

**THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL**

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

**SUBJECT:** Tendering of Capital Schemes 2020/21

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

Managing Director and Resources

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

PLEASE SPECIFY BELOW

The Capital Programme for 2020/21 was agreed by Council on the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and included for several new schemes, particularly in schools, to be completed in 20/21 financial year. As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Council experienced issues with contractors pulling off site, either because they could not adhere to social distancing requirements, they were experiencing staff shortages or they were unable to access supplies.

Emergency powers were obtained on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 whereby it was agreed that all non-essential schemes should be delayed until such time as contractors were in a better position to meet the obligations of contracts entered into.

With the Construction industry gradually coming back on-line it would seem sensible to now try and progress as many schemes as possible within the 2020/21 capital programme. Supply chains, whilst still unpredictable, are starting to improve. It is therefore recommended that schemes be allowed to resume and proceed to tender/contract on a case by case basis, following full consultation and agreement with relevant chief officers within client departments. Any schemes progressing will need to adhere to Site Operating procedures which incorporate a number of technical changes as a result of the recently published Government guidance on “Working Safely during Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Construction & Other Outdoor Work”.

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 –**

Corporate Performance & 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:** C. Lord  
**(Instructing Chief Officer)**

**Date:** 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020

**Please print name: Carys Lord**

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**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:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2020 Minute No. 295**