



RHONDDA CYNON TAF

**RECORD OF URGENT DECISION OF THE DEPUTY LEADER,
CABINET MEMBER FORTACKLING POVERTY, ENGAGEMENT
AND HOUSING**

**(in accordance with Section 3A of Part 3 (Paragraph 3) of the
Council's Constitution**

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY ENABLING FUND –GRANT APPROVAL

PURPOSE OF ATTACHED REPORT:

To approve the award of a grant to the Muni Arts Centre in respect of that organisations application under the Councils Community Enablement Fund. The New Muni is a centre situated in the centre of Pontypridd and will encourage the community to engage with arts and culture. It will be open to all people to promotion, participation and celebration of local culture, arts creativity and language whilst also pursuing individual, community and economic development.

DELEGATED DECISION (Date): 30th July, 2015.

At the Joint meeting of the Voluntary Sector Liaison Steering Group and the Community Asset Service Transfer Group on the 30th July, 2015 it was agreed that a recommendation be put to the Cabinet Member for Tackling Poverty, Engagement and Housing to approve a grant to the value of £10k paid to Muni Arts Centre.

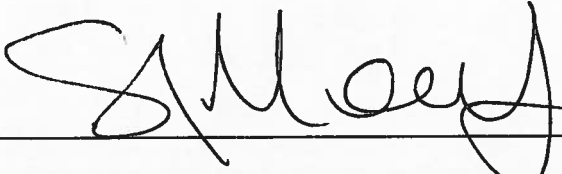
The item was deemed urgent due to the need to protect the viability of the Muni Arts Centre taking forward the Community Asset transfer.

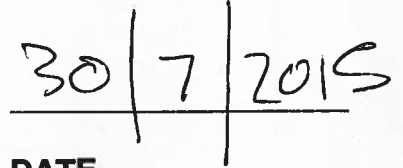
 Deputy Leader's Signature	KEIRON JOHN MONTAGUE Print Name	30/7/15 Date
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The decision is taken in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government Act, 2000 (Executive Functions) and in the terms set in accordance with Section 3A of Part 3 (Paragraph 3) of the Councils Constitution.

CONSULTEE CABINET MEMBER SIGNATURE
(if felt appropriate)

DATE





CHIEF OFFICER CONSULTEE SIGNATURE

DATE

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RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO ACCOMPANY THE URGENT DECISION OF THE DEPUTY LEADER, CABINET MEMBER FOR TACKLING POVERTY, ENGAGEMENT AND HOUSING. (in accordance with Section 3A of Part 3 (Paragraph 3) of the Council's Constitution)

DATE: 30th July 2015

COMMUNITY ENABLING FUND

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1. This report provides context of the urgent decision required by the Deputy Leader, Cabinet Member of Tackling Poverty, Engagement and Housing, regarding approval of the Community Enabling Fund grant to the Muni Arts Centre, Pontypridd.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. Following consideration, to award the Muni Arts Centre £10k out of the Community Enabling fund following the recommendations of the Voluntary Sector Liaison Steering Group and Community Asset Service Transfer Panel.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. The Community Enabling Fund was agreed by Council on the 25th March 2015, as a earmarked amount of £100K to support non-profit distributing voluntary or community groups in developing and delivering alternative models of service delivery and / or the transfer of Council assets to the community.
- 3.2. It was agreed that the applications for the fund would be considered by internal officers, the 'Community Asset and Service Transfer Panel', and external partners, the members of the Voluntary Sector Steering Group. Both groups would provide recommendations to the Deputy Leader of the Council, in order for a decision to be made on awarding the grant amount requested to a group.

4. URGENT DECISION ON THE MUNI ARTS CENTRE APPLICATION

- 4.1. An application to the Community Enabling Fund was received by a community group seeking to run the Muni Arts Centre in Pontypridd in July 2015.
- 4.2. In this case, a lease had already been signed by the Council transferring the asset to the community group, in order for them to run a venue for artistic and creative activities.
- 4.3. The trustees of the group requested £10K of the Community Enabling Fund to enable the successful launch of the venue. The application stated that the fund would be used for refurbishment and signage for the new provision, which was due to launch on the 7th August 2015.

- 4.4. At the joint meeting of the Voluntary Sector Liaison Steering Group and the Community Asset and Service Transfer Group on the 30th July, 2015, it was agreed that a recommendation be put to the Cabinet Member for Tackling Poverty, Engagement and Housing to approve a grant to the value of £10K paid to the Muni Arts Centre.
- 4.5. The Deputy Leader made the decision to approve the decision as 'urgent' under Section 3A of the Leader's Scheme of Delegation. The item was deemed urgent due to the need to protect the viability of the Muni Arts Centre taking forward the Community Asset transfer and the launch of the service on the 7th August 2015.
- 4.6. Apart from in exceptional circumstances, the recommendations of the group will be referred to Cabinet for decision on Community Enabling Fund grant applications in future.