



RECORD OF DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION

Key Decision ✓

Operational Decision

SUBJECT: Application for funding for a Capital Development Grant to The Museums, Archives and Libraries Division

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

In accordance with the Council's Scheme of Delegation, this report has been prepared to accompany the intended officer decision of the Chief Executive.

The purpose of the report is to approve the submission of an application for capital funding of £300,000 to the Welsh Government's Museums, Archives and Libraries Division.

DELEGATED DECISION: 10-03-17

It was **AGREED:**

To approve the application for funding prior to the submission deadline of 13th March, 2017.


Chief Officer Signature


Print Name


Date

The decision is taken in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government Act, 2000 (Executive Functions) and in the terms set out in Section 5 of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution



CONSULTATION

Jay Bosser

10/3/17

CONSULTEE CABINET MEMBER SIGNATURE

DATE

W. Edwards

10/3/17

CONSULTEE OFFICER SIGNATURE

DATE

CALL IN PROCEDURE RULES.

IS THE DECISION DEEMED URGENT AND NOT SUBJECT TO CALL-IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

YES NO

Reason for urgency: The deadline for submission of the bid is the 13th March, 2017

If deemed urgent - signature of Mayor or Deputy Mayor or Head of Paid Service confirming agreement that the proposed decision is reasonable in all the circumstances for it being treated as a matter of urgency, in accordance with the overview and scrutiny procedure rule 17.2:

[Signature]
(Mayor)

10/03/2017
(Dated)

NB - If this is a reconsidered decision then the decision Cannot be Called In and the decision will take effect from the date the decision is signed.



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PUBLICATION & IMPLEMENTATION DATES

PUBLICATION

Publication on the Councils Website:- 13/03/17

DATE

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISION

Note: This decision will not come into force and may not be implemented until the expiry of 5 clear working days after its publication to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

Subject to Call In the implementation date will be _____

DATE

Secretary to the Cabinet Signature

CHRISTINA ES HANAGAN

Print Name

10/3/17

Date



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DELEGATED DECISION

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO ACCOMPANY A DECISION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

10TH MARCH 2017

APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FOR A CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT TO THE MUSEUMS, ARCHIVES AND LIBRARIES DIVISION

Author(s): Wendy Edwards, Head of Community Learning – 01443 744111

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to approve the submission of an application for capital funding of £300,000 to the Welsh Government's Museums, Archives and Libraries Division.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended:

- 2.1 That the application for funding is approved.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The development of Taff Vale is a Council priority. It is a prime development site within the town and the new library/leisure hub is part of a wider regeneration programme designed to develop the local economy and improve the local environment.
- 3.2 The Council is committed to maximising the resources available from all sources for investment in the county.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Council is committed to redeveloping the Taff Vale site as part of a much larger strategic programme whose aim is to regenerate Pontypridd and the surrounding area.
- 4.2 The Museums, Archives and Libraries Division of Welsh Government has a capital development fund for investing in libraries, archives and museums that is currently open for bids up to £300,000.



5. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no equality and diversity implications relevant to the current report.

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1 In January 2016 views on the preferred future uses of the Taff Vale site were sought from local residents. Consideration has also been given to feedback provided by library users during customer surveys and informal feedback to librarians on the type of facilities and access they want from the service.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

- 7.1 There are no financial implications as the application, if approved will merely apply for funding to support the Council to develop its plans.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 8.1 If the application for funding is successful the Council will be obliged to adhere to the clauses of the contract provided by Museums, Archives and Libraries Division and implement the funding as outlined in the application.

9. LINKS TO THE COUNCILS CORPORATE PLAN / OTHER CORPORATE PRIORITIES/ SIP.

- 9.1 The application for funding for development of a library on a co-located site is consistent with the Council's commitment in the Corporate Plan to redesign local services so that they are more integrated and efficient; investing in town centres so that they are vibrant and enticing with a strong offer which recognises that they are at the heart of our communities; and supporting the development of more involved and resilient communities.
- 9.2 The SIP highlights the fact that major improvement schemes in our larger town centres will act as a driver for regeneration of both the town centre and for neighbouring towns and villages.

10. CONCLUSION

- 10.1 Applying for funding that will, if successful, contribute to the financing of the development of the Taff Vale site is advisable as it will enable the Council to maximise its resources to deliver a flagship project in the county's main town.
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Other Information:-

Relevant Scrutiny Committee:

Public Service Delivery, Communities and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee

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