

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

REQUEST FOR THE USE OF EMERGENCY POWERS – CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

SUBJECT: Amendments to the 2020/21 Capital Programme

1. **Originating / Department / Service** – Learning and Skills/
Neighbourhood Services and Transport/ Managing Director and
Resources
2. **Reason for Seeking Emergency Powers** –

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

St Joseph's Primary/Victoria Primary WC Refurbishment

The renewal of the foundation phase toilets at Victoria Primary are currently being tendered and it has been identified that the volume of work is larger than the original budget of £40k and needs to be revised to £75k.

A £35k budget has been allocated to St Joseph's in the 2020/21 Capital Programme for the refurbishment of the school toilets. The school are proposing the relocation of the toilets to increase classroom capacity which involves structural alterations to be separately funded by the school. The extent of works and source of funding is still to be confirmed by the school for the relocation. The works were originally scheduled for the school summer break and with further design and confirmation of separate funding required for the proposed relocation, the works will not be progressed this year.

As the works will not be undertaken this year, it is proposed to vire the £35k in 2020/21 from St Joseph's Primary WC Refurbishment scheme to the Victoria Primary WC Refurbishment scheme and the Council will aim to include a budget of £35k in the 2021/22 capital programme from the Education Asset Renewal budget for the St Joseph scheme.

Coast Protection and Land Drainage

The Surface Water Sewer Re-lining and Restoration Works contract has been awarded at a total cost of £165k and preparatory works have now commenced at North Esplanade, Penarth with relining due to commence shortly. A further 3 sites will benefit from relining works to stabilise critical culverted watercourses and surface water sewers.

It is requested to vire £100k from the Coast Protection and Land Drainage scheme to the Flood Risk Management scheme in the 2020/21 Capital Programme to cover the anticipated works.

Replacement Variable Message Signs

This budget is no longer required as the decision has been made to lease rather than buy the signs. It is requested to vire £16k to a new scheme called 'Bay 5 Works' to carry out works at Barry Island following flooding earlier in the year.

Replacement of existing Pay & Display Machines

The capital bid of £99k was for the replacement of existing machines, however more pay & display machines are now required as the Council has now made the decision to charge in two town centre car parks (Wyndham Street Barry and Town Hall, Cowbridge) and also requires machines for Porthkerry and Cosmeston. The machines will be a mixture of solar panel and electrical however some of the machines are required to be electrical as the location will not support solar panels e.g. Porthkerry due to tree coverage and it is therefore anticipated that mains powered machines will improve their reliability. It is requested to increase this budget in the 2020/21 Capital Programme by £158k to be funded by a revenue contribution to capital. (£74k from Countryside and £84k from Neighbourhood Services.) This will increase the total budget to £257k. It is also requested to change the name of the scheme to Car Park Pay and Display Machines.

Waste Grant

The Council has received an award of funding of £91k in relation to the Collaborative Change Programme. This money is to be used to install cameras in the kerbside recycling collection vehicles. This grant needs to be included in the 2020/21 capital programme. It is therefore requested to increase this scheme by £91k to be funded by grant from Welsh Government.

ENABLE

The Council has received an award of funding of £161k from Welsh Government in relation to the ENABLE - Support for Independent Living grant for 2020/21. The funding relates to the period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 and is to be used to support the delivery of adaptations and integrate service delivery.

It is requested to include this £161k scheme within the 2020/21 Capital Programme to be funded by a grant from Welsh Government.

Building Strong Communities Fund

There are two new schemes that will receive Building Strong Communities grant, these are: -

- Cadxoton Methodist Church - Upper hall refurbishment £25k
- Peterston Church Hall - Extension to rear of Hall £15k

There is already a £30k budget in the 2020/21 capital programme which is currently unallocated and it is therefore requested to increase this budget by £10k to be funded by a revenue contribution from the Building Strong Communities revenue budget.

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** –

Learning and Culture / Environment and Regeneration / Homes and Safe Communities / Corporate Performance and Resources

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: .L. Cross.....
(Instructing Chief Officer)

Date: 6th August 2020.....

Please print name: ...Lorna Cross.....

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.....
Managing Director

Date: 14th August 2020.....

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