



**COFNOD O BENDERFYNIAD BRYD GAN O'R ARWEINYDD Y
CYNGOR, Y CYNGHORYDD A MORGAN.
RECORD OF URGENT DECISION OF THE LEADER OF THE
COUNCIL, COUNCILLOR A MORGAN.**

Yn unol ag Adran 3A Ran 3 (paragraff 3) o Gyfansoddiad y Cyngor.
In accordance with Section 3A of Part 3 (paragraph 3) of the Council's Constitution.

**PWNC | SUBJECT: REFOCUS OF THE RCT TOGETHER COMMUNITY ACTIVITY FUND IN
RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

DIBEN YR ADRODDIAD | PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of the report is to seek approval to refocus the existing RCT Together Community Activity Fund in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This will enable the Council to assist organisations and / or individuals who are working to support their local communities during this crisis, with a grant of up to £300. Grant awards of up to £500 may be considered but only where there are exceptional circumstances. This decision will be solely at the discretion of RCT CBC.

The report has been prepared to accompany the intended Urgent Decision of the Leader of the Council in accordance with Section A (paragraph 3) of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution.

PENDERFYNIAD | DECISION:

It is **agreed** that:

The RCT Together Community Activity Fund is refocused to provide support for projects led by organisations and / or individuals based in the community, which respond to emerging issues affecting Rhondda Cynon Taf communities as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, supporting community resilience and wellbeing.

	Andrew Morgan	01-05-20
Llofnod yr Aelod o'r Cabinet / Cabinet Member's Signature	Priflythrennau /Print Name	Dyddiad / Date

CONSULTATION

Following consultation with other Cabinet Members in advance of taking the Decision, all were in agreement with the recommendations in the Officer report being taken forward.



01.05.20

LLOFNOD YMGYNGHORAI'R PRIF WEITHREDWR
CHIEF EXECUTIVE CONSULTEE SIGNATURE

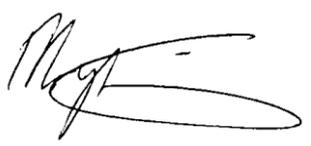
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LLOFNOD YR UWCH SWYDDOG YR YMGYNGHORWYD AG
SENIOR OFFICER CONSULTEE SIGNATURE

DYDDIAD | DATE



01.05.20

LLOFNOD YR AELOD YMGYNGHOROL O'R CABINET
CONSULTEE CABINET MEMBER SIGNATURE

DYDDIAD | DATE



01.05.20

CYFARWYDDWR Y GWASANAETHAU CYLLID A DIGIDOL
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND DIGITAL SERVICES

DYDDIAD | DATE

RHEOLAU'R WEITHDREFN GALW-I-MEWN | CALL IN PROCEDURE RULES.

A YW'R PENDERFYNIAD YN UN BRYN A HEB FOD YN DESTUN PROSES GALW-I-MEWN GAN Y PWYLLGOR TROSOLWG A CHRAFFU?:

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

YDY | YES NAC YDY | NO

Rheswm dros fod yn fater brys | Reason for Urgency:

The position with COVID-19 is changing quickly and immediate decisions will continue to be made in accordance with the officer and members' schemes of delegation detailed in the Council's Constitution.

Os yw'n cael ei ystyried yn fater brys - llofnod y Llywydd, y Dirprwy Lywydd neu Bennaeth y Gwasanaeth Cyflogedig yn cadarnhau cytundeb fod y penderfyniad arfaethedig yn rhesymol yn yr holl amgylchiadau iddo gael ei drin fel mater brys, yn unol â rheol gweithdrefn trosolwg a chraffu 17.2:

If deemed urgent - signature of Presiding Member or Deputy Presiding Member 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:



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(Llywydd | Presiding Member)

01-05-20

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(Dyddiad | Date)

DS - Os yw hwn yn benderfyniad sy'n cael ei ail-ystyried yna does dim modd galw'r penderfyniad i mewn a bydd y penderfyniad yn dod i rym o'r dyddiad mae'r penderfyniad wedi'i lofnodi.

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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CYHOEDDI | PUBLICATION

Cyhoeddi ar Wefan y Cyngor | Publication on the Councils Website:- __01.05.20__

DYDDIAD | DATE

GWEITHREDU'R PENDERFYNIAD | IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISION

Nodwch: Fydd y penderfyniad hwn ddim yn dod i rym nac yn cael ei weithredu'n llawn nes cyn pen 3 diwrnod gwaith ar ôl ei gyhoeddi. Nod hyn yw ei alluogi i gael ei "Alw i Mewn" yn unol â Rheol 17.1, Rheolau Gweithdrefn Trosolwg a Chraffu.

