

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

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

SUBJECT: School Deficits

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

Learning and Skills Directorate, Schools

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

Under the Council's Fair Funding Scheme for schools, schools do not have the automatic authority to enter into a deficit budget position without consultation of the Head of Strategy, Community Learning and Resources and without submitting an approved recovery plan to the Director of Learning and Skills.

The current COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in school closures, with no timeline to resume normal operation. As a result, schools are unable to identify savings, rationalise establishments and explore redundancy options in order to avoid or recover deficit budgets.

It is therefore requested that schools are given temporary authority to enter into deficit budget positions without the submission of budget recovery plans until schools re-open and Governing Bodies and Finance Committees resume normal activity.

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 X Council


4. **Relevant Scrutiny Committee –**

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:  Date: 06/05/20

(Instructing Chief Officer)

Please print name: Trevor Baker

I hereby approve under my Emergency Powers the attached recommendation(s) on behalf of the Cabinet / Council (please delete as appropriate) *Subject to budget recovery plans being established on the resumption of normal school operations.

Signed: D.R. Thomas..... Date: 12 May 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