

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

REQUEST FOR THE USE OF EMERGENCY POWERS – CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

SUBJECT: Suspension of Season Green Waste Collections

To request authorisation to temporarily suspend the seasonal green waste collections from Monday 23rd March 2020 due to staff shortages. Additional to this Neighbourhood Services; Operations are seeking authorisation to utilise the corporate pool car fleet to maintain waste and recycling collections whilst adhering to the current social distancing measures.

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

Environment and Housing

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

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

Due to operational staff shortages Neighbourhood Services; Operations are seeking approval to temporarily suspend the seasonal green waste collections. Residents have been encouraged where possible to home compost their garden waste and additional information on how to do this has been provided via the Vale of Glamorgan website.

Following on from the Prime Minister's briefing on Monday 16th March 2020, Neighbourhood Services: Operations has been co-ordinating a method for best working practice to ensure that our waste and recycling collections can continue safely, and adhere to the Prime Minister's social distancing measures to assist with reducing the transmission of the corona virus.

As a result of this, it has been deemed unsafe for collection crews to all travel within the one vehicle whilst carrying out collections across the Vale of Glamorgan. The Neighbourhood Services team are seeking authorisation to utilise the corporate pool car fleet to maintain waste and recycling collections whilst adhering to the current social distancing measures. To adhere to the guidelines of social distancing of 2 metres, Neighbourhood Services Operations are proposing a crew member to follow behind the collection vehicle in a pool car.

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 –**

Environment and Regeneration

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: ...M Punter.....
(Instructing Chief Officer)

Date:23/3/20.....

Please print name: ...M Punter.....

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:**23/3/20.....
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