

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 25TH APRIL, 2022

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 11TH APRIL, 2022

**“C908 PROPOSED EVENTS PROGRAMME 2022-2023 (DL/ER)
(SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –**

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration presented the report the purpose of which was to update Cabinet on the 2021-2022 Events Programme and sought approval for the 2022-2023 Events Programme.

Due to the increase in COVID-19 cases across the country and following Welsh Government guidance and legislation, both Council events and externally organised events on Council land in the Vale of Glamorgan, were either cancelled for the year 2020 / 2021 or postponed to 2021 / 2022. The cancellation of those events meant that in 2021 / 22 the Council Events Programme had to be refocused to include new aspects that supported the economy of Vale Town Centres, the Coast and Country Parks, in line with recommendations by the Welsh Government.

The updated events programme delivered in 2021 / 22, included outdoor events in previously unused sites, was spread out over longer periods of time such as weeks / months, and took place in venues across the Vale.

A particular focus was on increased activities and events within the Vale's town centres, whose shops and businesses had experienced a difficult time due to COVID-19, as evidenced by the recent closure of very long-standing businesses in Barry.

Looking forward, the Council still needed to be mindful that COVID-19 was still here and there was a need to exercise caution going forward in terms of events and activities. This would entail continuing to have events out and about on the Vale's coasts and country parks, but also involved town centres as well.

The use of delegated powers and the urgent decision procedure would be needed in order to implement changes to events in light of COVID-19 and in order to prepare and develop the relevant events in a timely manner.

The Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health added that it was important for the Council to do everything it could to promote innovative new ways of engaging people and spreading those events as wide as it could across the county.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein,

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the proposed events for the year 2022 - 2023 (attached at Appendix A to the report) be approved, subject to current legislation in place at that time.

(2) T H A T the Head of Regeneration and Planning in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration be granted delegated powers to implement changes to the events programme, to respond to the changing environment governed by COVID-19 in future months.

(3) T H A T the use of the urgent decision procedure as set out in section 14.14 of the Council's constitution be exercised in order to allow the Council to prepare and develop the related events.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To approve the proposed events programme 2022 - 2023.

(2) To, where possible, support events in the Vale of Glamorgan by changing the focus of the events programme in line with the legislation associated with the COVID 19 outbreak, and as new Welsh Government legislation is introduced.

(3) To allow appropriate time for the preparation and development of the related events.”