

## **Monthly Register of Chief Executive's Emergency Powers Approved During June 2025**

EP No	Title	Summary of Reason for Request	Cabinet / Council Function	Date Approved by Chief Executive														
68.	Inclusion of the Welsh Government Transport Grants in the 2025/26 Capital Programme.	<p>A total of £3,346,213 has been granted in respect of Transport Grants as identified below and Emergency Powers is required to request to include these grants and increase the 2025/26 Capital programme.</p> <p>The funding has been awarded as follows:</p> <table><tr><td>Scheme</td><td>£</td></tr><tr><td>Active Travel</td><td>976,000</td></tr><tr><td>Road Safety Capital</td><td>177,497</td></tr><tr><td>Safe Routes in Communities</td><td>242,716</td></tr><tr><td>Local Transport Fund</td><td>500,000</td></tr><tr><td>20MPH</td><td>1,450,000</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>3,346,213</td></tr></table>	Scheme	£	Active Travel	976,000	Road Safety Capital	177,497	Safe Routes in Communities	242,716	Local Transport Fund	500,000	20MPH	1,450,000	Total	3,346,213	Cabinet	03.06.2025
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69.	Utilities purchasing 2026/27 onwards on Laser Framework June update – move to Laser managed service requested	In January 2025 we secured emergency powers (see attached) to give notice of our intention to change energy framework providers in April 2026. This was following a comprehensive review carried out by Welsh Government Commercial Procurement Utilities (CPU) and a working group of local authorities in Wales, of	Cabinet	04.06.2025														

		<p>our current energy providers (via Crown Commercial Services – CCS framework).</p> <p>Having signed contracts to progress “procurement only” services with Laser, we have received a revised quote from Laser to provide “managed bill validation” services. We now wish to progress with this option. This service can be provided more cost-effectively by Laser and will enable our Decarbonisation &amp; Energy team to focus on decarbonisation activity, focusing on our Scope 1 emissions by delivering renewable energy projects, support energy efficiency and behaviour change projects across our estate.</p>																										
70.	Local Places for Nature Funding 2025-2027	<p>Through the Vale Nature Partnership, the Council has received an indicative allocation of funding from Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) across two financial years 25/26 and 26/27 as indicated in the table below.</p> <table><tr><td></td><td>2025/26</td><td>2026/27</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>£</td><td>£</td></tr><tr><td>Capital</td><td>276,678.86</td><td>276,678.86</td></tr><tr><td>Flexible Capital</td><td>59,288.33</td><td>59,288.33</td></tr><tr><td><b>Total Capital</b></td><td><b>335,967.19</b></td><td><b>335,967.19</b></td></tr><tr><td>Revenue</td><td>66,000.00</td><td>66,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>Biodiversity</td><td>48,000.00</td><td>48,000.00</td></tr><tr><td><b>Total</b></td><td><b>449,967.19</b></td><td><b>449,967.19</b></td></tr></table> <p>It is requested to include the scheme for the Local Places for Nature Funding 2025 – 2027 in the 2025 to</p>		2025/26	2026/27		£	£	Capital	276,678.86	276,678.86	Flexible Capital	59,288.33	59,288.33	<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>335,967.19</b>	<b>335,967.19</b>	Revenue	66,000.00	66,000.00	Biodiversity	48,000.00	48,000.00	<b>Total</b>	<b>449,967.19</b>	<b>449,967.19</b>	Cabinet	06.06.2025
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		2027 Capital Programme with a budget of £335,967.19 in each year. As this inclusion is based on an indicative allocation rather than a funding letter, the Council proceeds at risk and if the funding letter is not received any spend will be covered by the service's revenue budget.		
71	MRI Education Cloud Proposal (Part I)	<p>Emergency powers is sought to give authority to progress with the award of a contract for the Council's Education MRI software for a period of 3 years, 10 months (1 June 2025 to 31 March 2029). Further details are provided at Part II. The Council has sought advice from Ardal, the Council's Procurement team as set out in Part II. A pre-tender report has been completed.</p> <p>A report to Cabinet will be issued for information once all stages have been completed.</p>	Cabinet	09.06.2025
72	MRI Education Cloud Proposal (Part II)	<p>Emergency powers are requested to give authority to progress with the award of contract to Capita Education Software.at an annual value of £130,142 in year 1 and £197,364 (year 2-4) for a period of 3 years, 10 months (1 June 2025 to 31 March 2029), giving a total contract value of <b>£722,233</b>. (Further details can be found in section 4). The Council's Capita Education MIS software is unique in the market, particularly considering the Welsh context. Ardel has advised that <b>a full tendering process is not considered appropriate</b>. A pre-tender report completed.</p>	Cabinet	09.06.2025

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73	Operating Without Registration Placement – Child A	To agree the use of an unregistered placement for a child.	Cabinet	12.06.2025
74.	Contract Sum Uplift – J.G Hale Construction Ltd for the new development at Close Holm View, Barry, CF62 9AX	<p>J.G Hale Construction Ltd were appointed on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 to complete the construction of 31no. new Council houses and apartments at Close Holm View (Phase 2), Barry, CF62 9AX</p> <p>The original value of the contract was <b>£6,532,221.86</b> with a start on site being achieved on the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and a Practical Completion target date of the 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024.</p> <p>Additional costs have been incurred, that have either been as a result of delays to the original construction programme, the Councils' instructions or, in undertaking additional unforeseen works, which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional Radon protection</li> <li>• Additional costs associated with specification updates</li> <li>• Electrical landlord supplies to and associated builders work to RWH cupboards</li> <li>• New NGED sub-station and incoming electrical services</li> <li>• House type 4 alterations to master bedrooms</li> <li>• Vinyl finish to staircases in Walk-up flats</li> </ul>	Cabinet	16.06.2025

