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<b>Relevant Scrutiny Committee:</b>	Place Scrutiny Committee
<b>Item which the Chair has decided is urgent (Part I)</b> (If yes, why)	Not applicable
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<b>Item Type</b>	Part I
<b>Report Title:</b>	Pencoedtre Park
<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	Cabinet Members for Neighbourhood and Building Services and Sport, Leisure and Well-being
<b>Strategic Leadership Team:</b>	Director of Environment and Housing
<b>Lead Officer:</b>	Head of Neighbourhood Services

## 1.0 What is this report about?

- 1.1 Pencoedtre Park has recently been awarded funding by Welsh Government's Pride in Place Impact Fund, to upgrade the existing splash pad, construct a new skate park, and construct a new toilet block with changing facilities. The deadline for expenditure is 31st March 2027.
- 1.2 The project delivery funding is very time sensitive due to the time limit with the funding.
- 1.3 This report provides an update to Cabinet and recommends a series of delegations to support the delivery of these projects.
- 1.4 The Welsh Government's Pride in Place Impact Fund has a delivery deadline of 31st March 2027. The Council anticipates procurement to take place imminently to meet the deadline for the funding.

## 2.0 What are the Recommendations?

	<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>Reason for Recommendation</b>
2.1	That Cabinet endorses the arrangements and progress being made in respect of the Pencoedre Park projects.	To obtain endorsement from for this project Cabinet of the current position regarding the project and funding from Welsh Government.
2.2	That delegated authority is granted to the Director of Environment and Housing, in consultation with the Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood and Building Services, Chief Executive, Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services to procure and appoint contractors/suppliers as may be required to achieve project delivery, subject to funding.	To enable the procurement process for the Pencoedre Park Project to progress efficiently and to support the timely delivery of the project.
2.3	That delegated authority is granted to the Director of Environment and Housing in liaison with the Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer to accept the preferred tender(s) and approve the letting of the works contract(s) associated with the project, following the completion of the tender process.	To obtain authority to let the works contract and for the project to be delivered in a timely manner.
2.4	That delegated authority is granted to the Director of Environment and Housing, in consultation with the Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood and Building Services, Chief Executive, Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services to direct award contracts where necessary, subject to a compliant procurement process.	To obtain authority to allow delivery of the project within funding timelines.
2.5	That delegated authority is granted to the Director of Environment and Housing to submit a planning application(s) and building regulations application for the project by virtue of either Regulation 3 or	To obtain authority to submit planning application(s) & building regulation application (s) for the project.

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	Regulation 4 of The Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992 (As Amended), if required.	
2.6	That Cabinet delegates authority to the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services to complete and execute any contracts and any associated legal documentation on behalf of the Council, in respect of these projects.	To authorise the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services to execute the contract and associated legal documentation on behalf of the Council in accordance with established governance arrangements.

### **3.0 What is the background to this report?**

- 3.1 Pencoedtre Park is a Council owned community asset, measuring over 16 acres, and located within the centre of Barry, central to Pencoedtre, Gibbonsdown and Cadoxton. It is a much-loved community asset, and provides a wide range of leisure opportunities, including a splashpad, children's play area, skatepark, multi-use games court, and football pitches. It is recognised as a local public open space with facilities which support social connection, physical and sporting activities and informal recreation.
- 3.2 The park has been consistently identified as a highly valued space. It plays a vital role in offering free, accessible leisure opportunities in a low socio-economic area, making its improvement and preservation a community priority.
- 3.3 The facilities at Pencoedtre Park require investment. The existing splashpad is over 15 years old and has exceeded its intended operational lifespan. This has resulted in rising maintenance costs and regular periods of the facility being out of action due to maintenance issues.
- 3.4 The splashpad is extremely popular by locals and tourists and is one of the Vale of Glamorgan's most valued features, offering a free, accessible, and much-loved space for families and children during summer months.
- 3.5 The existing skatepark is in disrepair, and is worn and outdated, and no longer fulfils its role for user groups. Community engagement has also highlighted the lack of toilet/changing facilities to support the park.
- 3.6 The Council's Neighbourhood Services Team have been successful in being awarded Pride in Place Impact Funding to undertake key improvements at Pencoedtre Park, including upgrades to the splashpad, the installation of a new skatepark, and the installation of new toilets and changing facilities.

