06 YR17W	Nelson Garden Preservation Trust	Nelson Heritage Triangle Leaflet	£500.00	Approved	6/7/17
WV07 YR17W	Wye Woods Partnership	Wye Woodland Interpretation	£2,800.00	Approved	6/7/17
WV08 YR17W	Cadw & AONB partnership	Tintern Abbey Beacon Technology	£2,000.00	Approved	6/7/17
WV09 YR17 W	John Sterry, Old Station Tintern	Community Performance Space- Interpretative sculptures	£6,450.00	Approved	6/7/17
WV10 YR17W	Gwent Wildlife Trust	Livestock Trailer	£1,000.00	Approved	6/7/17
WV11 YR17W	Gwent Wildlife Trust	Volunteer Project	£4,000.00	Approved	6/7/17
WV12 YR17W	AONB Partnership	A466 River Visibility Study	£2,000.00	Approved – Fast track	9/8/17
		Sub total	£53,977.46		
2018/19					
WV00 YR18W	Wye Valley AONB	Admin	£5,000.00		
WV01 YR18W	Sylvia Rimat	Tree	£1,000.00	Approved	26/04/2017
WV02 YR18W	AONB Partnership	Wye Valley River Festival 2018	£25,000.00	Approved	6/7/17
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