

# CABINET

**Report of:** Director of Resources

**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**Cabinet Portfolio:** Finance

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## **WELSH CHURCH ACT FUND 2021-22: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

### **Purpose**

One application is attached that requires approval by Cabinet.

### **Welsh Church Act Fund Balance**

The Council currently holds £442,920.71 of which £36,096 is committed, leaving a balance of £406,824.71.

### **Approval of Welsh Church Act Fund Grants**

In Section 4 of the Constitution – Functions Reserved by the Cabinet, Function 8 states “Payment of grants/financial assistance over a financial threshold as determined by the Cabinet from time to time” and “In relation to Function 8 above, the current limit determined by Cabinet is £5,000 for small business grants and £2,000 in all other cases”.

Due to this, Cabinet approve all Welsh Church Act Fund grants exceeding £2,000 with the Director of Resources approving those below £2,000.

Following discussion with Cabinet, it is proposed that approval of all Welsh Church Act Fund grants exceeding £2,000 is delegated to the Cabinet Member for Finance.

### **Comments by Director of Resources**

The financial issues are included in the body and Appendix to the report. In accordance with the current policy for Full Cost Recovery, the Finance and Internal Audit Services will be recovering the cost of their time administering this service from the Welsh Church Act Fund balance.

### **Comments by Head of Legal and Democratic Services**

There are no legal issues arising from this report.

### **Comments by Head of Human Resources**

There are no human resources issues arising from this report.

## **Impact Assessment**

The award of financial assistance has been considered against the five ways of working (long term, prevention, integration, collaboration, involvement) in the Well-being of Future Generations sustainable development principle. Important issues to note are the financial assistance preventing deterioration of the Churches, and safeguarding them for future generations.

The award of financial assistance is unlikely to impact on any specific groups as defined within the Equality Act 2010.

Finally, the award of financial assistance is unlikely to impact on the Council's obligations under the Welsh Language Standard Regulations 2015.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That the application be approved.
- (b) That delegated approval be granted to the Cabinet Member for Finance to approve Welsh Church Act Fund grants exceeding £2,000.

### ***REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:***

*To continue to support local Organisations.*

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**Background Documents:** None

**APPENDIX**

**PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - WELSH CHURCH ACT FUND**  
**APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2021-22**

<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>COST OF WORKS (Including VAT) £</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATION (SUBJECT TO GRANT CONDITIONS) £</b>
1. St. Mary's Church, Carew	Repairs to Ceiling	30,077	5,000