

REPORT OF THE FINANCE MANAGER

SUBJECT: GRANT APPROVALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 76 OF THE FINANCIAL STANDARDS

Purpose of Report

Authorisation is required in accordance with Section 76 of the Financial Standards (2016) which states that where there is a payment of 'Total value Grant and Sponsorships under any one agreement over £10,000', approval must be obtained from the National Park Authority. Approval is sort for a payment of up to circa £75,000 to Pembrokeshire County Council as a contribution towards the Pembrokeshire Greenways Partnership.

Pembrokeshire Greenways Partnership

The payment to the Pembrokeshire Greenways Partnership includes funding 50% of the Greenways Officer Post (the other 50% is funded by Pembrokeshire County Council), this amounts to £16k. A further £52k of the budget is used as the Authority's contribution to the Coastal bus services although this payment may be reduced by 80% dependent upon the level of service provided due to the current restrictions on use of public transport.

The National Park Authority will also contribute £7k to the Tenby Park and Ride Service which helps to reduce congestion in the town centre of Tenby and provides easy access for those using the car parks furthest away from the town centre. It has also funded the main bus timetable/advertisement in Coast to Coast.

The National Park Authority contributions towards the provision of the Coastal buses helps to ensure the continued operation of these services, not only allowing communities in the Park to reach work and other services and visitors to explore some of the most spectacular areas of the coast, but also providing an alternative to car travel which is a central tenet of Welsh Government policy

Recommendation.

Members are asked to approve this payment.