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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The report sets out the main sources of funding which have been available to the Authority during 14/15 and the ways that funding can be maximised over coming years.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 There are over 80 individual grants coming into the Authority each year from a number of different funding bodies, but with the vast majority coming from the Welsh Government. The funding falls into 3 broad categories:

- **Recurring annual allocations of funding**
Most of these grants come from the Welsh Government and provide funding on an annual basis to aid service delivery. Some funding streams require annual expenditure plans to be submitted but the funding award is not dependent upon a bidding process. Examples of these types of grants include the Welsh in Education Grant, Social Care Workforce Development Programme and Maes Awyr Môn.
- **Annual one off projects**
Funding is provided for specific activity and will more than likely involve some form of bidding process where an application has to be submitted for a specific time limited project. The funding can also be awarded as a result of a specific event or opportunity which has resulted in an increased need for funding. Examples of these types of grant would include Flood Alleviation and Coastal Restoration.
- **Programmes**
Programmes are larger scale and last over a number of years and can often involve funding from multiple sources. There is usually a competitive bidding process involved with funding only being awarded to the best projects. Many of the programmes that the Authority currently operates are funded through the Wales European Funding Office (WEFO) and Welsh Government. Examples of these types of grants include Anglesey's Strategic Infrastructure, Llwyddo'n Lleol and Ymweld a Mon. Most programme funding requires some level of match funding from the Authority.

- 2.2 Annex 1 lists the grant funding which the Authority has been awarded in 2014/15, a total of £28M
- 2.3 In 2013/14 which is the latest data available the Welsh Government administered around 400 individual grant programmes and awarded £13.6 billion to organisations across Wales.

3. MAXIMISATION OF GRANT INCOME

- 3.1 The IACC has an excellent track record of utilising EU funding to deliver projects such as strategic infrastructure; business support; skills development; and the targeting of economic inactivity. In a period of increasing fiscal austerity, the IACC is experiencing significant annual reductions to its core budget, which places increased emphasis on accessing external funding to progress and deliver the Council's Corporate Objectives, in particular that 'Anglesey has a thriving and prosperous rural economy'.
- 3.2 The IACC Efficiency Strategy 2014-20 makes reference for the need to maximise the amount of EU funding secured. With the 2014-2020 Programme period representing the final tranche of the highest level of EU Structural Funding Support (a total of £2 billion in total for Wales), this represents the last chance for Anglesey to utilise significant public sector resources.
- 3.3 The North Wales Economic Ambition Board (NWEAB) is now the primary forum for co-ordinating regeneration activity and intervention planning in the region. The Board is a cross-sector body, with representation from the Public, Private, and Voluntary sector. It is recognised by Welsh Government as having a role to endorse, develop and monitor EU investments over the coming years. Clarity is also being sought on the role of the Board in prioritising activities within the region. It is vital that the Authority plays a role in influencing the regional discussion to ensure the NWEAB key intervention proposals are aligned with Anglesey's needs.
- 3.5 The availability of match funding for European schemes is vital as projects which lever in match funding are more likely to be approved. In instances when the IACC is a strategic partner in projects, influence on design and implementation is much greater if match funding is contributed.
- 3.4 Funded through WEFO Technical Assistance, The Specialist European Team (SET), based within Economic Development, was set up to offer technical support to ensure that community and voluntary groups, businesses and public bodies on Anglesey benefitted fully from the European Funding opportunities available from the 2007 – 2013 Programme. The Team is currently working to support project development for the 2014 – 2020 European Programme to ensure that funding is maximised. A summary is shown at Annex 2. However as WEFO moves towards more larger and more strategic programmes there is no intention to continue the funding for SET's beyond September 2016 at Local Authority level. Negotiations are being progressed with WEFO through the regional EU Advisors for a North Wales Regional Engagement Model with Conwy County Borough Council leading the technical assistance element. Whilst the new Regional Team will be tasked to work with all Local Authorities the focus will be more on strategic direction rather than technical support so this is an issue that the Authority will need to address.
- 3.5 Some Authorities also have the benefit of a dedicated Funding Officer who actively searches out sources of funding for specific projects. Generally they also subscribe to funding databases such as 'Grantfinder' which hold a wide range of grant information which can be searched using a project profile. Anglesey County Council does not have access to these resources and searching for funding is reliant on the individual Services and the relationship that Officers develop with funding bodies.
- 3.6 Grants which have Management and Administration budgets can be utilised to subsidise core funded staff who are working on the delivery of grants. They should ensure that their time is allocated against the Management and Administration budget so that savings can be made on core staffing budgets.
- 3.7 Project Managers monitor actual expenditure against profiled expenditure carefully to ensure that where possible full expenditure is achieved, underspends are minimised

and overspends are avoided. Improved monthly budget monitoring through CIVICA will facilitate this process.

