

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

REQUEST FOR THE USE OF EMERGENCY POWERS – CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

SUBJECT: SOCIAL DISTANCING AND DISCOURAGING UNNECESSARY TRAVEL IN OUR NATURAL ENVIRIONMENTS AND RESORTS

Closing of coastal car parks and restrictions to access to those car parks by vehicle and on foot. Also to close local feature and well used parks to restrict spread of Covid 19 and to promote social distancing. The use of a vehicle tannoy system to promote government messages about need to stay home and avoid travel.

1. **Originating / Department / Service –**

E & H

2. **Reason for Seeking Emergency Powers –**

PLEASE SPECIFY BELOW and attach appropriate Committee report / minute/ memo * (* delete as appropriate)

The CMT Gold meeting discussed this issue on Monday 23rd March in light of circumstances during that previous weekend which saw visitors drive in large numbers to coastal locations and also visitors use local parks and country parks. (Country Parks are covered separately). The department is seeking powers to close the relevant car parks at Barry Island, Ogmore, Southerndown and potentially Llantwit Major (subject to impact). In addition the need to temporary road closures at Friars Road Barry was deemed necessary to restrict vehicular access. Initially car parks would be closed using cones with a move towards more permanent barriers to reflect the semi-permanency of the situation in the short term.

The same course of action will be taken in respect of feature parks in urban areas and play areas, again to encourage social distancing.

In addition, the decision is made to invest in a tannoy system to ensure the government messages are heard about avoiding unnecessary travel

This action is undertaken to minimise social interaction and gathering at specific honey pot sites and to enforce social distancing as required by recent legislation and Government advice. The decision was taken on Monday 23rd March 2020. This E P form also seeks consent to keep the situation under review and to erect temporary signs in any areas where gatherings become a problem in light of Central government messages on social distancing.

3. **Policy Framework and Budget** –

PLEASE INDICATE as appropriate that the matter that you are seeking the use of Emergency Powers for is a Cabinet or Council function.

Cabinet

Council

4. **Relevant Scrutiny Committee** –

E and R

IMPORTANT

The following sections **must** be completed **prior** to the request being submitted to the Democratic and Scrutiny Services Section for processing.

I confirm (delete as appropriate)

(a) ~~That there are no financial implications and the relevant Cabinet Member, Leader and / or the Deputy Leader has been consulted and is in agreement with the use of Emergency Powers; **or**~~

(b) That, in view of the financial commitments, the Head of Financial Services, the appropriate Chief Officer, the relevant Cabinet Member, Leader and / or Deputy Leader have been consulted and are in agreement with the use of the Emergency Powers and that

~~(c) For matters relating to the Planning Committee the Chairman of the Planning Committee has also been consulted and is in agreement with the use of Emergency Powers;~~

~~(d) For matters relating to the Licensing Committee the Chairman of the Licensing Committee has also been consulted and is in agreement with the use of Emergency Powers.~~

~~(e) For matters relating to the Welsh Church Act Estate Committee the Chairman of the Welsh Church Act Estate Committee has also been consulted and is in agreement with the use of Emergency Powers.~~

~~(f) For matters relating to policy the relevant Scrutiny Committee Chairman has been consulted and is in agreement with the use of Emergency Powers.~~

Signed: D R Thomas.....
(Instructing Chief Officer)

Date:23rd March 2020...

Please print name: ...D R Thomas.....

I hereby approve under my Emergency Powers the attached recommendation(s) on behalf of the Cabinet / ~~Council~~ (please delete as appropriate).

Signed: ...D R Thomas .. **Date:** ..23 March 2020.....
Managing Director

NB Should the relevant portfolio Cabinet Member be unable to be consulted only the Leader and / or Deputy Leader be consulted in their absence.

N.B. Cabinet: 23rd March, 2020 Minute No. 295