

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

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

SUBJECT: Waiving of Wedding Ceremony and Civil Partnership Notice Fees.

1. **Originating / Department / Service** – Managing Director & Resources.

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

PLEASE SPECIFY BELOW ~~and attach appropriate (* delete as appropriate)~~

Authority is sought to waive notice fees in regard to Wedding Ceremony and Civil Partnerships Notice fees affected by the Pandemic. A notice is valid for only 12 months and the fee will be waived in regard to those notices that have expired or will expire soon.

A Notice fee for Marriage or Civil Partnership must be attested to the Superintendent Registrar within the registration district they reside, unless they are subject to immigration procedures.

The statutory fee for each notice is £35.00 per person and payable to the Superintendent Registrar.

The GRO have a policy for waived and refunded fees in place for their fees which the Registration Service and Local Authority are expected to follow. Unfortunately, this policy does not extend to guidance on waivers or refunds for Wedding Ceremony/ Civil Partnership Notices.

The National Panel for the Registration Service has already addressed this issue with the GRO who have confirmed it is for each Local Authority to make such a decision on any waived fees.

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: .Jeff Rees..... **Date:** 20/6/20.....
(Instructing Chief Officer)

Please print name:JEFF REES.....

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:** 4th 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