- 3.8 The take up of Free School Meals is an important trigger in releasing grant funding to the schools. The Schools Efficiency Grant, Pupil Deprivation Grant and Communities First Pupil Deprivation Grant are all linked to the numbers of children who are claiming free schools meals. The schools need to ensure that where possible all eligible children are registered as this has a significant impact on the funding. The Pupil Deprivation Grant has risen from £918 per eligible child in 14/15 to £1,050 for 15/16. For some schools this represents a significant increase in their budgets and schools need to ensure that best use is made of this funding.
- 3.9 Funding can quite often become available towards the end of the financial year as underspends are declared to funding bodies. In order to take advantage of this Services need developed projects which are ready to incur expenditure at very short notice. This is often very difficult to achieve without already having invested some development funding at risk.
- 3.10 The level of grant funding available to the Authority is not always known at the start of the financial year as grants will continue to be awarded during the course of the year. The latest offer for 14/15 was made on 19th March 2015, with expenditure to be achieved by 31st March. This last minute approach to funding makes it very difficult to make best use of the resources available.
- 3.11 Any bids for funding should be accurately costed and provide sufficient resources for the Authority in terms of staff time, accommodation and overheads. Services should involve their Accountants in the costing of any bids.

Programme	14/15 Allocation	Total Allocation All Years	End Date
14-19 Learning Pathways	£362,213.71	£362,213.71	31.1.2015
Anglesey Coastal	£843,188.00	£6,932,456.00	30.06.15
Anti Human Trafficking Co-ordinator	£72,896.00	£223,000.00	31.3.2016
NRW - Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	£63,600.00	£63,600.00	31.3.2015
NRW - Coed Cymru	£4,961.00	£4,961.00	31.3.2015
NRW - Biodiversity	£13,482.00	£13,482.00	31.3.2015
Mawndir Môn	£70,872.00	£77,897.00	23.2.2015
Basic Skills - Language and Play/Number and Play	£44,015.00	£44,015.00	31.3.2015
Basic Skills - Family Learning	£59,990.00	£59,990.00	31.3.2015
Basic Skills - National Reading and Numeracy Tests	£29,149.00	£29,149.00	31.8.2014
Beaumaris Flood Alleviation - Design and Development	£163,746.00	£163,746.00	31.3.2017
Beaumaris Flood Alleviations - Construction Phase WG	£564,258.00	£562,258.00	31.3.2016
Beaumaris Flood Alleviations - Construction Phase ERDF	£551,167.00	£551,167.00	31.3.2016
Bus Service Support Grant (replaces Local Transport Consortia Grant)	£490,512.00	£490,512.00	31.3.2015
Communities First	£820,893.91	£1,657,796.17	31.3.2015
Communities First Pupil Deprivation Grant	£60,000.00	£60,000.00	31.3.2015
Community Cohesion Co-ordinator	£45,000.00	£125,000.00	31.3.2015
Disability sport wales	£20,670.00	£20,670.00	31.3.2015
Families First	£840,235.00	£840,235.00	31.3.2015
Flood Risk Regulations & Flood & Water Management Act	£100,000.00	£100,000.00	31.3.2015
Flying Start Capital	£415,000.00	£1,391,329.00	31.3.2016
Flying Start Revenue	£1,396,429.00	£1,396,429.00	31.3.2015
Foundation Phase	£2,368,609.00	£2,368,609.00	31.3.2015
Free Concessionary Travel	n/a	n/a	31.3.2015
Grant y Gymraeg	£201,890.00	£301,328.00	31.3.2015
Health Challenge Wales	£10,200.00	£10,200.00	31.3.2015

