

Monthly Register of Chief Executive's Emergency Powers Approved During September, 2025

EP No	Title	Summary of Reason for Request	Cabinet / Council Function	Date Approved by Chief Executive
94.	Construction Management Contract Sum Uplift No.2 – Synergy Construction Management Ltd at Olive Lodge , 2 Port Rd, Barry, CF62 9PT	<p>Synergy Construction Management Ltd (SCML) were appointed on the 15th February 2024 to manage and complete the redevelopment of former B&B Olive Lodge into 10no. new Council temporary/emergency accommodation at 2 Port Road, Barry CF62 9PT.</p> <p>The original Construction Management Fee was based on a 54-week duration split between 11 weeks preconstruction and 43 weeks Construction period. The preconstruction period started 18th March 2024 and lasted 11 weeks.</p> <p>The original value of the contract was £285,868.49 with an estimated construction programme of 43 weeks (Construction phase) from a start on site on the 8th July 2024 and a Practical Completion target date of 2nd May 2025.</p> <p>On the 1st May 2025, the SCML contract sum was uplifted to £366,598.67, an increase of £80,730.18 to their original contract sum and the Practical Completion date was revised to the 18th July 2025.</p> <p>SCML have encountered further delays which include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Installation of 28m of new timber fence between the site and the adjacent bungalow. ➤ Suspended ceiling works to 3no lobbies where access to mechanical valves above dictated the installation. ➤ The manufacture and installation of bed and hanging rails to each bedsit. 	Cabinet	11.09.2025

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Replacing the locks to all flat entrance doors due to client choices. ➤ Re-surfacing works to the main entrance leading from Port Road East ➤ The supply and installation of a stand-alone smoking shelter to the project. ➤ The disruption to completing M&E systems commissioning from a lack of Internet Connection ➤ Additional boxing works to all bathrooms following confirmation of pipework lagging requirements. ➤ Alterations to installed finishes in the Laundry Room due to equipment specification change from Domestic to Commercial Appliances. ➤ Additional Ceramic Tiling works due to kitchen installation limitations. ➤ Installation of wall corner protections. ➤ Inability to finalise and commission the incoming water services due to the quality of water supplied by the incoming main. <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 aforementioned delays, Synergy Construction Management Ltd have revised the Practical Completion date to the 15th September 2025, adding 8 weeks to the construction programme for which they seek an uplift of their original contract sum to £411,721.02, an increase of £45,122.35.</p> <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>		
95.	Combined Coastal and Country Parks Parking Permits	The Council currently offers two car parking permit schemes: one for its Coastal Car Parks and another for its Country Parks. The permits are available for either 12 or 6 months and are currently priced at £105 for the full year and £60 for 6 months, for the Coastal Car Park options, with Country Parks charged at £60 for 12 months and £40 for 6 months. Replacements for lost or damaged permits are charged at £25 each.	Cabinet	12.09.2025

		<p>Whilst the sales of permits at both the Country parks and Coastal areas continues to increase year on year, the permits for both are not interchangeable and if residents, businesses or visitors choose to regularly attend both car parks, the costs of buying permits for both could be seen as being cost prohibitive, at a combined £165 for one year and £100 for 6 months.</p> <p><u>The permit sales figures for 2024/25 are as follows:</u> 141 Permits - 6 months - Coastal Car Parks - £7,976.30 224 Permits - 12 Months - Coastal Car Parks - £19,698.50 61 Permits - 6 Months- Country Parks -£2,186.30 253 Permits - 12 Months - Country Parks 13,765.00 Total Income £43,626.10*</p> <p>*This also included Lost/ replacement permits at a cost of £25.00 each</p> <p>The records do not show any permit holders who currently hold permits for both parking locations.</p> <p>It is proposed to introduce a discounted combined parking permit that allows parking in both coastal areas and the Council's two Country parks at a more reasonable cost, than is currently the case if buying two separate permits. This would both encourage greater take up of the permits but would also make parking at both locations more affordable.</p> <p>The cost of the combined permits would be £135 for 12 months (would be £165 if both were purchased separately), and £90 for 6 months (would be £105). Replacement Permits/ Lost/ Change of Vehicle would remain at £25:00</p>		
96.	Oracle Fusion Procurement	The Oracle Contract was put in place in September 2020 for 5 years at a total cost of £1.997m. The Council went live with the system in April 2023 after an implementation that cost circa £5m and took significant Council resource.	Cabinet	19.09.2025

