



**TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL**  
**Decision Schedule published on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

# *Decision Schedule*

## **Cabinet Member for Resources**

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The Cabinet Member took the following decisions on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2008 They will become effective at Noon on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2008 with the exception of any particular decision(s), which is (are) the subject of a valid "call-in". Information relating to the 'Call-in' process can be found under [Standing Order 27](#), within Part 4, Appendix 1 of the Council Constitution.

The deadline for submission of a ['Call-in' request form](#) is 4.00 pm on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2008

Reports relating to staffing issues are not circulated to all Members of the Council as part of the consultation/call in process.

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**RES144/08**

### [Welsh Church Act Fund Applications](#)

#### Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

This report details applications for grant under the Welsh Church Act Fund.

The income for 2008/09 has yet to be confirmed by Monmouthshire County Council, managers of the whole Gwent fund. For current year planning it is assumed that a figure of £37,000 will be available as has been the case for several years. In 2007/8 a total of £25,100 was awarded to 33 organisations leaving a balance of £16,628.60 from the money available for that year, which can be added to that total making a total of £53,628.20 available

This is the second consideration of applications in the current year. Previous grants have been to the value of £1,000 as shown below:

Month	Amount £	Number of organisations
April 2008	1,000	2

All the proposed grants are within the agreed policy. The report does not change any of the current policies.

#### Decision

To give grants totaling £10,200 to 13 organisations as detailed below:

	<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
56	<u>Ridgeway Community Group,</u> Ridgeway Hill	The group's aims are to promote the use of the Community Centre for local groups and the wider community. The request is for funding towards the purchase of two community notice boards to promote the activities and events at the centre. The cost of the boards is given at £790 each plus VAT.	This is the first application for assistance from the Welsh Church Fund by this organisation.  Councillors Evans and Fouweather fully supported this application.  Recommendation:- Grant of £1000
57	<u>Afon Mead Residents Association,</u> Afon Village	Seeking help towards improving the landscape by planting shrubbery and trees. Funds are also required for litter picking equipment. Residents of all ages will be involved and it can be used to educate children.  The amount that they are applying for is £1,000.	This is the first application for assistance from the Welsh Church Fund by this organisation. A donation from the Neighbourhood Fund was made in 2007/8 towards purchase of litter pickers.  This application is fully supported by Councillor Cornelious.  Recommendation:- Grant of £800
58	RASCAL Community Organisation, Laburnum Drive, Somerton	Two new football teams have been established, 9-15 years old and 15-19 years old. Assistance is requested for kit to support these teams.  The cost of the kit required is given as £646.25.	The organisation received a donation of £400 in August 2003 from the Welsh Church Fund. Donations to various groups within RASCAL have been made from the Neighbourhood Fund.  Recommendation:- Grant of £400
59	Gateway Christian Centre, Castleton Baptist Church, Marshfield	They are seeking assistance in providing carpeting and chairs as part of their refurbishment programme. They are endeavouring to make the building more user friendly for community use.  The cost of the chairs is £4943.36 and of the flooring £5303.60	A donation of £400 was made from the Welsh Church Fund in April 2003 towards the running of a children's holiday club.  Recommendation:- Grant of £1000. Subject to confirmation that the project is proceeding.

	<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
60	Raymond Steed Memorial Fund,	<p>Assistance is being sought to erect a statue in Newport to the memory of Raymond Steed who is officially recognised as the youngest recorded fatality of the British service war dead. From Newport, he was a galley boy on a Merchant Navy ship when it was blown up after hitting a German mine in 1943. He was 14 years and 207 days old.</p> <p>A general donation to the fund is being sought.</p>	<p>First application to the Welsh Church Fund.</p> <p>This request is being deferred until the position regarding funding and siting of the proposed memorial is established.</p>
61	Peterstone Village Hall Committee, Peterstone Village Hall, Peterstone	<p>Seeking to include toilet facilities for disabled persons as part of the refurbishment of the hall.</p> <p>The quote for the provision of the disabled toilet is £6124.00 plus VAT.</p>	<p>First application from the Welsh Church Fund.</p> <p>Councillor Richard White has indicated his support for this project.</p> <p>Recommendation:- Award of £1000. Subject to confirmation that the project is proceeding.</p>
62	Gaer Community Network, 57 Gaer Road	<p>Assistance is being sought to purchase safety equipment for young people accessing a Communities First project aimed at 16-25 year olds. There is a Youth Construction Bus which delivers basic construction skills to enable them to gain employment in the industry.</p> <p>Looking to purchase equipment such as boots and gloves, plus a t-shirt at an estimate of £50 per young person and for 18 people giving a total of £900.</p>	<p>First application to the Welsh Church Fund.</p> <p>Recommendation:- Grant of £400</p>
63	St John Baptist Church, Risca Road	<p>Assistance is sought in respect of the purchase of the gates that have been erected at the Church to secure the entrance to the porch to prevent access by irresponsible persons.</p> <p>The gates have been provided at a cost of £1390 plus VAT.</p>	<p>A donation of £1000 was made from the Welsh Church Fund in September 2006 towards grilles to protect the hall windows.</p> <p>Recommendation:- Grant of £1000</p>
64	Malpas Gladiators Football Club,	<p>Funding is sought towards kit and training equipment for the recently formed under 11 age group team.</p> <p>The amount being sought is £946 for this equipment.</p>	<p>A donation of £400 from the Welsh Church Fund was made in September 2004.</p> <p>Recommendation:- Grant of £400</p>

