

**THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL**

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

**SUBJECT:** Independent Advocacy Gateway

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

Social Services

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

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

Seek permission to consult with individuals regarding Independent Advocacy in order to inform a future tender for service, the report was due to be presented at Cabinet in April, but due to Covid-19 this did not happen. If we are unable to proceed with consultation, we will be further delayed in awarding a contract for this statutory service under the SSWB Act. If permitted to consult, a report will be brought back to Cabinet with the outcomes of the exercise and to seek further permission to tender for this service.

Decisions required:

1. Seek permission to commence consultation as outlined in the attached update report - July – September, 2020
2. To agree that due to the delay of three months due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the current contract be extended for the period April to June 2021 to allow for the tendering process timescales.

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 –**

Healthy Living and Social Care

**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:** Suzanne Clifton.....  
**(Instructing Chief Officer)**

**Date:** .....01/07/20

**Please print name:** Suzanne Clifton .....

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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:** 9<sup>th</sup> July 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**