

CAPITAL PROGRAMME – BIDDING PROCESS

1	Scheme name	Big Arch Re-Construction			
2	Responsible portfolio, department and lead officer	Infrastructure, Environment, Carl Powell			
3	Brief description of scheme	To undertake remedial measures/re-construction work of the Big Arch, Ebbw Vale.			
4	The total capital investment cost of the scheme BGCBC Funding Contribution	Amount Bid for 19/20 to 23/24 £	Amount Bid for 24/25 £	Amount Bid for 25/26 £	
		(418) + 800			
5	Evidence that the scheme is linked to the Council's Corporate Plan (2018-2022)	To maintain the highway network infrastructure providing an economic environment for industry, maintaining community links and preserving highway assets. The arch is an integral part of the A4281 highway and provides access to the works site from the northern end of Ebbw Vale.			
6	Evidence the scheme is a National Priority	To maintain the current highway infrastructure network.			
7	Details as to whether the scheme addresses mandatory /statutory service needs or discretionary service needs.	A statutory duty of care to maintain the highway infrastructure in a safe condition and fit for purpose.			
8	Is the scheme an existing legal/contractual commitment	<p>The Big Arch work is one of 10 commitments required under Planning Consent for The Works.</p> <p>We currently have Cadw approval to maintain the crash deck in place below the arch (safety measure installed June 2011) until December 31st 2021, after which time, enforcement may be served by Cadw on the Authority to remove the deck.</p> <p>Negotiation is ongoing with Cadw to establish an agreed solution to the works. The bid amount is based on our original scheme (£1.2) and will vary dependent upon conditions / approval set by Cadw. (£418 of capital funding have been agreed)</p>			

9	<p>Is there any external grant aid or any other funding such as prudential available to fund the project?</p> <p>Are there any similar schemes across the Authority utilising other funding sources?</p>	<p>We will continue to seek grant aid from WG if an opportunity arises.</p> <p>Prudential funding is not an option due to the limited revenue budget available for highway structures</p>
10	<p>Is the scheme of an 'Invest to Save nature or is it likely to generate revenue savings?</p> <p>Conversely is the scheme likely to result in an additional cost pressure to the revenue budget?</p>	No
11	<p>To be completed by Accountancy in line with capital strategy :</p> <p>MRP/Interest implications</p>	

CAPITAL PROGRAMME ADDITIONAL PROFORMA - NATIONAL WELL-BEING GOALS

Scheme Name			
Blaenau Gwent Well-being Objectives	Select which Objective your scheme contributes to	Well-being Objective links to National Well-being goals	How will your scheme deliver benefits to the Council's Well-being objectives under the National Well-being goals?
Create a better, enhanced environment and infrastructure that will benefit our communities, businesses and visitors	X	<p>A prosperous Wales</p> <p>A healthier Wales</p> <p>A Wales of cohesive communities</p>	The project will ensure the retention of a major highway infrastructure asset, with minimum adverse environmental impact.
Continue to improve learner outcomes and well-being so that all children and young people thrive and realise their full potential			
We will be a modern, smart Authority, providing leadership to enable people and communities to thrive	X	<p>A prosperous Wales</p> <p>A resilient Wales</p> <p>A Wales of cohesive communities</p> <p>A globally responsible Wales</p>	Ensuring the long term retention of Big Arch will ensure physical connectivity not only regionally but also nationally
Take a preventative and early intervention approach to support the most vulnerable ensuring, where appropriate, they are protected and supported to achieve personal outcomes and well-being	X	<p>A healthier Wales</p> <p>A more equal Wales</p> <p>A Wales of cohesive communities</p>	The project will ensure the local highway infrastructure is fit for purpose and enable our communities to access essential facilities that support the local communities personal outcomes and well-being
Maximise the employability of local people through skills development at a local and regional level	X	<p>A prosperous Wales</p> <p>A resilient Wales</p> <p>A healthier Wales</p> <p>A more equal Wales</p> <p>A globally responsible Wales</p>	The project is an important highway infrastructure asset that will ensure local mobility in the context of employability of the local work force.
Enabling older people to feel valued and empowered to maximise their independence and lead healthy and engaged lives			
Support citizens to take an active and empowered role in their communities to provide resilience			

Sustainable Development

How does your scheme fit the '5 Sustainable Ways of Working'? (give details)	
Thinking in the Long Term	The project will ensure long term connectivity of our highway infrastructure with the regional,national highway network
Taking an Integrated Approach	The project ensures that valuable historic assets are conserved within the context of highway infrastructure needs and ensuring that any adverse environmental impact is minimised
Involving People	The project protects an asset that is used by the population of the communities of the Ebbw Valley. The project minimises any adverse impacts on this population
Collaborating	
Prevention	The project will ensure the Big Arch is maintained in a safe condition for future generations

National Well-being Goals Description

A prosperous Wales	<i>An innovative, productive and low carbon society which recognises the limits of the global environment and therefore uses resources efficiently and proportionately (including acting on climate change); and which develops a skilled and well-educated population in an economy which generates wealth and provides employment opportunities, allowing people to take advantage of the wealth generated through securing decent work.</i>	The proposal will ensure the continued use of significant highway asset that will ensure connectivity with the major highway infrastructure, providing a direct link from the The Ebbw Valley to the Heads of the Valley Corridor.Reusing this historic asset offers the most economically advantageous option for ensuring connectivity of the Valleys with the Heads of the Valley Corridor.	3
A resilient Wales	<i>A nation which maintains and enhances a biodiverse natural environment with healthy functioning ecosystems that support social, economic and ecological resilience and the capacity to adapt to change (for example climate change).</i>	The proposal will allow for the reuse of existing , historic infrastructure that will avoid the need for major engineering works that would have the potential for significant adverse biodiversity impact.	2
A healthier Wales	<i>A society in which people's physical and mental well-being is maximised and in which choices and behaviours that benefit future health are understood.</i>	restoration works to the arch are considered to involve the least disruptive approach to managing the local highway infrastructure . Such an approach will ensure the local communities , particularly local residences endure the least disruption and in so doing minimising negative impacts on peoples physical and mental well-being	3
A more equal Wales	<i>A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances (including their socio economic background and circumstances).</i>	Such physical infrastructure projects offer employment opportunities and the councils procurement procedures will ensure that such an opportunity will allow people to fulfill their potential no matter what their background or circumstances	2
A Wales of cohesive communities	<i>Attractive, viable, safe and well-connected communities.</i>	The proposal is an essential action to ensure that the Ebbw Valley is connected to the wider highway infrastructure in a safe and attractive manner. Big Arch is a distinctive historic feature synonymous with Ebbw Vale and the proposal will ensure its retention in a safe and viable manner	3
A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language	<i>A society that promotes and protects culture, heritage and the Welsh language, and which encourages people to participate in the arts, and sports and recreation.</i>	The Councils Welsh Language Policy will be complied with in the delivery of the project. The Arch is an historic feature constructed at the zenith of industrial activity in the Ebbw Valley . The project will ensure that the Arch is conserved for future generations to enjoy	0
A globally responsible Wales	<i>A nation which, when doing anything to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, takes account of whether doing such a thing may make a positive contribution to global well-being.</i>	The proposal is an important means of ensuring the Ebbw Vale area is connected to the rest of SE Wales and beyond. Such connectivity is an important step in ensuring local economic prosperity and improving local well-being.	2