



## **CABINET REPORT**

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*To: Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen*

### **Safer Streets Grant – Delegated Authority**

#### **1.0 SUMMARY OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 The Council in partnership with South Wales Police placed a bid for grant money to the Safer Street Fund to upgrade systems and create resilience in the town centre.
- 1.2 A total of £513,410 was awarded to the South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner, this money will be used to upgrade existing CCTV, provide ANPR (Automatic number plate recognition), Help Stations, Public Address systems, Deployable CCTV systems, Street Lighting, Alley Gates and a mobile surveillance vehicle.
- 1.3 The grant will need to be spent by the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, meaning that the timeline for completing the tender process will need to be as short as possible. In order to accomplish this and ensure there is sufficient time for ordering goods and completing installation by the end date, it will be essential to reduce certain timescales.
- 1.4 Delegated authority is requested as due to the timescales linked to the assessment of the tender, the Cabinet report seeking approval for the award would not be taken to Committee until February 2021. This period limits the time available to complete the project in line with grant conditions. Delegated authority will allow the contractor(s) an additional three weeks to achieve our requirements.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS that**

- 2.1 The delegated authority to allow officer award as detailed in 3.6 of this report, to meet the timescales necessary for the development of the tender in relation to the deadlines associated with the Safer Streets Grant be approved.

## **3.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The Council in partnership with South Wales Police placed a bid for grant money to the Safer Street Fund to upgrade systems and create resilience in the town centre. The Safer Streets Fund aims to stop offences that blight communities and cause misery to victims from happening in the first place
- 3.2 A total of £513,410 was awarded to the South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner, this money will be used to upgrade existing CCTV, provide ANPR (Automatic number plate recognition), Help Stations, Public Address systems, Deployable CCTV systems, Street Lighting, Alley Gates and a mobile surveillance vehicle.
- 3.3 In order to purchase the equipment and installation, the Council will be required to go to tender for the bulk of the requirements. The opportunity will be advertised as an 'open' tender in the European Journal.
- 3.4 The grant will need to be spent by the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, meaning that the timeline for completing the tender process will need to be as short as possible. In order to accomplish this and ensure there is sufficient time for ordering goods and completing installation by the end date, it will be essential to reduce certain timescales.
- 3.5 Delegated authority is requested as due to the timescales linked to the assessment of the tender, the Cabinet report seeking approval for the award would not be taken to Committee until February 2021. This period limits the time available to complete the project in line with grant conditions. Delegated authority will allow the contractor(s) an additional three weeks to achieve our requirements.
- 3.6 The Chief Officer for Community Regeneration, Chief Finance Officer and the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Public Protection will have responsibility for signing off the tender award.

## **4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)**

- 4.1 Funding has been secured through the Safer Streets Grant.

## 5.0 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts	Not Applicable
<b>1. Merthyr Tydfil Well-being Objectives</b>	0 of 4	0 of 4	4 of 4
<b>2. Sustainable Development Principles - How have you considered the five ways of working:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long term</li> <li>• Prevention</li> <li>• Integration</li> <li>• Collaboration</li> <li>• Involvement</li> </ul>	0 of 5	0 of 5	5 of 5
<b>3. Protected Characteristics</b> <i>(including Welsh Language)</i>	0 of 10	0 of 10	10 of 10
<b>4. Biodiversity</b>	0 of 1	0 of 1	1 of 1

### Summary:

This report provides information to Elected Members regarding the current position of the project and that a decision is to be made under delegated authority. As such the information in this report has neither a positive nor negative impact on our well-being objectives, five ways of working, protected characteristics, nor biodiversity.

The IIA will be updated and applied throughout the lifetime of the project, this includes being completed prior to delegated decisions are made.

**ALYN OWEN**  
**DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**COUNCILLOR GERAINT THOMAS**  
**CABINET MEMBER FOR**  
**REGENERATION AND PUBLIC**  
**PROTECTION**

<b>BACKGROUND PAPERS</b>		
Title of Document(s)	Document(s) Date	Document Location
Does the report contain any issue that may impact the Council's Constitution?		<b>No</b>

***Consultation has been undertaken with the Corporate Management Team in respect of each proposal(s) and recommendation(s) set out in this report.***