

REPORT OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND ADMINISTRATOR

**SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
PROJECTS**

Purpose of Report

To ask members to approve the release of £21,390.50 from the SDF reserve to support two new SDF projects and an additional Little Green Grant.

Background

The Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) assists projects that develop and test new ways to provide social, environmental, economic and cultural benefits, to improve the quality of life for communities in the National Park. Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority (PCNPA) administers the SDF and National Park Authority Members of the SDF Committee are responsible for considering all applications to the fund. Provision for small grants (<£1,500) from the overall SDF allocation is provided through the “Little Green Grant” (LGG).

Reason for additional funding request

The SDF Committee met on 18th May 2016 to consider four applications for financial support. After consideration the Committee concluded that all four applications were worthy of SDF funding support. As there was insufficient funding available to support all four projects at the level of financial support requested the Committee ranked the applications in order of priority. Two projects have therefore been offered a SDF grant but in order to offer a grant to the remaining two projects, without reducing the amount of funding allocation available to support LGGs, the SDF Committee requests that further funding from the SDF reserve be made available.

Financial considerations

£100,000 was allocated to support SDF projects in 2016-17. The new projects were requesting a total of £44,296 of funding in 2016-17 but because a portion of the allocation is already committed to projects there was insufficient funding left available to support all the new projects. £21,390.50 is therefore requested to enable a SDF grant to be awarded to all the applications considered and deemed worthy of support.

Options

- Option1: To approve the request, which will allow the SDF Committee to approve funding for two projects that are considered to be good projects and meet the SDF eligibility criteria.
- Option 2: To refuse the request, which will result in the SDF Committee being unable to approve funding for two projects that are considered to be good projects and meet the SDF eligibility criteria.

Risk considerations

There are no risk considerations

Compliance

By supporting projects that are delivering sustainable development the fund is contributing to PCNPA corporate targets and objectives and towards achievement of the Welsh Government's Well-being goals set out in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

Human Rights/Equality issues

There are no human rights/equality issues

Biodiversity implications/Sustainability appraisal

One of the projects for which additional funding is requested will directly contribute towards the LBAP.

Welsh Language statement

Not applicable

Conclusion

There is insufficient funding left available from the original allocation to fund new applications to the SDF. Members are therefore requested to release the requested funding to enable an offer of financial assistance to be made to two projects assessed and approved subject to finances being in place.

RECOMMENDATION

Members are recommended to approve the request to release £21,390.50 from the SDF reserve.

Background Documents

None

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