

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
Report to:	Executive Committee
Date:	25th March 2019
Subject:	Flexible Funding – Children and Communities Grant 2019 – 2020
Portfolio Holder(s):	Councillor R. Meirion Jones – Flying Start/ Out of School Childcare Grant Councillor Llinos Medi Hughes – Families First / St.David’s Day Fund/Promoting Positive Engagement for Young People Councillor Alun Mummery – Legacy Fund
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Local Members:	All Elected members

A –Recommendation/s and reason/s							
<p>We refer to a previous document to the Executive : Corporate Prevention Strategy, discussed on the 28th January 2019 which referred to a number of Welsh Government grants obtained by Anglesey County Council and the Welsh Government’s intention to amalgamate these into 2 larger grants. One is the above, titled Children and Communities Grant which includes the following:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="162 1396 698 1711"> <tbody> <tr><td>Childcare and Play</td></tr> <tr><td>Communities for Work Plus</td></tr> <tr><td>Families First</td></tr> <tr><td>Flying Start</td></tr> <tr><td>Legacy Fund</td></tr> <tr><td>Promoting Positive Engagement</td></tr> <tr><td>St David's Day Fund</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Whilst each programme continues to plan independently and report independently to the Welsh Government, in accordance with the new Flexible Funding initiative, the authority</p>	Childcare and Play	Communities for Work Plus	Families First	Flying Start	Legacy Fund	Promoting Positive Engagement	St David's Day Fund
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now have to submit one grant application for the above grants, entitled the Children and Communities Grant.

This year is seen by all as a transition year, and further work is being undertaken to map and align services to improve customer focus and outcomes.

The Executive's approval is sought for the 2019 – 2020 plan with a view to returning to the Executive with a plan for 2020 onwards which will see grant programmes better align and target specific groups/provide certain services in accordance with local demographics.

B – What other options did you consider and why did you reject them and/or opt for this option?

N/A

C – Why is this a decision for the Executive?

To ensure compliance with Welsh Government grant conditions.

CH – Is this decision consistent with policy approved by the full Council?

This is not contrary to council policy.

D – Is this decision within the budget approved by the Council?

No additional budget considerations

DD – Who did you consult?

What did they say?

1	Chief Executive / Senior Leadership Team (SLT) (mandatory)	.
2	Finance / Section 151 (mandatory)	
3	Legal / Monitoring Officer (mandatory)	
4	Human Resources (HR)	

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5	Property	
6	Information Communication Technology (ICT)	
7	Procurement	
8	Scrutiny	
9	Local Members	
10	Any external bodies / other/s	

E – Risks and any mitigation (if relevant)		
1	Economic	
2	Anti-poverty	
3	Crime and Disorder	
4	Environmental	
5	Equalities	
6	Outcome Agreements	
7	Other	

F - Appendices:		
Children and Communities draft Plan 2019 – 2020		

FF - Background papers (please contact the author of the Report for any further information):		



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Children and Communities Grant
REQUEST FOR FUNDING 2019-20

PLEASE NOTE ALL REQUESTS FOR FUNDING MUST BE CLEARED AND
ENDORSED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE BEFORE SUBMISSION.

Section 1 – Endorsement and Compliance

Local Authority Area: Isle of Anglesey County Council

Indicative Award (£): £2,633,00.00

Signature:

Date

8/2/19

Name in Block
Capitals:

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Anglesey County Council – Chief Executive

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Section 2 – Purpose and guidance to complete this form

Purpose:

The purpose of the Children and Communities grant will be to address the support needs of the most vulnerable children and adults in our communities through a range of early intervention, prevention and support mechanisms. It will seek to mitigate or remove disadvantage to vulnerable people to enable them to have the same life chances as others, and therefore contribute to a more equal Wales.

Guidance:

Please refer to the 'Children and Communities Grant Guidance document' for more information.

Please complete Sections 3 to 10 and 12 using the boxes below.

Please focus on the changes that are expected as a result of the flexible funding approach in the Children and Communities Grant. You will note there is no upper word limit on Sections 3 and 4, recognising the importance of these sections.

Section 11 explains which other delivery plans you are expected to complete.

There is no need to duplicate or repeat responses in different sections. If relevant, please cross-refer to other areas of the plan if you have already provided the information.

The money allocated for the Children and Communities grant for 2019-20 must only be spent on delivering against this grant (and the seven programmes within it).

Section 3 – Vision

What is the high level local authority vision supporting the use of this grant?

Response:

(No word limit)

The High level vision for Anglesey Local Authority is ensuring the provision of effective preventative and early intervention services to vulnerable adult's children and their families who reside within our communities.

