

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

REQUEST FOR THE USE OF EMERGENCY POWERS – CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

SUBJECT: Cessation of Reactive and Routine Housing Repairs

Permission to cease reactive and routine housing repairs and undertake an emergency repairs service only. Also to permit the emergency repair staff to take their vehicles home to increase the speed of response, ensure that each tradesperson has a specific vehicle and to avoid the potential for gatherings at our depots.

Note: Gas and Electricity and other legal compliance works will continue.

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

Environment and Housing - Building Services

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

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

Due to Government guidance on Social distancing and travel restrictions, the service is experiencing a significant reduction in demand for service and only emergency repairs are being received. Additionally, in an attempt to reduce exposure and keep members of staff safe, a rota has been introduced which enables all emergency works to be attended whilst keeping other staff members away from continued exposure.

Members of the repair staff have been permitted to take their vehicles home to enable a home start for the workforce and therefore further reduce staff gatherings and unnecessary travel.

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** –

Homes and Safe Communities

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: *Andrew Treweek* **Date:** 7th April 2020
(Instructing Chief Officer)

Please print name: Andrew Treweek

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:**15th April 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