

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

REQUEST FOR THE USE OF EMERGENCY POWERS – CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

SUBJECT: Band B - 21ST Century Schools

1. **Originating / Department / Service** – Learning and Skills –
21st Century Schools

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

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

The current approved Band B Programme budget from 19/20 onwards is shown below:-

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Band B Whitmore High School	6,523	16,531	5,655	565	29,274
Band B Pencoedtre High School	1,382	14,700	14,846	3,657	34,585
Band B Centre of Learning and Wellbeing	73	2,500	1,825	0	4,398
Band B Ysgol Y Deri	50	4,500	5,450	1,000	11,000
Band B Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg	5,617	10,841	3,909	348	20,715
Band B Barry Waterfront	9	3,500	3,813	93	7,415
Band B Primary Provision in the Western Vale	286	2,000	1,832	65	4,183
Band B Cowbridge Primary Provision	50	2,950	3,417	1,000	7,417
Band B St David's Primary School	290	2,470	1,353	71	4,184
Band B St Nicholas	241	2,459	1,414	71	4,185
Band B Penarth Cluster - Review Primary Provision to Include Cosmeston	0	0	2,477	1,708	4,185
Band B Review Nursery Provision	0	862	500	0	1,362

Since the Band B profiles were last updated in March there have been a number of changes to the cost of certain schemes. These changes are set out below:-

Band B Whitmore High School

Reduction of £6k – £10k was previously vired from Band B Preparatory Work. £6k needs to be returned to fund the final payment.

Band B Pencoedtre High School

Reduction of £6k – £10k was previously vired from Band B Preparatory Work. £6k needs to be returned to fund the final payment.

Virement of £300k – £300k has been allocated to this scheme to re-provide the hockey pitch which will be lost as a result of the land appropriation to Housing. The cost of providing the hockey pitch can be met within the original capital budget. Therefore, it is proposed that £150k is allocated to Band B St David's and £150k is allocated to Band B Primary Provision in the Western Vale to cover the additional costs outlined below.

Band B Barry Waterfront

Increase of £478k – On 8 June 2020, the Managing Director approved the Council's financial contribution to deliver the new school building at Barry Waterfront. This scheme is being delivered by the consortium of housing developers. The agreed financial contribution is £478k higher than the amount currently allocated within the capital programme. £386k will be funded by unsupported borrowing and £92k will be funded by s106 contributions from the Barry Waterfront for 'Community Facilities'. (EP COVID-19 73)

Band B Primary Provision in the Western Vale

Increase of £500k - On 29 July 2019, the Vale of Glamorgan Council declared a 'climate emergency' and committed to reducing its carbon emissions to net zero before the Welsh Government target of 2030, supporting the implementation of the Welsh Government's new Low Carbon Delivery Plan. The Council has been exploring ways to reduce carbon as part of the delivery of Band B. £500k unsupported borrowing has been allocated to achieve net-zero carbon. When completed, this will be one of the first net-zero carbon primary schools in Wales.

Increase of £205k – £175k additional S106 from Land to the North Railway Rhoose and £30k capital receipts have also been allocated to cover additional site remediation costs following site surveys undertaken.

Virement of £150k From Band B Pencoedtre High School - The original cost to deliver the scheme was based on Welsh Government's size and cost standard, which is based on £2,775 per square metre. However, this figure is based on 2019 data and construction costs have risen since then. Therefore, an additional £150k has been allocated to meet these costs. These costs are consistent with market testing undertaken by the Council's cost manager, AECOM.

Band B Cowbridge Primary Provision

Reduction of £2,417k (unsupported borrowing) – On 9 March 2020, the Council determined to consult on a revised proposal to transform primary provision in Cowbridge (minute C265). The revised proposal would result in the construction of a 210 place primary school building rather than the previously proposed 420 place primary school building. The anticipated cost to deliver this scheme is £5m.

Band B St David's Primary School

Increase of £100k (From Capital Receipts) - On 29 July 2019, the Vale of Glamorgan Council declared a 'climate emergency' and committed to reducing its carbon emissions to net zero before the Welsh Government

target of 2030, supporting the implementation of the Welsh Government's new Low Carbon Delivery Plan. The Council has been exploring ways to reduce carbon as part of the delivery of Band B. £100k has been allocated to deliver a low carbon solution. This funding is dependent on the realisation of capital receipts through the sale of education assets. Prudent valuations have been utilised to take into account market conditions. However, if there is a timing issue this can be funded from reserves in advance of the capital receipt.

Virement of £150k (From Band B Pencoedtre High School) - The original cost to deliver the scheme was based on Welsh Government's size and cost standard, which is based on £2,775 per square metre. However, this figure is based on 2019 data and construction costs have risen since then. Therefore, an additional £150k has been allocated to meet these costs. These costs are consistent with market testing undertaken by the Council's cost manager, AECOM.

Band B St Nicholas

Increase of £500k (unsupported borrowing) - On 29 July 2019, the Vale of Glamorgan Council declared a 'climate emergency' and committed to reducing its carbon emissions to net zero before the Welsh Government target of 2030, supporting the implementation of the Welsh Government's new Low Carbon Delivery Plan. The Council has been exploring ways to reduce the in-use carbon as part of the delivery of Band B schemes. £500k unsupported borrowing has been allocated to achieve net-zero carbon. When completed, this will be one of the first net-zero carbon primary schools in Wales.

Increase of £175k (unsupported borrowing) has also been allocated to cover additional preliminary costs incurred as a result of the extended professional services contract.

Increase of £150k (unsupported borrowing) has also been allocated to cover anticipated increased construction costs as outlined above.

These amendments to the Capital Programme are being requested outside of the normal capital monitoring process to ensure Band B schemes can be progressed in line with the current delivery programme.

Due to the scale and complex nature of the Band B Schemes, profiles will be updated regularly, therefore it is requested that the changes to scheme costs (as set out above) and revised spend profiles as set out in the table below are approved within the 2020/21 – 2023/24 Capital Programme.

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	Total
	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Band B Whitmore High School	6,444	16,604	5,655	565	0	29,268
Band B Pencoedtre High School	1,158	14,918	14,546	3,657	0	34,279
Band B Centre of Learning and Wellbeing	77	496	2,000	1,825	0	4,398
Band B Ysgol Y Deri	41	509	5,450	4,000	1,000	11,000

Band B Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg	6,659	9,932	3,776	348	0	20,715
Band B Barry Waterfront	8	1,001	4,291	2,593	0	7,893
Band B Primary Provision in the Western Vale	295	2,391	2,287	65	0	5,038
Band B Cowbridge Primary Provision	61	839	2,500	1,600	0	5,000
Band B St David's Primary School	309	2,482	1,572	71	0	4,434
Band B St Nicholas	262	1,665	2,683	400	0	5,010
Band B Penarth Cluster - Review Primary Provision to Include Cosmeston	0	0	977	1,708	1,500	4,185
Band B Review Nursery Provision	2	262	998	100	0	1,362

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 –

Learning and Culture

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: Trevor Baker
(Instructing Chief Officer)

Date: 13/07/2020

Please print name: Trevor Baker

I hereby approve under my Emergency Powers the attached recommendation(s) on behalf of the Cabinet / Cŵnneil (please delete as appropriate).

Signed: .D.R. Thomas..... **Date:** 20th 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