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offsite Land drainage to plot 11 of Holm View Phase 1</li> <li>• Additional Carpet to bedrooms/landings/stairs in house types 2 &amp; 3, as per updated government legislation</li> <li>• Supply and install 31no satellite dishes, as per Concepts quotation</li> <li>• Additional paving slabs</li> <li>• Additional Electrical costs for sprinkler works as per email correspondence including all making good of all associated affected areas as required on completion.</li> </ul> <p>Having regard to the aforementioned delays and additional costs, J.G Hale Construction Ltd have revised the Practical Completion date to the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025, for which they seek an uplift to their original contract sum from <b>£6,532,221.86</b> to <b>£6,794,461.00</b>, an increase of <b>£262,239.14</b>.</p> <p>RPA Ltd, the Council's Employers Agent and Cost Consultants, have verified the Schedule of Delay Events and Contract Sum Variations and have provided the attached revised Financial Statement.</p>		
75.	Hwb Programme	Funding allocation for financial year 2025-2026 has been confirmed from Welsh Government for £591k to support the expenditure through the All-Wales EdTech Commercial Service. The Hwb program is a Welsh Government initiative that provide a digital platform and resources to support teaching and learning in Schools. To enable the ordering of the goods an Emergency	Cabinet	24.06.2025

		Powers is required to add this grant to the 2025/26 Capital Programme. The total request for equipment from all schools came to £636k, £591k is to be funded from the grant and £45k will be revenue contribution from schools' budget.		
76.	Rectory Farm, Llanmihangel – Roof Repairs	<p>Following break ins at Rectory Farm, damage has been caused to the property's roof. As this is a leased property, there is an obligation under the lease to keep the property in repair. It is requested to include this scheme in the 2025/26 Capital Programme with a budget of £17k to enable these urgent works to be undertaken to prevent any further damage from water ingress.</p> <p>The scheme will be funded by a revenue contribution to capital from Policy.</p>	Cabinet	24.06.2025
77.	2024/25 Capital Slippage Request	<p>Approval for slippage of unspent capital budgets for 2024/25 into 2025/26 would normally require Cabinet approval as part of the Closure of Accounts report, however in order to progress schemes and to enable the budgets to reflect committed expenditure approval is required as soon as possible.</p> <p>It is requested that emergency powers are used to include funding to be carried forward from 2024/25 into the 2025/26 Capital Programme totalling £14.330M.</p> <p>A number of movements and overspends, have also been included and these are outlined in the detail of the emergency powers. It is also requested that these</p>	Cabinet	25.06.2025

		are approved as part of this emergency powers request		
78.	Construction Management Contract Sum Uplift No.2 – Synergy Construction Management Ltd at Coldbrook Road East, Barry	<p>Synergy Construction Management Ltd (SCML) were appointed on the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023 to manage and complete the construction of 20no. new Council apartments at Coldbrook Road East, Barry after the original contractor/developer was unable to fulfil their contractual obligations.</p> <p>The original value of the contract was <b>£208,753.65</b> with an estimated construction programme of 31 weeks from a start on site on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and a Practical Completion target date of 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024.</p> <p>On the 1st May 2025, the SCML contract sum was uplifted to <b>£413,346.58</b>, an increase of <b>£204,592.93</b> to their original contract sum and the Practical Completion date was revised to the 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025.</p> <p>SCML have encountered further delays which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ DCWW Delay in Installing New Water Meters – a 3-week delay on site (9th May – 2nd June) – Knock on effect – BT Openreach ducting installation delayed, footpath formation levels delayed preventing block paving finishes from commencing.</li> <li>➤ Insulation and Boxing to 1st Floor Service Tails – additional 2-weeks work (28th May – 13th June) – Knock on effect – Completed Hot</li> </ul>	Cabinet	29.06.2025

		<p>Water Cylinders had to be removed / refitted in 10no Flats to facilitate the construction and decoration of pipe boxings dictated by DCWW Water Regulations. Final Decorations cannot be commencement until these works are complete.</p> <p>➤ Delay to the commencement of the S278 Offsite / Main Entrance Works – 4-week delay on site (2nd June – 30th June) – Knock on Effect – The construction of the main Site Entrance and road finishes delayed until prior trades have completed the external works on site for access and materials deliveries.</p> <p>These delays mean that the Council is incurring additional construction management costs in order to successfully complete the scheme.</p> <p>➤ Having regard to the additional delays, SCML have revised the Practical Completion date to the 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025, adding a further 8 weeks to the construction programme for which they seek an additional uplift, revising their final contract sum to <b>£453,231.27</b>, an increase of <b>£39,884.69</b> over the second contract sum uplift of <b>£413,346.58</b></p> <p>➤ Whilst there have been a number of increases to order values, there have also been some substantial savings on Trade Packages in comparison to the original budget including the omission of individual sprinkler pumps (£52k),</p>		
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		<p>Buying gains on Floor Finishes (£9k), Electrical installations (£41k), Fencing (£10k), Landscaping (£2k), Metal Railings (£13k), Plumbing (£45k), roofing (£6k) and Timber Frame (£13k).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ By using Synergy Construction Management on this scheme and undertaking the works using the Construction Management Contract we have saved approximately £500,000.00 as apposed to using the traditional design and build contract method which was forecasted to cost circa 3.6m.</li> <li>➤ Due to the delays mentioned above the development is now due to complete on the 25.7.25 which is 8 weeks from the revised completion date. As the scheme is now 90% complete the development team are of the opinion that no other delays should be encountered that would require any further uplifts.</li> </ul> <p>RPA Ltd, the Council's Employers Agent and Cost Consultants have verified the Schedule of Delay Events and also the attached revised contract sum.</p>		
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