SUBJECT: WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP

MEETING: Cabinet

DATE: 10th January 2018

DIVISIONS/WARD AFFECTED: AII

1. PURPOSE:

1.1 The purpose of this report is to make recommendations to Cabinet on the Schedule of Applications for the Welsh Church Fund Working Group meeting 5 of the 2017/18 financial year held on the 14th December 2017.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

2.1 We resolved that the following grants be awarded as per the schedule of applications.

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED 2017/18 – MEETING 5.

(1) The Kids Cancer Charity Church requested £500 to assist in the provision of respite breaks for up to 150 families whose children are affected by Cancer.

Recommendation – £500 awarded to enable the provision of respite breaks to Monmouthshire families whose children are affected by cancer

(2) Friends of Castle Park Primary requested £2,750 to assist in the provision of an outdoor classroom to enable schoolchildren to fully engage with environmental and nature related learning experiences taught through interactive learning and topical instruction.

County Councillor D. Evans declared a non-prejudicial personal interest as signatory of the application Item 2 - Friends of Castle Park Primary School.

Recommendation - £1,000 awarded to assist the community group in the provision of a long-term educational asset for the benefit of future generations.

(3) Homemakers Community Recycling requested £1,500 for assistance in the construction of two new workshops to upcycle and recycle furniture to provide better furniture for affected families in hardship.

Recommendation - £1,500 awarded to assist this Monmouthshire Community Charity to develop assets to provide re-cycled furniture to disadvantaged Monmouthshire residents.

3. KEY ISSUES

The nature of the request in each case is set out in the attached schedule.

4. OPTIONS APPRAISAL

Options available to the Committee are driven by the information only supplied by the applicants

5. EVALUATION CRITERIA

No evaluation criteria is applicable to the grant awarded by the trust

6. REASONS

Meeting took place on Thursday 14th December 2017 of the Welsh Church Fund Cabinet Working Group to recommend the payment of grants as detailed in the attached schedule.

County Councillors in attendance:

County Councillor A. Webb (Chair)

County Councillor D. Evans (Vice Chair)

County Councillor S. Woodhouse

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

D. Jarrett Central Finance Officer

6.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was agreed that declarations of interest would be made under the relevant item if appropriate.

6.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

County Councillor B. Strong W. Barnard Senior Democracy Officer

6.3 CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Welsh Church Fund Working Group held on Thursday 9th November 2017 were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

7. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A total of £3,000 was allocated at Meeting 5 of the Welsh Church Fund Committee. A remaining balance of £25,791 remains available for distribution within the 2017-18 financial year.

8. WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS IMPLICATIONS (INCORPORATING EQUALITIES, SUSTAINABILITY, SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING):

There are no Future Generations, equality, safeguarding, corporate parenting or sustainable development implications directly arising from this report. The assessment is contained in the attached appendix.

9. CONSULTEES:

Senior Leadership Team
All Cabinet Members
Head of Legal Services
Assistant Head of Finance
Central Finance Management Accountant

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Welsh Church Fund Schedule of Applications 2017/18 – Meeting 5 (Appendix 2)

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