

REPORT TO CABINET

28 MARCH 2023

Cabinet Member: Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn, Leader of the Council

Subject: One-off Bids/Transformation Fund 2023/24

Contact officer: Dafydd Gibbard, Chief Executive

1. The decision sought

Cabinet is asked to:

- Approve the one-off bids of £2,119,300 for 2023/24, to be financed from the Transformation Fund.
- Approve a capital bid to the value of £447,000 to be financed from capital funds.

2. The reason for the need for a decision

This year, unlike the usual practice, the bids for one-off resources are being submitted separately to the Budget report as the allocation of a one-off resource does not have an impact on setting our annual revenue budget and is not a consideration when setting the Council Tax rate. This report is presented before the start of the 2023/24 financial year so that action can be taken from 1 April 2023.

3. Introduction / Background

Council departments are annually invited to submit bids for a one-off resource for issues such as coping with temporary pressures, delivering Council Plan projects, service transformation or trialing before concluding whether it is rational to provide a permanent budget.

4. One-off Bids 2023/24

The bids received have been assessed by myself, the two directors and the Head of Finance. Details of the one-off bids recommended to receive financial support for 2023/24 are presented in **Appendix 1**.

It is recommended to approve 9 bids to the value of £2,119,300 as listed in **Table 1** below, with more detailed information on the individual bids included in **Appendix 2**. The transformation fund available to finance the Council's priorities will be used as a source to fund these bids.

Table 1 One-off Revenue Bids 2023/24

| | Bid Title | Recommended amount (£) |
|------------------------------------|--|------------------------|
| EDUCATION | | |
| One-off 1 | Education Information Management System Bid | 54,600 |
| CHILDREN AND FAMILY SUPPORT | | |
| One-Off 2 | Social Care Practitioner Posts x 3, Arfon, Meirion and Dwyfor | 130,000 |
| ENVIRONMENT | | |
| One-off 3 | Waste Collection: backdating payments | 142,500 |
| One-off 4 | Management of second homes and short-term holiday accommodation – cost of resources to establish and implement the Article 4 direction | 400,000 |
| ECONOMY AND COMMUNITY | | |
| One-off 5 | Byw'n iach financial Issues - income loss | 654,938 |
| One-off 6 | Llŷn ac Eifionydd Eisteddfod | 150,000 |
| One-off 7 | Llewyrch o'r Llechi: North West Wales World Heritage Coordinator | 77,262 |
| CORPORATE SUPPORT | | |
| One-off 8 | Corporate Learning and Development Fund | 450,000 |
| One-off 9 | Street Names | 60,000 |
| TOTAL | | 2,119,300 |

5. Capital Bid 2023/24

In addition to the above, following the approval of £385k worth of capital bids as part of the 2023/24 Budget report to the full Council at the start of March, a further capital bid will require financial support, namely 'Upgrading and refurbishing the cremator at Bangor Crematorium' at a value of £447,000. The bid is detailed in **Appendix 3**.

Annually, £500k of capital funding is earmarked for the Council's capital priorities. With only £385k committed for 2023/24, the remaining £115k from the 2023/24 budget can be used towards funding this bid. The annual budget has not been fully committed in previous years, and in addition to this – as a resource has been released as a result of receiving grants for various schemes – the remaining £332k can be funded from this source combination.

6. Conclusion

Following approval of the bids set out in Part 1 of the report, the funds will be allocated to the relevant Departments so that they can proceed to spend on the services during the financial year 2023/24.

Local member's views

Not applicable

Views of statutory officers**The Monitoring Officer:**

No observations to add in relation to propriety

Head of Finance:

Officers from the Finance Department have collaborated closely with the author of the report, and I can confirm the accuracy of the figures contained therein. I am satisfied that there are adequate resources in the Transformation Fund to finance the one-off bids shown in Table 1, and the method of financing the capital bid is appropriate and prudent.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – One-off Bid Summary and Additional Capital Bid

Appendix 2 – One-off Revenue Bids

Appendix 3 – Additional Capital Bid