Healthy Schools & Healthy Start	£68,042.00	£68,042.00	31.3.2015
Holyhead THI	TBC	£1,002,000.00	30.09.2015
Ang 3 Towns Regeneration	TBC	£7,609,377.50	28.02.2015
Housing Benefit - Mitigation/Prevention	£23,391.85	£23,391.85	31.3.2015
Housing Hub	£33,864.00	£151,775.00	31.3.2016
Increasing Play Opportunities	£36,026.00	£36,026.00	31.3.2015
Intermediate Care Funding Capital	£377,000.00	£377,000.00	31.3.2015
Intermediate Care Funding Revenue	£753,000.00	£753,000.00	31.3.2015
Language Centres	£138,723.00	£138,723.00	31.3.2015
Llangefni Link Road Enterprise Zone Funding	£30,000.00	£30,000.00	31.3.2015
Llangefni Town Centre Partnership	£50,000.00	£62,500.00	31.3.2017
Llwyddo'n Leol	£290,555.00	£1,016,424.65	31/03/2015
Local Investment Fund	£765,062.00	£9,443,520.00	30.06.2015
Local Service Board Development Officer	£41,419.00	£115,175.00	31.3.2015
Local Transport Fund (Llangefni Link Road)	£455,000.00	£525,000.00	31.3.2015
LSB Development Fund	£68,950.00	£169,801.00	31.12.2014
Maes Awyr Môn	£301,800.00	£301,800.00	31.3.2015
Minority Ethnic Achievement Grant	£39,913.00	£39,913.00	31.3.2015
National Exercise Referral Scheme	£147,000.00	£147,000.00	31.3.2015
Out of School Childcare	£61,017.00	£61,017.00	31.3.2015
Partnership Agreement	£305,558.00	£305,558.00	31.3.2015
Post 16 Funding	£2,723,166.00	£2,723,166.00	31.2.2015
Potential	£109,755.00	£1,666,707.81	31.8.2014
Pupil Deprivation Grant	£1,461,456.00	£1,461,456.00	7.11.14
Reading & Numeracy Test Support Grants	£29,149.00	£29,149.00	31.8.2014
Regional Tourism Engagement Fund	£20,000.00	£20,000.00	31.3.2015
Remand Funding	£25,792.00	£25,792.00	31.3.2015
Rights of Way Improvement Plans	£33,585.00	£33,585.00	20.2.2015

Road Safety Capital	£90,000.00	£90,000.00	31.3.2015
Road Safety Revenue	£53,000.00	£53,000.00	31.3.2015
Rural Development Plan	£150,351.83	£713,459.12	30.05.2015
Rural Development Plan	£169,666.64	£677,349.80	31.12.2014
Rural Development Plan	£73,992.80	£272,000.00	31.12.2014
Rural Development Plan	£60,675.25	£591,418.00	30.06.2014
Rural Housing Enabler	£15,325.78	£15,325.78	31.3.2015
Safe Routes in Communities - Valley & Llandegfan	£185,071.00	£185,071.00	31.3.2015
School Uniform Grant	£18,719.00	£18,719.00	31.3.2015
Schools Challenge Wales Capital	£199,786.00	£199,786.00	31.3.2015
School Challenge Wales Revenue	£149,298.00	£149,298.00	31.3.2015
Schools Efficiency Grant	£586,349.00	£805,115.00	31.3.2015
Social Care Workforce Development Programme	£212,197.00	£303,139.00	31.3.2015
Strategic Sites and Premises	£400,309.61	£3,410,000.00	30.06.2015
Supporting People	£2,899,598.75	£2,899,598.75	31.3.2015
Sustainable Development Fund	£88,815.00	£88,815.00	31/03/2015
Sustainable Waste Management Grant	£1,712,884.00	£1,712,884.00	31.3.2015
Taith	£181,000.00	£186,672.28	31/12/2014
Tidy Towns - Main	£35,000.00	£35,000.00	31.3.2015
Tidy Towns - Projects	£65,340.50	£65,340.50	31.3.2015
Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children	£37,133.00	£37,133.00	31.3.2015
Viable & Vibrant Places	£2,050,000.00	£7,490,000.00	31.3.2017
Youth Work Strategy Support Grant	£67,979.00	£67,979.00	31.3.2018
Strategic European Team Grant	£55,532.00	£483,330.00	30/09/2016
Coastal Path Development Programme	£128,335.00	£257,032.00	31/03/2015
Age Friendly Communities	£2,594.44	£324,645.00	31.8.2014
Integrated Family Support Services	£212,291.93	£424,583.86	31.3.2015
Single Point of Access	£84,533.00	£84,533.00	31.3.2015
Autistic Spectrum Disorder	£40,000.00	£40,000.00	31.3.2015

Delivering Transformation Fund	£9,500.00	£9,500.00	31.3.2015
Health Technology Fund	£23,000.00	£23,000.00	31.3.2015
Teachers Induction	£6,473.43	£6,473.43	31.8.2015
Total	£28,066,952.43	£67,907,143.21	