Note: This decision will not come into force and may not be implemented until the expiry of 3 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.

Yn amodol ar y drefn "Galw i Mewn", caiff y penderfyniad ei roi ar waith ar / Subject to Call In the implementation date will be

N/A
DYDDIAD / DATE

WEDI'I GYMERADWYO I'W GYHOEDDI: ✓ | APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION :✓



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO ACCOMPANY THE URGENT DECISION OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

1 MAY 2020

REPURPOSING OF THE RCT TOGETHER COMMUNITY ACTIVITY FUND IN RESPONSE TO COVID 19

AUTHOR: Derek James – Service Director for Prosperity and Development

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to refocus the existing Community Activity Fund in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This will enable the Council to assist organisations and / or individuals who are working to support their local communities during this crisis, with a grant of up to £300. Grant awards of up to £500 may be considered but only where there are exceptional circumstances. This decision will be solely at the discretion of RCT CBC.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that:

The RCT Together Community Activity Fund is refocused to provide support for projects led by organisations and / or individuals based in the community, which respond to emerging issues affecting Rhondda Cynon Taf communities as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 It will provide support for community based activity which responds to identified local issues and need, providing community led solutions to support local resilience and community wellbeing, which is still fully in line with the overarching aim of the Fund when it was originally established.

- 3.2 It will also complement the other support measures put in place by the Council during the pandemic, particularly the establishment of the seven Community Resilience Hubs across Rhondda Cynon Taf.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 In November 2018 Cabinet received a report of the Director of Public Health, Protection and Community Services to review the RCT Together Community Asset Transfer Process. The report set out a number of changes to the process to align it with the Council's strategic direction for community based services and assets, and the development of Community Hubs and their associated Neighbourhood Networks.
- 4.2 The Community Hubs aim to support a neighbourhood network of preventative community services and activities that support people living in RCT communities to improve their independence, resilience, health and well-being.
- 4.3 As part of the report the administration of the Community Activity Fund was brought in house under the same arrangements as the RCT Together Community Enabling Fund, and was made available to groups who could apply for funding to address a range of needs to help build community capacity.

5. REFOCUS OF THE COMMUNITY ACTIVITY FUND

- 5.1 There is significant activity being undertaken by organisations and individuals to support their local communities face the challenges posed by COVID-19, and it is proposed that the Community Activity Fund is refocused on supporting this positive work.
- 5.2 The budget is £10k and applicants can apply for a grant of up to a maximum of £300. Grant awards of up to £500 may be considered but only where there are exceptional circumstances. This decision will be solely at the discretion of RCT CBC.
- 5.3 Eligible applicants will be organisations and / or individuals based in the community.
- 5.4 Applicants will need to demonstrate that their project;
- provides support in response to a clearly identified need in their community such as supporting those residents that are vulnerable or at risk, or
 - has a wider benefit such as the production of laundry bags or other personal equipment for NHS / Key Workers.
 - where possible is being delivered in collaboration with other local community organisations.
 - adheres to published Government Guidance on how to help safely and social distancing.

- 5.5 Applicants will need to complete a very brief application form and applications will be dealt with on a first come first served basis, subject to eligibility and the availability of the budget.

6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) screening form has been prepared for the purpose of this report. It has been found that a full report is not required at this time. The screening form can be accessed by contacting the author of the report or the Cabinet Business Officer.

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 None required.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The resources will be allocated from the existing Community Activity Fund budget.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 9.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

10. LINKS TO THE CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT

- 10.1 The refocusing of the Community Activity Fund will support activity that directly contributes to developing community resilience and wellbeing. This will contribute to achieving the “People” priority within the Corporate Plan.
- 10.2 It will also make a significant positive contribution to the seven goals set out in the Well-Being of Future Generations Act, in particular a prosperous Wales, a resilient Wales, a healthier Wales and a Wales of cohesive communities.

11. CONCLUSION

- 11.1 The refocus of the Community Activity Fund will enable the Council to assist organisations and / or individuals who are working to support their local communities during this crisis. This will enable community led solutions to develop local resilience and community wellbeing. It will also complement the other support measures put in place by the Council such as the establishment of the seven Community Resilience Hubs across Rhondda Cynon Taf.

Other Information: -

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Contact Office:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Item:

Background Papers: