

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

REQUEST FOR THE USE OF EMERGENCY POWERS – CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

SUBJECT: Proposal to temporarily end Ty Deri residential respite provision from August 2020

1. **Originating / Department / Service** – Learning and Skills: Additional Learning Needs & Well-being

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

On 20 January 2020, Cabinet determined to consult on a proposal to temporarily end Ty Deri residential respite provision from August 2020 in order to meet increased demand for special education at Ysgol Y Deri. The consultation document was issued to stakeholders on 3 February 2020 and consultees were given until 13 March 2020 to respond.

The Council received two responses to the consultation; one response was in favour of the proposal and one response was against.

It is proposed that the proposal is implemented and residential respite provision at Ty Deri is temporarily ended from August 2020 to provide additional classroom space to accommodate increased pupil numbers anticipated at Ysgol Y Deri, the Council's special school.

A decision is sought using emergency powers to ensure that sufficient time is given to procure a contractor to undertake the building works to convert 4 rooms into teaching spaces. £120,000 has been included as part of the 2020/21 capital programme to increase the number of places available at Ty Deri.

On completion of the Ysgol Y Deri expansion, which is included as part of the Council's 21st Century Schools Programme, the need for respite provision can be re-assessed and, if a need is identified, the communal facilities could be reinstated at a relatively low cost and Ty Deri re-opened as a respite facility.

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 (13 February 2020 meeting - minute 685)

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: David Davies
(Instructing Chief Officer)

Date: 17 04 2020

Please print name: David Davies, Head of Additional Learning Needs and Well-being

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

Signed: D.R. Thomas..... **Date:** 22/04/2020.....
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