

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
Committee:	Democratic Services Committee
Date of meeting:	18 June 2014
Title:	Town and Community Councils Website Development Grant – update
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1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Welsh Government has allocated funding to County Councils to offer a grant of up to £500 each for town and community councils, including those who already have a website, to be spent on website development.
- 1.2 The purpose of this grant was to assist town and community councils to prepare for the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013, which contains provisions which would require each community council to publish information on a website.
- 1.3 I reported to this Committee on 1 October 2013 that £20,000 of funding had been allocated to assist Anglesey's town and community councils to develop websites and that the allocation was being distributed to community councils. Progress reports were submitted to this Committee on 30 January and 26 March 2014.

2.0 Current Position

- 2.1 The original guidance issued by the Welsh Government stated that the funding needed to be used before the end of the current financial year. Local authorities have now been authorised by Welsh Government to carry over the funding for use during 2014/15. This reason behind this is to offer more flexibility and to better prepare town and community councils for the requirement to have a website once the relevant sections of the Local Government Democracy (Wales) Act 2013 are brought into force in 2015.
- 2.2 The current position with regard to the allocation of the grant is as follows:
- 32 councils have claimed the grant
 - 1 council has notified us that it is still considering the matter
 - 1 council has notified us that it intends to discuss the matter at its next scheduled meeting
 - 6 councils have notified us that they do not intend to claim the grant

2.3 We have reminded those community councils that have not yet claimed the grant that the funding is still available to them and have encouraged them to take advantage of the offer.

3.0 Recommendation

The Committee is requested to note the current position.

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10 June 2014