

Matter which the Chairman has decided is urgent by reason of the need to consider the proposed events programme in light of the current COVID 19 pandemic.....

Meeting of:	Cabinet
Date of Meeting:	Monday, 23 March 2020
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Corporate Performance and Resources
Report Title:	Vale of Glamorgan 2020 Events Programme - Implications of COVID 19 Coronavirus
Purpose of Report:	To update Cabinet of the suggested changes to the Council's Events Programme 2020 - 2021 in light of the Coronavirus Outbreak
Report Owner:	Councillor Lis Burnett Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration
Responsible Officer:	Marcus Goldsworthy - Head of Regeneration & Planning
Elected Member and Officer Consultation:	No Elected Members have been consulted as the report covers most of the Vale.
Policy Framework:	This is a matter for executive decision by Cabinet
<p>Executive Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council organises and supports an annual and diverse programme of events across the Vale of Glamorgan. These events are important in assisting the local economy and increasing the tourism offer within the Vale of Glamorgan. • In light of the Coronavirus (COVID - 19) outbreak and following Government advice, it is proposed that Council run events and externally organised events financially supported by the Council, either be cancelled or postponed until a later date. • Appendix A details the original proposed programme of events for 2020 - 2021 with an update for each event following advice regarding the current outbreak. 	

Recommendations

1. That Cabinet considers and approves the changes to the proposed events for the year 2020-2021
2. That the Head of Regeneration and Planning be granted delegated powers in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration to implement changes to the events programme and to financial support for externally operated events on a case by case basis, as the COVID - 19 outbreak proceeds in future months.
3. The use of article 14.14.2 (ii) of the Council's Constitution (urgent decision procedure) be authorised in respect of recommendations 1 and 2 above.

Reasons for Recommendations

1. To approve changes to events programme 2020 - 2021
2. To, where possible, support events in the Vale of Glamorgan by postponing and rescheduling to a later appropriate date.
3. In recognition of the need to make a decision in light of COVID-19 and that dates of future Cabinet meetings have not been identified at this stage.

1. Background

- 1.1 Each year the Council organises and supports a successful and diverse programme of events across the Vale of Glamorgan. These events are important in boosting the local economy and increasing the tourism offer within the Vale of Glamorgan, while also improving the quality of life for residents.
- 1.2 Following the Coronavirus outbreak and as the spread of the disease intensifies, the Government has advised that large public gatherings such as events and festivals can contribute to the spread of the virus and should be avoided.
- 1.3 As a result of this advice, the Council will look at the proposed programme of both Council and external events in the Vale of Glamorgan for 2020, and working with event organisers, either cancel or postpone / reschedule for later in 2020 or 2021.

2. Key Issues for Consideration

- 2.1 The original proposed events programme for 2020 - 2021 with costs, is attached in Appendix A, with an COVID-19 update for each event.

- 2.2 The Council will work with external event organisers to move events to new dates within the year, rather than cancel. A draft timetable of rescheduled Vale events is current being set up.
- 2.3 The Council will monitor the situation and communicate the changes to the events programme via social media channels and the website.
- 2.4 The current information suggests that the peak of the outbreak may be in Summer 2020, meaning most summer events will, need to cancel or be rescheduled.

3. How do proposals evidence the Five Ways of Working and contribute to our Well-being Objectives?

- 3.1 The Council's Corporate Plan 2016 - 2020, identifies 4 Well-being Outcomes:
 - 1. An Inclusive and Safe Vale
 - 2. An Environmentally Responsible and Prosperous Vale
 - 3. An Aspirational and Culturally Vibrant Vale
 - 4. An Active and Healthy Vale

Events are mentioned within Well-being Outcome 2 of the Plan - An Environmentally Responsible and Prosperous Vale,

Objective 3: Promoting regeneration, economic growth and employment:
" To support local businesses and increase the number of visitors to the Vale through the implementation of the Tourist Destination Management Plan and an annual programme of events and festivals"

The proposals in this report will enable the Council to continue to work towards this Well-being objective plus activities will also contribute to Well-being objectives such as Valuing Culture and diversity and Encouraging and promoting active and healthy lifestyles.