### **4.0 What issues are there to be considered?**

- 4.1 The Council is progressing three projects identified at Pencoedtre Park as follows:

### **The Splash Pad:**

- 4.2 The proposal includes upgrading the existing plant and drainage systems to accommodate the high level of use in the summer months. Improvements will also be made to the existing features within the splashpad itself, including renewed surfacing and potentially fencing.
- 4.3 It is envisaged that the Council will direct award to the original suppliers and maintainers of the splashpad, via the Procurement Services Framework, with construction works to commence on site in the Autumn. This will ensure that the existing splashpad can continue operating during the summer months as scheduled.

### **The Skate Park:**

- 4.4 The proposal is to appoint a specialist supplier to design and build a bespoke new concrete skatepark. The supplier will be required to partner with a landscape consultant to ensure that the future proposals integrate with all other facilities on the site, and to create a holistic masterplan for the wider site.
- 4.5 The supplier will prepare a concept design which will be developed in consultation with users, like the approach followed for the Knap, Bearfield and Cogan skateparks. It is anticipated that this project will require planning permission and SAB approval.
- 4.6 It is anticipated that the construction would be a minimum of 16 weeks, therefore work would need to commence on site by the end of October/ early November to ensure completion by March 2027.
- 4.7 The procurement strategy would be to seek expressions of interest via Lot 4 of the ESPO framework PCR15, followed by a further competition exercise assessed against quality and price.

### **The Toilet & Changing Facilities:**

- 4.8 Given the high level of use in the summer months of the area surrounding the splashpad, play area and skatepark, the creation of new toilet and changing facilities are required.
- 4.9 Feasibility is currently underway to establish the most suitable design and location for this.
- 4.10 This element of the project will also be subject to the same timescales with a completion date of 31st March 2027. It is anticipated that this project will require planning permission.
- 4.11 The Council will need to appoint one single contractor to operate under the role of Principal Contractor for the project site, as there will be three separate contractors delivering three elements of the project, in accordance with the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015.

## **5.0 How evidence has been used to inform the report, including the views of others?**

5.1 The proposals set out in this report are informed by a range of existing evidence and stakeholder engagement.

5.2 The Council recently adopted the Barry Placemaking Plan (2026), which was informed via extensive consultation. Improvements to neighbourhood facilities play a key role to delivering the priorities within this plan, to ensure that everyone has access to high quality open spaces in their local area. Sport and physical activity are also central to strengthening community life across Barry, including providing spaces and activities that are accessible and affordable for young people.

### **Community engagement and interim operational evidence**

5.3 The need for investment in Pencoedtre Park has been highlighted through multiple engagement events such as Pencoedtre Sports Fest and Pencoedtre Fields Flying Start Family Fund Day, and sessions with local primary and secondary schools.

5.4 Further, a community engagement event was held at Victoria Park Community Centre in June 2025 by the Council's Regeneration Team and Neighbourhoods Team to engage with residents to discuss Pencoedtre Fields. The feedback made it clear that people really value the space, with focus especially on the splash pad facility. Residents identified that families love that it is a free, safe space, and close to home. It's a strongly favoured location for dog walking, picnics, and outdoor activities for children to run and play especially in the summer months.

5.5 The discussions highlighted that the park could benefit with some upgrades, including toilets facilities that are open longer, more shaded areas and seating, and a bigger, more modern splash pad and play park. There were also lots of suggestions for making the space more inclusive with activity options for older children and teenagers, as well as the possibility of a concessions stand, and possibly a fenced dog specific area (dog park).

5.6 The appointed skatepark contractor will be required to consult with user groups and the wider public, to develop the scheme.

## **6.0 What are the next steps if the recommendations are approved?**

6.1 The next steps are summarised below:

- Prepare tender documentation to procure contractors for all three projects, including Principal Contractor role.
- Undertake a procurement exercise and procure contractors to deliver the scheme.
- Appoint contractors
- Engage and develop the proposals
- Submit any statutory consents required to deliver the proposals, such as planning applications and SAB applications.

