

The Vale of Glamorgan Council

Cabinet Meeting: 5 September, 2016

Report of the Leader

Use of the Managing Director's Emergency Powers

Purpose of the Report

1. To notify Cabinet of the exercising of Emergency Powers by the Managing Director since the last report in April 2016.

Recommendation

T H A T the report be noted.

Reason for the Recommendation

To inform Cabinet.

Background

2. The Emergency Powers procedure was approved by Minute No. 95, 2012/13.

Relevant Issues and Options

3. To note the following:

(a) Domestic Abuse Service Grant - Purchase of Target Hardening Equipment

Authority to increase the 2015/16 Capital Programme by £43,500 to be funded by the above Welsh Government grant.

(Scrutiny Committee - Housing and Public Protection)

(b) Rural Development Programme

Authority to increase the 2015/16 Capital Programme by £40,619 to be funded by the above grant from the Welsh Government.

(Scrutiny Committee - Economy and Environment)

(c) Metro Fund Grant Funding 2015/16 and 2016/17 Phase 3 - Culverhouse Cross to St. Athan via Cardiff Airport Bus Priority Corridor

Authority to increase the 2015/16 and 2016/17 Capital Programme following the acceptance of grant offer for further metro Fund transport by the Welsh Government for £48,585 for the 2015/16 and £599,624 for 2016/17 to enable the housing developer Bellway Homes to deliver bus priority measures including a bus lane and bus priority measures on Port Road to Culverhouse Cross.

(Scrutiny Committee - Economy and Environment)

(d) School Investment Strategy - Use of Reserve

Authority to increase the 2016/17 Capital Programme Gwenfio Primary Expansion Scheme by £70,000 which was to be funded from the School Investment Strategy Reserve.

(Scrutiny Committee - Lifelong Learning)

(e) Llanmaes Flood Risk Management Scheme - Direct Award of Outstanding Design and Development Work

Authority to negotiate a fee proposal with Mott MacDonalds and enter into an appropriate contract. The value of additional works estimated at £80,000.

Authority was also sought to negotiate and direct award orders to Mott MacDonalds to undertake time critical work i.e. ecological surveys, modelling and ongoing liaison with NRW to ensure the scheme continued to progress to construction in the current financial year.

(Scrutiny Committee - Economy and Environment)

(f) Maximising the Employment Potential of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast

Authority to increase the 2015/16 Capital Programme by £7,850 funded by a contribution from Dunraven Estate Properties Limited to cover the cost of a marine engineering consultant to oversee the implementation of slipway works.

(Scrutiny Committee - Economy and Environment)

(g) Barry Island Causeway Improvement Scheme

Authority to slip £60,000 in respect of the below projects into the 2016/17 Capital Programme and vire into the Causeway Improvement Scheme budget to cover increased construction, design and supervision costs of the scheme:

- £19,000 (831215 Asphalt Renewal - Drainage)
- £41,000 (8315130 Flood Risk Management).

(Scrutiny Committee - Economy and Environment)

(h) Proposal to Increase Welsh Medium Secondary School Places: Cabinet report 2nd June, 2016

Authority to amend / clarify the consultation start date in respect of the above matter from 26th June, 2016 to 20th June, 2016 (as correctly stated in Appendix B to the Cabinet report of 6th June, 2016) to enable the related consultation process to be undertaken in a manner consistent with the requirements of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013.

(Scrutiny Committee - Learning and Culture)

(i) Application to Welsh Government for Grant Funding and to Accept Grant Funding in respect of Boverton Flood Alleviation Scheme

Authority to submit a grant funding bid and subsequent acceptance of grant funding and inclusion in the Capital Programme 2016/17, subject to signed grant acceptance for the Boverton Flood Alleviation Scheme to expedite progress and maximise spend during the current financial year.

(Scrutiny Committee - Environment and Regeneration)

(j) 2015/16 Capital Slippage Request

Authority for slippage of unspent but committed capital budgets for 2015/16 into 2016/17 as set out in the attached appendix to the Emergency Powers form and on the basis that the matter would be report to Cabinet on 11th July, 2016.

(Scrutiny Committee - Corporate Performance and Resources)

Resource Implications (Financial and Employment)

4. The procedure requires that these be taken into account by the Committee / Departments originating the requests for the use of Emergency Powers.

Sustainability and Climate Change Implications

5. The procedure requires that these be taken into account by the Committee / Departments originating the requests for the use of Emergency Powers.

Legal Implications (to Include Human Rights Implications)

6. The procedure requires that these be taken into account by the Committee / Departments originating the requests for the use of Emergency Powers.

Crime and Disorder Implications

7. The procedure requires that these be taken into account by the Committee / Departments originating the requests for the use of Emergency Powers.

Equal Opportunities Implications (to include Welsh Language issues)

8. The procedure requires that these be taken into account by the Committee / Departments originating the requests for the use of Emergency Powers.

Corporate/Service Objectives

9. The procedure requires that these be taken into account by the Committee / Departments originating the requests for the use of Emergency Powers.

Policy Framework and Budget

10. All actions fall within paragraph 1 of the Managing Director's Delegated Powers set out on page **255** of the Council's Constitution.

Consultation (including Ward Member Consultation)

11. None.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

12. As indicated in paragraph 3 above.

Background Papers

Relevant Emergency Power proformas.

Contact Officer

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Officers Consulted

None.

Responsible Officer:

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