



REPORT TO THE GROWING MID WALES BOARD

11th May 2020

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| TITLE: | Resourcing: WG Revenue Funding |
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1. Purpose of the Report

1.1. To update the Board on the successful bid for revenue funding from the Welsh Government as outlined to the Board in its last meeting on 20th November 2019.

2. Decision Sought

2.1. Report for information.

2.2. A further report on the allocation of resources to utilise the funding for 2020/21 will be brought to the next Joint Committee meeting.

3. 2019/20 funding claim

3.1. A report was provided to the last Board meeting outlining some of the key resource demands upcoming to support the development of the Mid Wales Growth Deal with broad estimated costings:

| Estimated Costs of Developing the Regional Work Programme | | |
|---|------------------------------|--------------|
| | FY 2019/20 (from Nov to Mar) | FY 2020/21 |
| Programme Lead Officer | £30k | £65k |
| Programme Team / Support | £40k | £100k |
| Commissions | £10k | £20k |
| GMW Website | £10k | £5k |
| TOTAL: | <u>£90k</u> | <u>£190k</u> |

3.2. On the 28th February 2020, we were notified that we had been successful for funding, with the offer letter coming to Ceredigion Council as the Lead Treasurer for the GMW Board (as outlined in the Inter-Authority Agreement).

3.3. This amounted to £45k for 2019/20 and £95k in 2020/21 – being made available as 50% of the costs outlined above as it was being made available as “pound for pound match funding”.

3.4. A copy of the offer letter can be found attached after this report.

3.5. The funding claim for 2019/20 was thus prepared retrospectively by officers consisting of eligible costs as per the offer letter.

3.6. Due to the funding offer letter stipulating that eligible costs could only be claimed from 1 November 2019, the maximum amount of grant we were thus able to claim was £41,197.49.

3.7. This consisted in a claim of:

| Eligible Expenditure Description | Approved Expenditure | Grant Amount Claimed | Evidence of Expenditure /Payment |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Staff Costs Powys CC | 40,579.91 | 20,289.96 | Detailed salary cost |
| Staff Costs Ceredigion CC | 29,499.37 | 14,749.69 | Detail ledger transa |
| Powys CC Consultancy costs | 12,315.70 | 6,157.85 | Invoices |
| Totals | 82,394.98 | 41,197.49 | |

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3.8. A copy of the monitoring report is attached following this report.

3.9. We are discussing the possibility of the unclaimed sum of £3,802.51 being accrued from 2019/20 into 2020/21 with Welsh Government, so that we don't lose the funding. This is not yet confirmed – but we are optimistic that this can be achieved.

4. 2020/21 funding and resource allocation

4.1. Arrangements are currently being discussed between officers with Welsh Government as to the needs and requirements of resourcing in response to the regional work programme as part of a Regional Programme Office approach.

4.2. A further report will be brought back to the next meeting of the GMW Board on the proposed resource allocation for the current financial year.

4.3. £95k of revenue funding from Welsh Government is available for 2020/21 as per the outlined costs in paragraph 3.1.

4.4. This funding will need to be matched by defined contributions from both Local Authorities. The offer letter stipulates that this needs to be pound for pound match funding. To match the WG Revenue funding for 2020/21 of £95k, both Local Authorities will need to allocate match funding of equal value – equalling £50k each.

4.5. This decision needs to be taken by each Local Authority individually in advance of the next GMW Board meeting. The defined contributions agreed by both Local Authorities will then be attributed to the GMW Board's budget alongside the WG funding.

4.6. The report will also outline the financial arrangements and responsibilities of the GMW Board now that the new governance arrangements under the Inter-Authority Agreement will be operational.

5. Appendix

5.1. WG Funding Offer Letter

5.2. Monitoring Report