

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

**REQUEST FOR THE USE OF EMERGENCY POWERS –
CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**

SUBJECT: Green Infrastructure 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 have been awarded a grant from Welsh Government of £192,500 in relation to Transforming Towns – Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity for the Barry - greener, growing, connected project. The project will see investment to green up some of the major transport routes into the town centre, including Gladstone Road and the junction with Court Road. The Council are hopeful that despite the current situation the grant will be able to be spent in 20/21. The grant conditions state that funding relates to the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 and must be claimed in full by March 2021, however due to the current situation Welsh Government have advised that;

“Whilst this funding is time limited, Welsh Government are acutely aware of the mounting difficulties faced by all partners, especially those within Local Authorities, and the likelihood that these will continue to mount over the coming months. With this in mind, can I ask that we maintain a close dialogue, so that we can collectively understand the pressures or difficulties you face in the delivery of these projects. Given the wider context of COVID – 19, the Welsh Government will aim to be as flexible and supportive as possible in the delivery of these proposals.”

£80k match funding towards this project is already included in the 20/21 Capital Programme under the Barry Regeneration Partnership Project Fund scheme. It is requested to increase the 20/21 capital programme by £192,500 to be funded by a grant from Welsh Government.

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: .P. Chappell.....
(Instructing Chief Officer)

Date: 28th May 2020

Please print name: Phil Chappell

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:** 3rd June 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