

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

REQUEST FOR THE USE OF EMERGENCY POWERS – CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

SUBJECT: Reopening Car Parks and Toilets

1. **Originating / Department / Service** – Environment and Housing/
Neighbourhood Services and Transport
2. **Reason for Seeking Emergency Powers** –

Background

To reopen Council toilets and car parks closed under emergency powers as part of the COVID 19 pandemic. The reopening is planned for 20th June 2020.

Toilets

Penarth

- Windsor Rd / Albert Rd
- Penarth Pier
- Italian Gardens
- Penarth Cliff Top
- Cosmeston Country Park

Barry

- Kings square
- Holton Rd Multi-storey carpark – closed long term NOT reopening
- Romilly Park
- Knap Carpark
- Barry Island resort x 2 (Eastern and Western Shelter)
- Harbour Rd / Barry Island carpark
- Park Crescent
- Jacksons Bay
- Thompson Street – closed long term NOT reopening
- Porthkerry Country Park

Vale

- Llantwit Major Town Hall Car Park
- Llantwit Major Town Centre
- Llantwit Major Beach
- Boverton – NOT planning to reopen
- Ogmere carpark
- Southerndown
- Cowbridge rear of Town Hall

All toilets will have soap dispensers rather than soap bars. Hand sanitiser dispensers are to be sourced as well (subject to availability) and placed at high footfall locations such as resorts. Signs will advise “one in one out” and for customers to socially distance as necessary.

Enhanced cleaning regimes will be in place during the pandemic to minimise the risk to customers. This will involve toilet facility cleaning of three times per day, instead of the normal one. This enhanced regime requires approximately eleven staff for Barry Island (toilets and litter) operating on a rota system from 7am to 9pm, 7 days a week. Four extra staff are required for other toilet locations. Normally this level of staff at Barry Island would operate from July but the extra four staff are over and above what would normally be provided even in July. The other toilet locations are planned for opening 9am to 5pm again 7 days per week. Five additional vehicles are also required to undertake this enhanced cleaning operation.

Additional costs for the enhanced regime (excluding hand sanitisers which are itemised below) is approximately **£2.5k per week from July**. Agency staff costs are £550 per person per week.

There will be an extra £9k required for June to bring forward the season to 20th June 2020 from a normal start date of the first week in July. This figure includes 15 staff and 5 vehicles but excludes dispensers as detailed below.

Car Parks

Penarth

Cosmeston Country Park
Cliff Parade
Llwyn Passatt

Barry

Harbour Road (Barry Island)
Harbour Road - Overspill (Barry Island)
Nells Point
Bron-y-Mor
Porthkerry Country Park
Knap Terrace (opened on 29th May 2020)

Vale

Cwm Col-huw
Brig-y-Don
West Farm
Rivermouth
Cymlau (Pwll y Maer)
Portobello

All car parks will be provided with social distancing signs as well as the provision of hand sanitiser dispensers (subject to availability) to assist with the use of parking machines which require being touched to put in money. The Pay by App Service will be publicised and promoted to reduce use of the machines. Closing arrangements for car parks would be as per normal.

Additional costs of approximately £2k for car park are anticipated for signage and sanitiser dispenser posts. Machine emptying and attendance at site / supervision would be similar costs to normal.

The estimated total cost of all the sanitiser dispensers and liquid for all areas is £2875 (ex VAT).

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: Emma Reed.....**Date 16th June 2020**
(Instructing Chief Officer)

Please print name: Emma L Reed

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:** ..19.06.20.....
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