

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
COMMITTEE:	ISLE OF ANGLESEY CHARITABLE TRUST
DATE:	13 SEPTEMBER 2016
TITLE OF REPORT:	SMALLER GRANTS ALLOCATION 2016/17
PURPOSE OF REPORT:	TO REPORT TO THE ISLE OF ANGLESEY CHARITABLE TRUST COMMITTEE THE DECISION OF THE GENERAL GRANTS COMMITTEE ON THE SMALLER GRANTS ALLOCATION FOR 2016/17
REPORT BY:	TREASURER OF THE ISLE OF ANGLESEY CHARITABLE TRUST
ACTION:	TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE DECISION OF THE GERAL GRANTS COMMITTEE, IN RESPECT OF SMALL GRANTS, REQUIRES THE APPROVAL OF THE FULL TRUST

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. Annually the Trust allocates a sum of money to fund grant applications for Community and Sports Facilities for grants less than £8,000 ("small grants"). For the 2016/17 grants the Trust has taken two decisions previously, in respect of the grant awarding process and which Committee (General Grants or Full Trust) is authorised to make the decision.
- 1.2. On 27 January 2016, the Full Trust resolved to allocate a sum of £125,000 towards Community and Sports Facilities and that the allocation of grants to individual organisations will be subject to approval of the full Charitable Trust. However on the 15 March 2016, the Trust considered a report on the 2016/17 budget and resolved to delegate to the General Grants Committee the sum of £125,000 to deal with applications for Community and Sporting Facilities.
- 1.3. The wording of the resolutions arose from the wording of the reports prepared by the Officers but there is a clear inconsistency between the wording of the two resolutions. This inconsistency has resulted in delays in notifying organisations on the outcome of their application as it is now unclear whether the decision of the General Grants Committee requires approval of the Full Trust.

2. SUMMARY OF THE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED IN 2016

- 2.1. In March 2016 the Trust placed an advert in two local newspapers, and on the Council's Facebook and Twitter pages, inviting organisations to apply for small grants for 2016/17. These grants would be funded by The Isle of Anglesey Charitable Trust and the Welsh Church Fund.

- 2.2. In total, 41 applications were received, with 33 of these applications being for the Isle of Anglesey Charitable Trust and 8 applications for the Welsh Church Fund. The applications for the Isle of Anglesey Charitable Trust were considered on the 13 July 2016 by the General Grants Committee.
- 2.3. The Committee resolved to approve 18 applications which amounted to £61,398. However, 5 of the applications lacked the information required by the Committee to make a decision on the day, and it was resolved that a secondary meeting would be arranged to decide these applications. This meeting is yet to take place, and the total for these 5 applications amounts to £26,734. There were 10 applications that were unsuccessful.
- 2.4. The details of the individual applications and the decision/recommendation of the General Grants Committee are noted in the minutes of the Committee which appear as a separate item on this agenda.

3. DECISION FOR THE TRUST

- 3.1 The Trust is requested to resolve whether the decision of the General Grants Committee in respect of Small Grants requires the approval of the Full Trust or whether the decision is delegated to the General Grants Committee. The outcome of this decision will impact on the decision the Trust will take when considering the minutes of the General Grants Committee. i.e.:-
 - i. If the decision of the general Grants Committee requires the approval of the Full Trust then this approval needs to be resolved by a majority of the Members in attendance at this meeting.
 - ii. If the decision on Small Grants is delegated to the General Grants Committee then the Full Trust need only to note the minutes of the General Grants Committee.