

COFNOD O BENDERFYNIAD WEDI'I DDIRPRWYO GAN SWYDDOG
RECORD OF DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION

Penderfyniad Allweddol | Key Decision ✓

PWNC | SUBJECT:
WELSH GOVERNMENT VALLEYS REGIONAL PARK DISCOVERY GATEWAY GRANTS

DIBEN YR ADRODDIAD | PURPOSE OF THE REPORT:

In accordance with the Council's Scheme of Delegation, this report has been prepared to accompany the intended officer decision of the Director of Development and Prosperity as described below:

This report provides details on the Welsh Government's Valleys Regional Park Grants Programme and seeks approval for the submission of two separate applications to the Programme.

PENDERFYNIAD WEDI'I DDIRPRWYO | DELEGATED DECISION:

It is agreed that:

Applications are prepared to be submitted to Welsh Government by 10th May 2019 with final detail to be determined by the Director of Prosperity and Development.

The submission of applications to the Welsh Government's Valleys Regional Park Grants Programme is supported.

	SIMON GALE	08-5-19
Llofnod y Prif Swyddog Chief Officer Signature	Enw (priflythrennau) Name (Print Name)	Dyddiad Date

Mae'r penderfyniad yn cael ei wneud yn unol ag Adran 15 o Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol 2000 (Swyddogaethau'r Corff Gweithredol) ac yn y cylch gorchwyl sy wedi'i nodi yn Adran 5 o Ran 3 o Gyfansoddiad y Cyngor.

The decision is taken in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government Act, 2000 (Executive Functions) and in the terms set out in Section 5 of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution.

YMGYNGHOROL | CONSULTATION



8/5/19

LLOFNOD YR AELOD YMGYNGHOROL O'R CABINET
CONSULTEE CABINET MEMBER SIGNATURE

DYDDIAD | DATE



08.5.19.

LLOFNOD SWYDDOG YMGYNGHOROL
CONSULTEE OFFICER SIGNATURE

DYDDIAD | DATE

RHEOLAU'R WEITHDREFN GALW-I-MEWN | CALL IN PROCEDURE RULES.

A YW'R PENDERFYNIAD YN UN BRYD A HEB FOD YN DESTUN PROSES GALW-I-MEWN GAN Y PWYLLGOR TROSOLWG A CHRAFFU?:
IS THE DECISION DEEMED URGENT AND NOT SUBJECT TO CALL-IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

YDY | YES

Rheswm dros fod yn fater brys | Reason for Urgency:

Applications to be submitted to Welsh Government by the 10th May 2019.

Os yw'n cael ei ystyried yn fater brys - llofnod y Maer/Dirprwy Faer/Pennaeth y Gwasanaeth Cyflogedig yn cadarnhau cytundeb fod y penderfyniad arfaethedig yn rhesymol yn yr holl amgylchiadau iddo gael ei drin fel mater brys, yn unol â rheol gweithdrefn trosolwg a chraffu 17.2:

If deemed urgent - signature of Mayor or Deputy Mayor or Head of Paid Service confirming agreement that the proposed decision is reasonable in all the circumstances for it being treated as a matter of urgency, in accordance with the overview and scrutiny procedure rule 17.2:



08.05.19

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(Maer | Mayor)

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(Dyddiad | Date)

DS - Os yw hwn yn benderfyniad sy'n cael ei ail-ystyried yna does dim modd galw'r penderfyniad i mewn a bydd y penderfyniad yn dod i rym o'r dyddiad mae'r penderfyniad wedi'i lofnodi.

NB - If this is a reconsidered decision then the decision Cannot be Called In and the decision will take effect from the date the decision is signed.

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DYDDIADAU CYHOEDDI A GWEITHREDU | PUBLICATION & IMPLEMENTATION DATES

CYHOEDDI | PUBLICATION

Cyhoeddi ar Wefan y Cyngor | Publication on the Councils Website:- 8th May 2019

DYDDIAD | DATE

GWEITHREDU'R PENDERFYNIAD | IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISION

Nodwch: Fydd y penderfyniad hwn ddim yn dod i rym nac yn cael ei weithredu'n llawn nes cyn pen 3 diwrnod gwaith ar ôl ei gyhoeddi. Nod hyn yw ei alluogi i gael ei "Alw i Mewn" yn unol â Rheol 17.1, Rheolau Gweithdrefn Trosolwg a Chraffu.

Note: This decision will not come into force and may not be implemented until the expiry of 3 clear working days after its publication to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

Yn amodol ar y drefn "Galw i Mewn", caiff y penderfyniad ei roi ar waith ar Subject to Call In the implementation date will be NA - exempt.

DYDDIAD | DATE

WEDI'I GYMERADWYO I'W GYHOEDDI: ✓ | APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION :✓

Rhagor o wybodaeth | Further Information:

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RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

KEY DELEGATED DECISION

**A REPORT TO ACCOMPANY A DECISION OF THE DIRECTOR OF
PROSPERITY AND DEVELOPMENT**

MAY 2018

**WELSH GOVERNMENT VALLEYS REGIONAL PARK DISCOVERY GATEWAY
GRANTS**

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1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The report provides details on the Welsh Government's Valleys Regional Park Grants Programme.
- 1.2 The purpose of the report is to seek approval for the submission of two separate applications to the Valleys Regional Park Grants Programme.
- 1.3 Because of the limited timescale to develop eligible projects and complete applications since the programme was launched an urgent decision is required.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 Applications are prepared to be submitted to Welsh Government by 10th May 2019 with final detail to be determined by the Director of Prosperity and Development.
- 2.2 The submission of applications to the Welsh Government's Valleys Regional Park Grants Programme is supported.