Events in the Vale of Glamorgan consider the Five Ways of Working in both the planning / design and delivery stages:

Long Term

The Council has supported a number of Vale events through direct funding / advice and support / use of equipment, enabling events to grow into successful annual fixtures.

Ideas suggested in the report such as bringing in concessions / sponsorship to successful well attended Council and external events would provide income and sustainability for these events. Helping events to become more self-sufficient and improving their long-term success.

Officers are working towards developing the Vale as an attractive event destination. Barry Island especially is becoming a popular event venue and has attracted new events such as the Barry Island 10km which is an annual event with a long-term commitment to the Vale. The provision of the Council's new event grant fund helped to support external event organisers to develop new sustainable events in the Vale.

Prevention

The Council works closely with event organisers and the Council's Event Safety Advisory Group (ESAG) to provide advice and guidance on event legislation and planning, with a view to supporting safe and successful events and preventing badly organised events with a negative impact on the Vale. Council events also adhere to all relevant event legislation and Officers work closely with the Council's ESAG and the South Wales Police to prevent and reduce crime and disorder incidents.

Well run events prevent and reduce the potential for anti-social behaviour and assist in creating stronger communities.

Integration

Well organised events by their nature cross several Council departments such as Highways, Licensing, Health and Safety and Environmental Health and Officers regularly works with other service areas within the Council to deliver and implement the Well-being objectives

Events often support, or join up with projects within other Council departments. Gwyl Fach Y Fro - the annual Welsh Language event at Barry Island which is now its sixth year, also supports the Council's commitment to the Welsh Language. Sporting events such as the Barry Island Triathlon and 10km promote the objective of an Active and Healthy Vale.

Collaboration

Collaboration is key to delivering the objectives and officers work routinely with a number of both internal and external partners. These partners include internal Council Departments (as mentioned above), External event organisers, Emergency services, Medical First Aid providers, Stewarding / Security, Resident / Community Representatives, Traders groups, Town Councils and Welsh Government.

This way of working together promotes a consistent and co-ordinated approach to successful event planning and delivery in the Vale.

Involvement

Officers regularly engage with local stakeholders such as Traders Groups, Councillors, Town Councils to develop and deliver these proposals. Public opinion on the proposals is also sort via online event customer satisfaction surveys which are carried out by the Council, following each event. Survey

participation is high, and the results are used to develop or adjust proposals or ideas.

4. Resources and Legal Considerations

Financial

- 4.1** Appendix A includes the proposed costs for events should they be rescheduled in 2020 - 21.
- 4.2** No deposit payments have been made for the Council's events programme to date.

Employment

- 4.3** There are no direct employment issues associated with the report however it is recognised that the events programme attracts thousands of visitors to the Vale and supports the local economy and employment.

Legal (Including Equalities)

- 4.4** As an event organiser and land owner, the Council has a duty of care and must to adhere to any Government advice / legislation for events during the COVID - 19 outbreak.
- 4.5** If events postpone and take place at a later date, event organisers must follow event legislation and provide event management plans and risk assessments. Other considerations will include such matters as obtaining the appropriate traffic orders, confirming that the appropriate licences are in place and securing the appropriate insurances.

5. Background Papers

Appendix A - 2020-2021 Proposed Events Programme with costs and COVID-19 update

2020-2021 Proposed Events Programme with costs and COVID-19 update

Event	Corporate Events Budget	Events Grant Budget
Saturday 28 March Vale Coastal Ultra - organised by Run Walk Crawl The event has been postponed		
Sunday 5 April Penarth Duathlon - organised by Tough Runner Organiser looking to reschedule to October 2020.		
Sunday 12 & Monday 13 April Grand Opening, Fonmon – organised by Fonmon Events Officer to contact the organisers and that following the latest advice, the Council advises that the event should either cancel or postpone and reschedule to later in the year.		
Sunday 24 May Barry Island Triathlon – organised by All or Nothing Events The organiser has been in contact with the Events Officer and are looking to reschedule the Triathlon on 20th September 2020.		
Sunday 24 and Monday 25 May Cowbridge Food & Drink Festival – organised by Cowbridge Food and Drink Events Officer to contact the organisers and that following the latest advice, Council advises that the event should either cancel or reschedule to later in the year.		
Saturday 6 June Gwyl Fach Y Fro, Barry Island – organised by the Menter Bro Morganwg The Events Officer has contacted Menter and the festival will be postponed		
Sunday 14 June Barry Island Transport Festival organised in partnership with Cardiff Transport Preservation Group Festival postponed and to look at new dates in Autumn. Cost to cover traffic management, stewarding and first aid.		£2,500.00

