

**THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL**

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

**SUBJECT:** Award of Funding in relation to work to update Electoral Management Services in line with electoral reforms in Wales

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

Legal Services

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

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

The Council has been awarded a Welsh Government grant £424,700 in relation to work to update the Electoral Management Services in line with electoral reform in Wales.

The Purpose of the Funding is to reimburse the Council for the costs associated with the updated specification with the Electoral Management Services company Democracy Counts so their product complies with the electoral reforms introduced by the Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2000.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council is acting as the lead Authority for us and for Ceredigion County Council. A specific split of the grant between both Councils is not given in the award letter. The arrangement is for Democracy Counts to develop and upgrade the software which will be to the benefit of both Authorities. On this basis we are assuming a 50/50 split.

It is therefore requested to include a new scheme in the 20/21 Capital Programme of £212,350 to be funded from a Welsh Government grant.

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 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:** .D. Marles  
**(Instructing Chief Officer)**

**Date:** 4 June 2020

**Please print name:** ...Debbie Marles

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