3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Both projects will make a positive contribution to the development of visitor facilities and improving the visitor experience in both Dare Valley Country Park and Ynysangharad Park and provide the basis of a further programme of future development.

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Welsh Government has launched the Valleys Regional Park (VRP) as part of the Valleys Task Force initiative. Its intention is to recognise and maximise the social, economic and cultural heritage assets of the Valleys by improving their offer to local people and communities and to visitors.
- 4.2 The first step in creating a Valleys Regional Park is to identify and develop key sites known as Discovery Gateways. These are existing strategic visitor destinations in the Valleys that already serve local communities and attract visitors which can be developed into a network of co-branded locations which together will raise the profile of the Valleys and attract more users and visitors.
- 4.3 The Discovery Gateways will provide a high quality user and visitor experience with excellent facilities and amenities, including exemplary environmental standards. The intention is to use the Discovery Gateways to spread the VRP benefits across the Valleys.
- 4.4 In late 2018 Welsh Government announced the selection of 11 Discovery Gateways across the Valleys. These included Dare Valley Country Park and Ynysangharad Park in Rhondda Cynon Taf.
- 4.5 At the end of March, WG launched a new Valleys Regional Park Grant Programme which will be available for funding expenditure until March 2021. This will be targeted at physical improvements to the identified Discovery Gateways and there is initially £7 million funding allocated. This will support the development of high quality visitor facilities and environmental improvements. Although there is a no minimum percentage requirement for match funding for the grant, the provision of match funding will be an important prerequisite for successful applications to the fund.
- 4.6 The deadline for completed applications to be submitted to Welsh Government is 10th May 2019 and because of the short period of time that has been available to develop the level of detailed project information that will be required for successful applications an urgent decision on submission is needed.

5.0 PROPOSED APPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Both Dare Valley Country Park and Ynysangharad Park have great potential for further development that will make them even more attractive destinations and facilities for local people, communities and visitors. Their status as Discovery Gateways as part of the Valleys Regional Park will now help to realise their potential and add to the area's growing reputation as a great place to visit.
- 5.2 In order to maximise the opportunity provided by the VRP Discovery Gateway Grants programme a package of improvement and development projects for Dare Valley Country Park and Ynysangharad Park has been scoped and developed so that good quality applications can be submitted for both locations.

5.3 At Dare Valley Country Park the application for funding will comprise the following:

- Improvements to and development of good quality visitor accommodation facilities. This will include a refurbishment of the hotel bathroom facilities, improvements to the shower block facilities for touring caravans, refurbishment and redevelopment of the bunkhouse facility and provision of new glamping pod accommodation
- Development of modern outdoor family accessible leisure facilities including the provision of new state of the art bike trails and pump tracks which will take advantage of the spectacular landscape of the Park. These facilities will be supported by an uplift service for users. The existing play area facilities will be completely upgraded to provide an exciting facility for families to use.

5.4 At Ynysangharad Park the application for funding will comprise the following which will build on the success of the Lido, be complementary of the Heritage Lottery Fund project improvements which are subject to a separate funding application and the provision of the new pedestrian access into the Park provided by the new footbridge from Llys Cadwyn.

- Improvements to the Park entrance and perimeter walkways and accesses including appropriate lighting. This will enhance the visitor experience as they enter and travel through the Park enabling them to enjoy the facilities that the Park offers.
- Provision of Changing Places sanitary facilities in the Lido Cafe and Visitor Centre block providing vital modern facilities for people with a range of disabilities. This will mean that the Park will be accessible to all potential visitors and users irrespective of their circumstances.

5.5 The costs of these improvement projects which will comprise the funding applications to the VRP Discovery Gateway funding is £2.3 million. The bid for funding will be up to £1.5 million for both applications with the match funding being identified from Council resources.

6.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) screening form has been prepared for the purpose of this report. It has been found that a full report is not required at this time.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 None will be required at the application stage.

8.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

- 8.1 There is no specific match funding requirement for this grant programme but for applications to be successful the provision of match funding is an important requirement. Match funding for the project costs outlined above will be identified from Council resources.

9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 9.1 There are no legal implications or legislation to be considered at the application stage.

10.0 LINKS TO THE CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT

- 10.1 Both project proposals contribute significantly towards the goals of the Well-being of Future Generations Act, in particular the economic well-being of Wales - supporting the delivery of a prosperous Wales and a more resilient Wales.
- 10.2 Both project proposals make a positive contribution towards the Council 2016-2020 Corporate Plan priorities – Economy – Building a strong economy, People – Promoting Independence and positive lives for everyone, Place – Creating Neighbourhoods where people are proud to live and work.

11.0 CONCLUSION

- 11.1 The WG VRP Discovery Gateway Grant programme provides a significant opportunity to maximise the opportunities provided by the status of Dare Valley Country Park and Ynysangharad Park as Discovery Gateway Sites. Successful grant funding applications will allow the improvement of existing and development of new facilities at both locations which will make them more attractive places to visit and be a basis for further development.

Other Information:-

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Public Services Delivery, Communities and Prosperity

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