IACC EU PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT 2014-2020					
PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	KEY OUTPUTS	LINK TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES	COST/ MATCH	LEAD SERVICE
Strategic Sites and Premises	Develop high quality sites and premises at key employment sites linked to the Energy Island Programme and Enterprise Zone.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land developed • Premises created • Jobs accommodated • Jobs created 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen competitiveness of Island economy by improving infrastructure. • Increase employment opportunities 	£5.8M £200K match	Economic & Community Regeneration Service
Strategic Infrastructure Programme	Upgrading utilities infrastructure to increase capacity and load of critical utility infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilities upgraded • Jobs created 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen competitiveness of Island economy by improving infrastructure. • Increase employment opportunities 	£25M Match TBC	Economic & Community Regeneration Service
Llangefni Link Road	Construction of new 4km link road in Llangefni to facilitate improved access to the Enterprise Zone sites and supporting the growth and expansion of the Coleg Menai training facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads upgraded • Access to employment sites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen competitiveness of Island economy by improving infrastructure. • Improve road network / access to employment 	£10M £200K match	Highways & Transportation
Llangefni Walking & Cycling Scheme	Infrastructure improvements to create a modal shift from cars by improving walking and cycling paths between Llangefni town centre, Enterprise Zone and Coleg Menai site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgraded cycle/ footpaths • Improved signage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen competitiveness of Island economy by improving infrastructure 	£600K £50K match	Economic & Community Regeneration Service
Tourism Infrastructure Holyhead	Transform Holy Island into an iconic international Visitor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land developed • Premises created 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the visitor economy, utilising the DMP • Strengthen competitiveness of 	£6M £2.5M ERDF	Economic & Community Regeneration Service

	Gateway to Wales with particular emphasis on developing the cruise sector. Improve visitor welcome facilities and promote Anglesey and North Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jobs accommodated • Jobs created 	Island economy by improving infrastructure	£100K match	
Anglesey Outdoor Tourism	A package of capital and revenue activities to promote Anglesey as a high energy Island and a playground for outdoor participative activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jobs created • Infrastructure improvements • Skills attainment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the visitor economy, utilising the DMP • Strengthen competitiveness of Island economy by improving infrastructure 	£1M £40K match	Economic & Community Regeneration Service
Anglesey Heritage Tourism	Development and interpretation of the heritage assets of Anglesey to strengthen the tourism offer and maximise their economic potential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jobs created • Infrastructure improvements • Skills attainment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the visitor economy, utilising the DMP • Strengthen competitiveness of Island economy by improving infrastructure 	£500K £20K match	Economic & Community Regeneration Service
Regional Supply Chain Programme	Business engagement and support programme to maximise local business involvement in regional supply chains associated with the Energy Island investment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enterprises supported • Individuals supported to set up new enterprises • New jobs created 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen competitiveness of the Island economy by supporting local companies • Increase employment opportunities 	TBC TBC	Economic & Community Regeneration Service
North Wales Marine Energy Programme	Development of a Marine Energy Programme in Anglesey & North Wales to maximise business opportunities provided by the sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New jobs created • New technology testing • Electricity generation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen competitiveness of Island by improving infrastructure skills availability and supporting local companies • Increase employment opportunities 	£450K £25K	Economic & Community Regeneration Service
Local	Small scale	• Enterprises	• Strengthen		Economic &

Investment Fund Business Support Scheme	capital grants to new and existing small businesses	supported <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals supported to set up new enterprises • New jobs created • Jobs safeguarded • Increase in new goods and services 	competitiveness of the Island economy by supporting local companies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase employment opportunities 	£2M £50K match	Community Regeneration Service
Cyfenter, Social Enterprise Support Scheme	Support for the growth of the social enterprise sector in North Wales through targeted financial support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social enterprises supported • Job creation • Increase in new goods and services • Increase in people accessing goods and services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen competitiveness of the Island economy by supporting local companies • Increase employment opportunities 	TBC TBC	Economic & Community Regeneration Service
TRAC – NEETs Programme (11-24)	Targeted interventions to support 11-24 year olds who are disengaged with education and at risk of becoming NEET. Provision of a supportive learning environment to improve attainment and skill levels and provision of an alternative curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants gaining qualifications • Participants entering further learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise standards in educational attainment rates and attendance • Strengthen competitiveness of Island economy by improving skills availability • Increase employment opportunities. 	TBC TBC	Lifelong Learning as part of a wider Regional Project
STEM – Careers Pathways	Development of a progressive STEM Learning/ Career Pathway which will facilitate clear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants gaining STEM related qualifications • Participants entering further learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver a skills strategy which enables Anglesey to up skill its workforce and align itself with future opportunities. 	TBC TBC	IofACC Lead yet to be decided. Part of a wider Regional Project lead by NWEAB

	progression aligned with future career opportunities.				
OPUS Economic Inactivity Programme	Targeted interventions to increase confidence and employability skills and to ease the transition back to into work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants gaining qualifications • Participants entering further learning • • Participants entering employment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver a skills strategy which enables Anglesey to up skill its workforce and align itself with future opportunities. 	TBC TBC	IofACC Lead yet to be decided. Part of a wider Regional Project lead by NWEAB