



CABINET - INFORMATION REPORT

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To: *Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen*

Circular Economy Fund – Award of Funding

1.0 SUMMARY OF THE REPORT

1.1 The Circular Economy Fund enables Local Authorities to deliver capital projects to support the move to a circular economy in Wales, where waste is avoided, and materials are kept in use for as long as possible.

1.2 The Waste strategy Team have recently secured £409k of funding for the following:-

- 2 x 10-15kw Arrays to reduce Carbon Emissions and electricity usage at the Dowlais and Aberfan HWRC's - £30k
- 2 enclosed bins for mattress recycling - £8k
- Purchase and distribution of 20,000 kerbside recycling boxes - £51,496
- HWRC's and Transfer station loading shovels/Manitou - £190k
- On street recycling bins - £130k

2.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

2.1 The purpose of this funding is to enable Local Authorities to deliver a capital project to support the move to a circular economy in Wales - where waste is avoided and materials are kept in use for as long as possible. This is an important part of the action needed on climate change. It also brings many new opportunities as part of the transition to a low carbon economy. The public sector has a key role to play in supporting Wales' move to a circular economy and delivering an enhanced service to the people of Wales.

2.2 In July this year the Waste Strategy Team submitted applications to the Circular Economy Fund for the following:-

- 2 x 10-15kw Solar Arrays to reduce Carbon Emissions and electricity usage at the Dowlais and Aberfan HWRC's
- 2 enclosed bins for mattress recycling at the HWRC's
- Purchase and distribution of 20,000 kerbside recycling boxes (to allow us to separate glass and cardboard collections)
- HWRC's and transfer station loading shovels / Manitou
- On street recycling bins to segregate waste

2.3 We have recently been notified that those applications were successful resulting in a total award of funding of £409,496k.

2.4 This funding will contribute towards our efforts to reduce our Carbon Emissions and meet the Welsh Government Waste recovery target of 64%, which are the objectives of the Environmental Wellbeing Recovery, Transformation and Improvement Plan.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 None

4.0 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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

The main positive impacts against:

- **Wellbeing Objectives** are that it contributes to the enhancement and promotion of the environment by supporting our efforts to reduce carbon emissions and increase recycling.
- **Sustainable Development Principles** are that the proposal integrates with both Council and WG decarbonization and waste strategies.
- **Protected Characteristics and Welsh language** are that the proposal will contribute to the wellbeing of all by contributing to carbon reduction and sustainable waste management.
- **Biodiversity** are that the proposal will support decarbonisation and sustainable waste management.

No negative impacts have been identified.

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

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