	Framework Award	<p>Having considered the available options it is recommended by Officers that the Council proceeds with a procurement of a new contract utilising the appropriate Framework Agreement in compliance with the Council's Constitution, Contract Procedure Rules and relevant procurement regulations.</p> <p>Elected Member and Officer Consultation:</p> <p>Principal Lawyer Operational Manager Accountancy Operational Manager Employee Services Director of Corporate Resources</p>		
97.	Oracle Fusion Procurement Framework Award (Part II)	<p>The Oracle Contract was put in place in September 2020 for 5 years at a total cost of £1.997m. The Council went live with the system in April 2023 after an implementation that cost circa £5m and took significant Council resource.</p> <p>Having considered available options it is Officers' recommendation that the Council proceed with the procurement of the new contract with Oracle via direct award under the Crown Commercial Services Back Office Software 2 Framework Agreement.</p> <p>The proposed procurement approach has been informed by specialist legal advice and is considered to be a legally compliant direct award under the Crown Commercial Services Back Office Software 2 Framework Agreement. This Framework has been specifically established to facilitate such awards, and the route to market outlined in this Emergency Power is both lawful and compliant with the Council's Contract Procurement Rules and relevant public procurement regulations. The use of this framework ensures transparency, value for money, and mitigates procurement risk while enabling the Council to secure essential services efficiently.</p>	Cabinet	19.09.2025

98.	To include the All Wales Play Opportunities Grant 2025-26	<p>Emergency Powers is requested to include a new scheme for the All Wales Play Opportunities Grant 2025-26 in the 2025/26 Capital Programme, to be funded £226k of Welsh Government grant.</p> <p>The purpose of the funding is to improve the quality of play spaces, refurbish playgrounds and also to support the creation of inclusive and accessible play spaces.</p> <p>Welsh Government have agreed the allocation of this grant against a number of schemes as indicated in the table below:</p> <table><tr><th>Project</th></tr><tr><td>Contribution to upgrade existing play area near Conybeare Road in Sully</td></tr><tr><td>Upgrading of Palmerston children's play area</td></tr><tr><td>Upgrade Ewenny play area</td></tr><tr><td>Generator purchase to support peripatetic play at events and sessions</td></tr><tr><td>Installation of an inclusive seesaw and safety surface in Llantwit Major Park</td></tr><tr><td>Contribution to improved surfacing/access to playground -Caerleon Road Play Area</td></tr><tr><td>Play equipment for Bwrlwm Welsh language playschemes</td></tr><tr><td>Contribution to enhance facilities in Bear Field, Cowbridge - natural play elements along circulation routes within the space (Play on the Way).</td></tr><tr><td>Contribution to upgrade and enhance the existing public open space at the Bendricks - natural play opportunities</td></tr><tr><td>Skateboard ramp in Wick</td></tr><tr><td>Provision of accessible play equipment for use at Keycreate Community Play Sessions for disabled children and families</td></tr><tr><td>Play equipment and Event Shelters for use during community play provision</td></tr></table>	Project	Contribution to upgrade existing play area near Conybeare Road in Sully	Upgrading of Palmerston children's play area	Upgrade Ewenny play area	Generator purchase to support peripatetic play at events and sessions	Installation of an inclusive seesaw and safety surface in Llantwit Major Park	Contribution to improved surfacing/access to playground -Caerleon Road Play Area	Play equipment for Bwrlwm Welsh language playschemes	Contribution to enhance facilities in Bear Field, Cowbridge - natural play elements along circulation routes within the space (Play on the Way).	Contribution to upgrade and enhance the existing public open space at the Bendricks - natural play opportunities	Skateboard ramp in Wick	Provision of accessible play equipment for use at Keycreate Community Play Sessions for disabled children and families	Play equipment and Event Shelters for use during community play provision	Cabinet	28.09.2025
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Transportation and erection of 5 Collapsible Shipping Containers for use within the Play Friendly Schools project

Three of these schemes are already included in the 2025/26 Capital Programme, funded by S106 money. Additional works are being carried out on these schemes and it is requested to amend the 2025/26 Capital Programme as indicated in the table below:

Scheme	Current budget	Grant addition	Revised budget
	£'000	£'000	£'000
All Wales Play Opportunities Grant 2025-26 –play spaces and playgrounds	0	186	186
Linear Park Proposals, Sully	173	20	193
Placemaking enhancements - Bearfield, Cowbridge	114	10	124
S106 Public Open Space – The Bendricks, Barry	139	10	149
Total	426	226	65