The overarching ethos behind our vision is rooted in the aspiration of preventing adverse childhood experiences, and providing response and services which are trauma informed.

In recent discussions with our communities, staff and elected members the following priorities have been identified:

- Creating the conditions for everyone to achieve their long-term potential
- Support vulnerable adults and families and keep them safe, healthy and as independent as possible
- Work in partnership with our communities to ensure that they can cope effectively with change and developments whilst protecting our natural environment.

In recent years, we have noticed that the Welsh Government's grant funding structures for the programmes can sometimes restrict the way they would like to deliver services for vulnerable people, children and families. We therefore welcome the move towards a greater flexibility in order for us to maximise the potential of the funding available to allow us in partnership with our key stake holders and residents for us to plan for and deliver improved services to meet the needs of people in our communities.

Section 4 – New Approaches

A key objective of amalgamating these programmes into a single grant is to enable local authorities to respond with innovative approaches to improve service delivery.

Better outcomes:

Please demonstrate how you plan to use the flexibilities to drive innovative ways of working to achieve better outcomes for people. Please show:

- which approaches are new and being tested
- which are already developed and
- how the learning is being transferred.

Achieving administrative efficiencies:

Please demonstrate your approach to minimising the administrative support required to support these grant programmes including what you are doing to achieve efficiencies through improved commissioning (where applicable).

- **New approaches being tested**
- Commissioning has been taking place to map services and gaps in relation to statistical information that individuals and families are susceptible to domestic violence, alcohol and drug misuse and mental health difficulties when they are referred to various programmes and agencies.
- This report will address how individuals and families are supported to access early assistance, what staffing structures need to be in place across agencies to support this, financial constraints and priorities identified to a strategic level especially in terms of the LSB.
- Across the island the Council is taking new community based approaches to the preventative agenda by utilising community venues/schools, creating community hubs, co-locating strategic staff, employing community asset coordinators in tandem with the Third Sector.

- **Developments.**
Parenting :Aligning programmes such as parenting courses and co-delivering where possible,
Training Strategy : train staff to deliver the same courses, talk in the same way with clients, e.g. all staff in Social Services and Flying Start completed Building Stronger Families course in 2018.
- Mapping provision across a range of services, not only the grant programmes, but strategically across the Council's services and in collaboration with the Third Sector. This will further allow us to plan for services post 2020 and utilise this transitional year to ensure that the overarching plan and services meet the needs of Anglesey citizens for the medium to long term.

- **How the learning is being transferred.**
- Strategically via the Strategic Board and governance structure, to include the Council's departments but also external agencies, in particular Health and Police. The Ace Hub (Early Action Together project) in Anglesey is already leading the way in this new way of aligning services and providing for targeted, early intervention.
- Staff information days : in 2019 we will have a number of staff events to consult and develop services with staff, ensuring that staff delivering services to individuals and families shape the services across their communities.
- Community information days: in 2019 we will have community engagement events to ensure that communities are aware of their local assets/ develop community resilience, and working with the third sector.

Section 5 – Community Engagement

How have you and how will you engage with and involve local communities and use their responses to inform your long term vision and delivery plan?

Response:
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The local Authority's strategy for engagement with our communities is varied and includes the Local Needs Assessment, Gwynedd and Anglesey Well-Being Plan and the regional North Wales Population Needs Assessment. The process of public consultation in drawing up these documents is significant with both public meetings and online consultation taking place across communities. All of these documents will be used as a reference point for the long term vision as they identify the issues which are important to local communities and indicate where resources need to be concentrated.

In addition services have engaged with communities on the following fields;

- a. ACE's. Through the Early Action Together programme communities will be shown a film called the Biology of stress and the Science of hope. This will present the communities with an introduction into ACE's and how we can respond as agencies, individual's families and communities to those adverse childhood experiences. The audience's response will be used to formulate our future plans to share this message.
- b. Communities will be involved in developing a local plan to combat obesity in children. The programme will be led by the Local Authority and Public Health Wales.
- c. Families will be provided with an opportunity to evaluate the services that they have received from all preventative services. This will also provide communities with an opportunity to share their ideas on how our services could be improved, what's working well and what needs to be improved.

At a more local level the Authority has recently been working in partnership with Medrwn Mon and Town and Community Councils across a number of wards in Anglesey to deliver a Place Shaping Programme. Public meetings have been held and a process of engagement with local communities undertaken to identify priorities for local communities and gaps in service provision which will eventually lead to communities commissioning their own provision. The ongoing work and consultation results could provide a useful source of information in the shaping of future delivery plans.

