

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

REQUEST FOR THE USE OF EMERGENCY POWERS – CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

SUBJECT: Access Improvement Grant

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

Regeneration & Planning

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

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

The Council has been advised that the Welsh Government intend to award an Access Improvement Grant to support improving access to/on the Public Rights of Way network, open access land and green space in Wales.

Funding will be allocated based on the historic Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) grant formula and The Vale of Glamorgan will therefore be eligible for an allocation of £44,075.

Funding can be used for any of the following:

- Physical improvements to existing routes (e.g. surface, furniture)
- Improvements to information and promotion (e.g. signage, way marking, leaflets, panels)
- Improvements to access to open access land and green space
- Improvements to make access to/on public rights of way network, open access land and green space easier for people who find it difficult.

It is nominally proposed to distribute this amongst the following projects:

Breakdown of costs	
Activity/ Post(s) (inc. detail of grade and whether a new or existing post)	Cost (£)
Newton House Farm Surface and Drainage	£25,000
Small Scale Infrastructure Improvement	£12,075
Capture, edit and upload promoted routes to streetview	£5,000
Prelims for surfacing of FP31, Barry (access into PKCP)	£3,000

The grant is Capital and therefore authorisation is required to

- Apply for / accept the funding in lieu of the external funding process.
- Include the funding in the Capital Programme 2020/21 once the grant is confirmed.

The grant will assist in meeting statutory obligations, fulfilling wellbeing objects and promoting physical outdoor activity. Improvements made under the grant will be maintained within operational budgets following conclusion of the funding.

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. Goldsworthy.....
(Instructing Chief Officer)

Date: 21 May 2020.....

Please print name: Marcus Goldsworthy.....

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:** 15th July 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