	<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
65	St Julians Sport and Activity Community Group,  The Beaufort Centre, Beaufort Road	The group aims to develop confidence and build capacity of children and young people who face a particular disadvantage in the St Julian's area. Funding is being sought to purchase Dance Machines, Playstations and games and a Television to keep the young people physically active.  The amount sought for the purchase of this equipment is £1027.	First application from the Welsh Church Fund.  Councillor David Hando is fully supportive of this application. He feels the Beaufort Centre does excellent work with youngsters of all ages.  Recommendation:- Grant of £800
66	Newport Scout & Guide Gangshow, 97 Bassaleg Road	The organisation is devising a new commemorative badge to commemorate their association with the City Council Mayoral Year 2007/8.  The total cost will be in the region of £500.	First request from the Welsh Church Fund.  Recommendation:- Grant of £400
67	Bethel Baptist Church, Pentrepoeth Road, Bassaleg	Assistance is being sought towards the cost of new tarmac to the areas outside the Church and Schoolroom, which are in a poor state of repair.  Estimates have been provided of £1200, and £1975. A further verbal quote has been given of £3000.	A donation of £700 was made from the Welsh Church Fund in July 1998.  Recommendation:- Grant of £1000
68	St Patrick's R C Parish, Cromwell Road	Assistance is requested towards the cost of refurbishing the outside of the church:- Painting of gable ends, upgrading the Playschool buildings and surrounds and Health & Safety for entrances to the Church.  Costings given as £3,500.00	A donation of £1000 was made from the Welsh Church Fund in September 2005.  Recommendation:- Grant of £1000 subject to confirmation that the project is proceeding.
69	Kings Church, 71 Lower Dock Street	Seeking to extend the provision and quality of the dance group which is run by the Church Youth.  Assistance is sought to provide a tutor, running costs, transport and the cost of a show/performance with an estimate of £2290.	A donation of £1000 was made from the Welsh Church Fund in October 2005.  Recommendation: No grant as assistance sought for running costs such as dance tutor fees, transport etc. which is outside the criteria.
70	Tabernacle United Reformed Church, Tabernacle Road, Llanvaches	It has become necessary from a Health & Safety aspect to rewire the Church and Hall buildings.  An estimate has been obtained of approximately £8500.	A donation of £1000 was made in June 2006 and of £700 in July 2004 from the Welsh Church Fund.  Recommendation:- Grant of £1000 subject to confirmation that the project is proceeding.

## **Consultation**

Monitoring Officer

All Members were consulted and provided with an opportunity to comment. Any comments received and response are set out within the report.

**Implemented by: Head of Finance**  
**Implementation timetable: Immediate**

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## **Part 2**

### **Exempt or Confidential Items**

The following items contain confidential or exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. Reports and background papers relating to these decisions are therefore not for the publication and are subject to the provisions of the Act as they relate to circulation to the press and public.

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**RES145/08**

### **[Highways Network Management Re-Structuring](#)**

#### **Options Considered/Reasons for Decision**

The report identifies proposed changes in the structure of Highways Network Management to ensure parity exists between comparable posts across the service area and service performance is not affected by retention of existing staff.

#### **Decision**

1. To approve the amended structure of Highways Network Management;
2. To approve the deletion of posts associated with the management review of the service;
3. To approve the regradings and redesignations of posts connected with the management review of the service;
4. To approve the creation of new posts as a consequence of the management review of the service.

## **Consultation**

Monitoring Officer, Head of Finance, Head of HR & Policy and Cabinet Member for Engineering & Transport.

**Implemented by: Head of Engineering and Transport**  
**Implementation timetable: Immediate**

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**RES146/08**

### **[Strategic Marketing and External Funding](#)**

#### **Options Considered/Reasons for Decision**

A need to strengthen marketing and events programmes to capitalise on opportunities arising from the regeneration of the City and Ryder Cup 2010 has been recognised. Proposals to restructure the Economic Development Section to incorporate an enlarged marketing and events team are currently being finalised, in co-operation with other Service Areas. It has become apparent, however, that there is an urgent need to

create a new post of City Marketing and Events Manager to co-ordinate strategic marketing and events management to promote the City. In addition, it is clear that the role and structure of the European Affairs Team needs to be reviewed in light of the closure of the Objective 2 European funding programme and the move to the replacement Regional Competitiveness and Employment programme, 2007-2013.

### **Decision**

1. To create a post of City Marketing and Events Manager within the Economic Development Section of Planning and Economic Regeneration.
2. To incorporate the European Affairs Team into the Economic Development Section;
3. To delete the vacant post of European Affairs Manager and Objective 2 Officer.
4. To redefine the Job Description of the European Officer – SCP 37-40.
5. To create a post of Spatial European Team Outreach Officer – SCP 29-31.
6. To extend the fixed term contracts of the City of Learning Officer and Community Grants Officer to December, 2008.
7. To delete the post of Economic Development Manager Post SCP 47-50, and to create the post of Development Manager – SCP 51-54

### **Consultation**

Monitoring Officer, Head of Finance, Head of HR & Policy and Head of Information Systems and Communication . Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Service Delivery

**Implemented by: Head of Planning & Economic Regeneration**  
**Implementation timetable: Immediate**

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**Councillor P H C Davies , Cabinet Member for Resources**

**Date: 14<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

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