With some of the key programmes under the Children and Communities Grant communities are already very much involved in influencing delivery. Communities for Work Plus is delivered in community venues and feedback from clients is used to tailor the service to suit individual needs.

Service users of Families First, Flying Start and Communities for Work Plus in 2019/20 will be asked for their feedback on service provision and future needs. The amalgamation of the funding will lead to changes in how services are delivered going forward but it is vital that they are appropriate to needs.

Section 6 – Partnership Working

Please demonstrate how your use of the grant aligns with the wellbeing objectives of the Public Services Board and the aims of other key partners and how evidence from the wellbeing plans and needs assessments have been incorporated. It is important to demonstrate that this grant is not replacing something that should already be happening, but is providing additional support for the most disadvantaged.

Response:
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The PSB is a joint board with Gwynedd. A Well-being Assessment was undertaken in 2015 in accordance with the Well-being and Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. A comprehensive needs assessment was undertaken, which has been considered as part of the development of the Council's Plan for 2017 – 2022. The use of all the grants align with the Council Plan and the PSB Well-Being Plan 2015 as follows:

- Creates the conditions for everyone to achieve their long-term potential.
- Supports vulnerable adults and families and keep them safe, healthy and as independent as possible.
- Works in partnership with our communities to ensure that they can cope effectively with change and developments whilst protecting our natural environment.

The overarching aim is to work “towards an Anglesey that is healthy, thriving and prosperous”. The use of the Welsh language was also identified as a key factor for Anglesey residents and we aim to promote the use of Welsh language by delivering the active offer across all the programme, employing Welsh speaking staff to deliver our services bilingually.

The PSB Plan identified similar themes:

the key messages of the assessment were as follows:

1. The need to maintain a healthy community spirit
2. The importance of protecting the natural environment
3. Understanding the effect of demographic changes
4. Protecting and promoting the Welsh language
5. Promoting the use of natural resources to improve health and well-being in the long-term

6. Improving transport links to enable access to services and facilities
7. The need for good quality jobs and affordable homes for local people
8. The effect of poverty on well-being
9. Ensuring an opportunity for every child to succeed

The PSB have 6 key priorities which are poverty, Welsh language, climate change, homes for local people, and the health and care of the young and old. We will aim to align the work undertaken across these priorities, focusing on a local level and how the programmes contribute across the county.

Each of the grant programmes will identify how and what contributes to the outcomes in the Council / PSB Plans. These will be agreed upon by the Executive Committee in April 2019 and progress monitored quarterly.

Section 7 – Third Sector Involvement

Describe how this overarching plan involves and supports the third sector within the local authority area.

Response:

(Up to 500 words)

The Strategic Group within our Governance structure will incorporate representative from the Third Sector.

Currently across the childcare and Flying Start programmes of work, we work with the childcare umbrella organisations to assist with our legal duty under the Childcare Act 2006 and the 30-hour childcare programme. The programmes also contribute to the work agenda on Anglesey.

The Health Authority and Public Health Wales are working collaboratively with the Authority across a wide age ranges and services which aim to prevent, support and challenge service delivery methods currently in place. There is an appetite to co-deliver and plan services across the programmes and wider in Anglesey and this is an area for continued development.

Both Communities for Work Plus and the Legacy Funding is delivered through Mon Communities Forward which is a Charity and Company Limited by Guarantee with 100% of the funding delegated directly to them. Mon CF are a key delivery organisation for the Local Authority on a number of employment support projects and an important third sector organisation.

The families First programme funding commission services from Gorwel who support victims of domestic abuse, Action For Children who support children with the emotional wellbeing, and for the next two years we will be developing the posts of two local asset coordinators who will be working with families ensuring that they access preventative services across the island.

Section 8 – Equalities

Please outline how you are ensuring this plan focuses on achieving equality of access to services for all, including addressing barriers facing particular groups of people. Please include a copy of your Equality Impact Assessment and Children’s Rights Impact Assessment, if produced. If not yet produced, please include details of their development.

Response:
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As this is a transition year with few changes to delivery, we aim to complete an EIA and a CRIA by December 2019 when we are in a better position to determine what the services and programmes across the Council and externally will look like.

Section 9 – Governance and communication arrangements

Please outline the governance arrangements in place to ensure this plan is agreed/ delivered and aligned to your transformation agenda (as identified in the independent evaluation). Please also outline the plan you have for communicating with staff within your authority (at all levels).

Response:
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The programmes and other strategic developments within the Council will be overseen by the Strategic Board which has been operational for 2 years under the supervision of the Assistant Chief Executive. The structure is provided as an appendix.