## **7.0 How does this report support the Vale 2030 and Reshaping?**

7.1 This proposal seeks to deliver Objective 1 in the Council's Vale 2030 strategy, by providing and supporting access to high quality recreational facilities.

## **8.0 How does this support the Five Ways of Working?**

8.1 The proposals set out in this report have been developed in accordance with the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and demonstrate clear application of the Five Ways of Working: long-term, prevention, integration, collaboration and involvement.

### **8.2 Long term:**

The project represents a long-term investment in the regeneration of the Pencoedre Park facilities. The existing features span 20 years in place and with these improvements it will provide residents and visitors with many years of use for leisure and recreation.

### **8.3 Prevention:**

The Pencoedre Park project prevents further deterioration of the community facilities through proactive investment and improvements to the site. The newly improved facilities will also encourage pride in place and discourage anti-social behaviour.

### **8.4 Integration:**

The projects support multiple Council objectives, including regeneration and community wellbeing. They are aligned with the Vale 2030 strategy and contribute to wider priorities such as tackling inequality, creating a great place to live, work and visit and enhancing public spaces.

### **8.5 Collaboration:**

Delivery of this project involves collaboration with a range of partners, including procurement partners, specialist sports & leisure contractors and external advisors. This partnership approach supports an effective delivery and leverages specialist expertise.

### **8.6 Involvement:**

The design and implementation of the skate park will incorporate public consultation, as well as picking up on the comments of residents from a community engagement exercise in June 2025 which highlighted the demand for improved toilet facilities and improved Splash Pad facilities.

## **9.0 Finance**

9.2 The Council has secured a Welsh Government grant under the Pride In Place Impact Fund of £1,020,000 to deliver the Project. The deadline for expenditure is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2027.

9.3 The current profile of funding has been split as set out in the table below. This could be subject to change between headings dependent upon the outcome of the procurement. The allocation to new toilets currently seems challenging.

No.	Project Name	Awarded £
1	Pencoedtre Skate Park	540,000
2	Pencoedtre Park Splashpad	330,000
4	Pencoedtre Park Toilets	150,000

9.4 The deadline of March 2027 for full spend of the award is very challenging and will remain a challenge until completion as work progresses through the winter months.

## 10.0 Workforce

10.2 The Pencoedtre Park projects are being supported through the Council's existing staffing resources, including the Council's Landscape and Project Management Unit, alongside input from a range of internal services such as Legal, Finance, Procurement, Property, Neighbourhood Services, Planning and Regeneration.

10.3 The resources required to deliver the project are being funded through the Pride In Place Impact Fund and associated project budgets.

10.4 The projects will continue to require coordinated input across a number of service areas, and this will be managed through established project governance arrangements.

10.5 The Council will appoint specialist suppliers to deliver the works required. The Council will continue to have regard to its duties under the Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Act 2023, including consideration of fair work principles in the procurement and management of contracts, where relevant.

## Assets

10.6 Pencoedtre Park and its facilities would remain a Council-owned asset, with Neighbourhood Services retaining responsibility for statutory compliance and maintenance.

## 11.0 Legal

11.1 **Does an Equalities Impact Assessment need to be completed? If not, why?**

11.2 An Equalities Impact Assessment is not required at this stage, as this report seeks to provide an update on progress and establish governance arrangements rather than implement specific policies or service changes that would directly impact protected groups.

11.3 The procurement for contractors is being undertaken in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and applicable public procurement legislation. Specialist Procurement advice has been obtained through ARDAL. This ensures that the Council's approach is lawful, robust and consistent with regulatory requirements.

11.4 The Council must also comply with the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 and associated Welsh Language Standards. These will be considered as part of project delivery.

## 12.0 **Key Contacts**

12.1 **Who are the primary officers to contact with any comments and/or queries on the report?**

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## **Appendix**

None.

## **Background Document**

[The Pride In Place Programme: Prospectus](#)