Llantwit Major Summer Event - June TBC	£750.00
Events Officer to contact the organisers and that following the latest advice, Council advises that the event should reschedule to later in the year.	
High St, Barry Summer Event - June TBC	£985.00
Events Officer to contact the organisers and that following the latest advice, Council advises that the event should reschedule to later in the year.	
Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 June	£15,000.00
Barry Island Festival of Food – organised by the Vale of Glamorgan Council Events Officer to reschedule the festival for later in the year if possible. £15,000 to cover stewarding, power, overnight security, first aid and event infrastructure. Stalls at the event will provide an income.	
Friday 10 / Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 July	
Bridgend Show, Penllyn - organised by Bridgend show Events Officer has contacted the organisers and ask for an update on plans for the event.	
Penarth Summer Festival - July	
Organised by Penarth Town Council The Events Officer has contacted PTC and an official descision hasn't been made but the festival is likely to postpone.	
£2,000.00	
Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 July	
Cadstock, Victoria Park, Barry – organised by Council Park Dept Events Officer contacting Parks Dept and agree postponement of the event	
Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 July	£45,000.00
Isle of Fire - Council Event organised in partnership with Walk The Plank Events Officer to contact the organisers Walk the Plank and work to reschedule the event to later in the year if possible	
Friday 24, Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 July	£1,500.00
GlastonBarry Juniors and GlastonBarry – organised by Mack Events Romilly Park, Barry	

Events Officer to contact the organisers, and as the event is on Council land, ask organisers to look at contingency plans, should organisers need to postpone / reschedule events to later in the year.

Sunday 2 August

Barry Island 10K – organised by Run4Wales

Run 4 Wales have cancelled 2 upcoming races already - Events Officer is contacting the organisers and ask for an update on plans for the event.

Wednesday 12 August

£1,500.00

Vale of Glamorgan Show – organised by Vale of Glamorgan Show Committee

Events Officer contacting the organisers to confirm an update on plans for the show.

The £1,500 to cover Tourism and Events Team presence at the show

Friday 28 / Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 August – Council event

£16,000.00

Cinema by the Sea, Barry Island

Events Officer to work with supplier of the screen to postpone if needed.

Picnic Penarth - organised by Penarth Town Council

£2,000.00

September - TBC

No action taken as yet - Event Officer to keep in contact with the organiser. Funding will be issued subject to advice.

Saturday 19 September

£1,500.00

Vale Coastal Running Festival

No action taken as yet - Event Officer to keep in contact with the organiser. Funding will be issued subject to advice.

Grant of £1,500 suggested.

Rotary Barry Island Fireworks

£3,500.00

November - TBC

No action taken as yet - Event Officer to keep in contact with the organiser. funding will be issued subject to advice.

£3,500 suggested to cover TM and stwarding on the night.

Penarth Christmas Festival - organised by Penarth Town Council

£1,000.00

End of November

No action taken as yet - Event Officer to keep in contact with the organiser. Funding will be issued subject to advice.

£1,000 suggested to cover road closure at the event.

Cowbridge Christmas Weekender - organised by the Chamber of Trade

£3,000.00

23 / 24 November

No action taken as yet - Event Officer to keep in contact with the organiser. funding will be issued subject to advice.

£3,000 suggested as a direct grant

High St Christmas Event - organised by the traders

£985.00

No action taken as yet - Event Officer to keep in contact with the organiser. funding will be issued subject to advice.

£985 suggested as a direct grant

Llantwit Major Christmas Event

£750.00

End of November

No action taken as yet - Event Officer to keep in contact with the organiser. Funding will be issued subject to advice.

£750 suggested as a grant

Vale of Glamorgan Council Christmas Event

£25,000.00

End of November

No action taken as yet.

In partnership with Holton Rd Traders, the £25,000 would cover the event plus the Christmas lights and tree

Total**£108,500.00****£14,470.00**