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Welsh Government



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Dear Paul

Variation to the Award letter dated 22 March 2021 - Award of Funding in relation to encourage the take up of training and development in the sector, aimed at:

- (i) Strengthening financial management and governance of councils;**
- (ii) Increasing the amount of general training undertaken by councillors;**
- and**
- (iii) Developing the sector's digital capacity and capability.**

This letter follows a requirement by Welsh Government to amend the purpose of the 2021-22 funding at Schedule 1. The full funding envelope remains at **£52,400** (fifty-two thousand, four hundred pounds).

With effect from 28 February, the Award of Funding Letter shall be varied as to include the provision to support the transitional process affecting certain community councils who are currently implementing changes to their community areas and develop sector-specific support materials on employment matters for community councils who are merging as shown in the amended Schedule 1 appended at **pages 3 and 4** of this letter.

Except as expressly varied in this letter, the Award of Funding Letter shall continue in full force and effect and shall be read and construed as one document with this letter. Unless the context requires otherwise, references in the Award of Funding Letter to "the Conditions" or "this award of Funding" shall be to the Conditions or the award of Funding (as the case may be) as amended by this letter.

This letter and any disputes or claim (including any non-contractual disputes or claims) arising out of or in connection with its formation or its subject matter are to be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Wales and England as

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applied in Wales and the parties hereto submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Wales and England.

Please sign the enclosed copy of this letter to confirm that One Voice Wales agrees to the variations referred to in this letter. Please return the signed copy of this letter to **[redacted – s40 personal information]** at the Welsh Government.

Yours sincerely

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SCHEDULE 1 The Purposes

The Purpose of the Funding is to encourage the take up of training and development in the sector, and is aimed at:

- (i) Strengthening financial management and governance of councils;
- (ii) Increasing the amount of general training undertaken by councillors;
- (iii) Supporting the sector to manage employment matters arising from community and town council boundary changes

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All bursary support (i.e bursary support for *Financial Management and Governance training and General training*)

Up to **£52,400** of the Funding specified above must be used by you to provide grants to community and town councillors (beneficiaries).

You are responsible for managing all grants to Beneficiaries and ensuring that all necessary procedures and processes are put in place before any grant is awarded.

You must put in place appropriate grant terms and conditions ensuring that they are in line with and, not in conflict with any of the requirements set out in the Conditions.

In accordance with Condition 10, we may from time-to-time request information about the Scheme and any grant paid under the Scheme. Any failure by you to provide satisfactory information will be deemed a Notification Event.

Nothing in this Schedule shall relieve you of any of your obligations to us as set out in the Conditions.

(iii) Development of support for employment matters arising from community and town council boundary changes

Up to **£15,000** of the Funding above may be used to support the transitional process affecting certain community councils who are currently implementing changes to their community areas and develop materials to support community and town councils to manage employment matters arising from boundary changes - whether these happen through reviews or voluntary grouping of councils.

These materials may include, but are not limited to, process maps, template letters and handling guidance for a range of scenarios. The outputs of this process would be considered training and support materials to be retained by One Voice Wales to use with member councils in future.

The total amount of the funding for parts (i), (ii) and (iii) must not exceed **£52,400**.

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TWO SIGNATORIES ARE REQUIRED

We hereby accept this variation to the award of Funding under **Award letter dated 22 March 2021 - Award of Funding in relation to encourage the take up of training and development in the sector** and the Conditions relating to the Funding.

An authorised signatory of **One Voice Wales** Signature

Name

Job Title

Date

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