The Board will be held to account by the Senior Leadership Team and the Executive Committee. Mechanism will be adopted to report to the Executive Committee both with programme outcomes and finance.

Consultation with staff and service users will form part of the next financial year’s work programme.



Appendix D
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Section 10 – Links with Housing Support Grant

Please outline how this CCG delivery plan links with your plans for the Housing Support Grant.

Response:

(Up to 500 words)

The Isle of Anglesey's local vision and aspiration in delivering the Housing Support Grant is to:

Empower vulnerable people with support needs to live independently through the provision of appropriate high quality housing related support services and to achieve this through working in partnership with service users and other stakeholders so that we can enhance quality of life, maximise choice and ensure value for money.

Homeless prevention services will be at the forefront of the Housing Support Grant's planning and commissioning agenda. Whilst adhering to the legal requirement of conforming to both the Housing (Wales) Act 2014 and the Social Services and Wellbeing Act 2014, we will at every opportunity, work in partnership with colleagues and stakeholders, who are responsible for administering and delivering the Housing Support Grant. It is our intention to supplement key early intervention and delivery of preventative services, within the Children and Communities Grant, by providing essential tenancy related support, along with appropriate information, advice and assistance to vulnerable people. Such services will be tailored towards those aged 16 or older within family settings, as well as individuals who lead chaotic lifestyles, are isolated and hard to reach within the community and may present as homeless, or be at risk of homelessness within 56 days. We will also extend our joint working arrangements to deliver support to those accommodated in institutional settings as a temporary measure, such as hostels, refuges, designated supported accommodation for identified service groups such as Mental Health and or Substance Misuse, and in extreme cases, those and awaiting release from prison back into the community.

Work has already commenced amongst Programme Managers from both Grants, along with key stakeholders, including current service providers, N.Wales Police, Probation Services, BCUHB Health Board, Community Safety Partnership etc to remodel the provision of services to people with domestic abuse needs. We will




aim to pool funding from both grants in order to maximise efficiencies, develop a holistic approach to service delivery, which will include engaging with whole families where appropriate, as well as providing key intervention to both survivors and perpetrators to reduce the risk of repeated patterns of behaviour. It is also our aim to reduce duplication of provision across the services with increased co-ordination, and the possible establishment of an integrated service, which will encompass all relevant agencies.

If successful, we will consider similar delivery models in future when commissioning services for other service user groups such as older people, mental health, and vulnerable young people.

Section 11 – Programme specific plans

Please also return the individual plans for each of the programmes included in the table below. We have attached the templates for completion.

Please note that for programmes with an overall spend (pan Wales) of less than £10m, you do not need to submit separate plans. Delivery actions relating to these should be built into this overarching delivery plan.

Programme	Application / Delivery Plan
Flying Start	 Plan 2019 .20 MOn DDeg.v1.doc
Families First	 FF - 2019-20 Delivery PlanFINAL.d
Communities For Work Plus	 Communities for Work Plus Delivery F

**Section 12 – Plans for Legacy Fund, St David’s Day Fund,
Childcare & Play and Promoting Positive Engagement for Young
People**

Please confirm your plans for the programmes above and how you will integrate these with the other programmes in CCG (e.g. will they be a continuation of 2018-19 activities?)

For Promoting Positive Engagement for Young People, which operates on a regional basis, please detail how you will maintain the working arrangements regionally, if relevant.

Response:

(No word limit)

The Out of School Childcare grant will continue to be funded as in 2018 – 19 and continue to support WG 30 hour free childcare programme development.

The Legacy Funding will continue to support the core operational costs of Mon CF, a third sector organisation which was established to deliver the Communities First Programme. Mon CF is a key third sector organisation based within the community and provides the infrastructure for the delivery of Communities for Work and Communities for Work Plus. As 2019-20 is a transitional year the Authority has agreed that the existing delivery arrangements for 2018-19 will continue for a further 12 months.

Whilst the Promoting Positive Engagement for Young People funding is being directly awarded to Anglesey Council the delivery of services will continue to be managed by the Youth Justice Service in Gwynedd as it is currently.

St. Davis Day Fund - The fund has been used to support young people who are or have been in local authority care to access opportunities that will lead them towards independent and successful lives.

During 2018-18 the fund has been used for one off payments for course equipment, help with travel arrangements and expenses, to pay for driving lessons and financial support for setting up home including bonds/deposits and advice on how to budget and pay bills.

There will be an increase in our allocation for 2019-20 and we aim to use part of the fund to establish a participation group for care leavers with support from Voices from Care.