

CAPITAL PROGRAMME – BIDDING PROCESS

1	Scheme name	Repairs to retaining walls but in particular the Blast Furnace Wall, 45 Yard, Steelworks Road, Ebbw Vale.			
2	Responsible portfolio, department and lead officer	Environment & Economic Development and Regeneration – Paul Miles / Alwyn Hughes.			
3	Brief description of scheme	<p>Establishing a capital budget to carry out major repair works to retaining walls which are the responsibility of the Council.</p> <p>The Council is the owner of a number of retaining walls located on non-operational Council owned land and has in many instances been made contractually responsible for maintenance. (Maintenance of highways and operational property related walls are managed through relevant portfolio arrangements).</p> <p>There is a pressing need to undertake remedial and repair works to the condition of the Blast Furnace Wall at the 45 Yard, Steelworks Road, Ebbw Vale.</p> <p>The works required would be of a health and safety related nature and are more than routine maintenance.</p> <p>The Council established a retaining wall reserve (revenue funding) a number of years ago to meet unforeseen costs with maintenance of Council retaining walls. This reserve has been allocated to deal with a retaining wall issue in Brynmawr and is therefore not available.</p>			
4	The total capital investment cost of the scheme BGCB Funding Contribution	Amount Bid for 19/20 to 23/24 £	Amount Bid for 24/25 £	Amount Bid for 25/26 £	
		150,000.00	150,000.00		
5	Evidence that the scheme is linked to the Council's Corporate Plan (2018-2022)	Strong & Environmentally Smart Communities – To take a Strategic Approach in the management of our land and property services in different ways.			
6	Evidence the scheme is a National Priority	<p>The Council is the owner of a number of retaining walls located on non-operational Council owned land and has been made contractually responsible for maintenance in many instances.</p> <p>In particular the Blast Furnace wall is a Grade 2* listed structure. This listing makes the structure of national</p>			

		<p>importance and the Council as owner must maintain the integrity of the wall.</p> <p>Given the Grade II* Listing status of the wall, CADW will need to be involved in agreeing what works are required and how they will be carried out.</p>
7	<p>Details as to whether the scheme addresses mandatory /statutory service needs or discretionary service needs.</p>	<p>The Council is the owner of a number of retaining walls located on non-operational Council owned land and has been made contractually responsible for maintenance in many instances</p> <p>When the Council acquired land at Cwm Draw, from the then British Steel Corporation, it was made contractually responsible for the ownership and maintenance of the blast furnace wall located at the former 45 Yard, Steelworks Road, Ebbw Vale.</p> <p>As the land was acquired for economic development its responsibility falls to the Economy and Regeneration Portfolio.</p>
8	<p>Is the scheme an existing legal/contractual commitment</p>	<p>As mentioned above, the Council is the owner of a number of retaining walls located on non-operational Council owned land and has been made contractually responsible for maintenance in many instances.</p> <p>When the Council acquired land at Cwm Draw, from the then British Steel Corporation, it was made contractually responsible for the ownership and maintenance of the blast furnace wall located at the former 45 Yard, Steelworks Road, Ebbw Vale.</p>
9	<p>Is there any external grant aid or any other funding such as prudential available to fund the project? Are there any similar schemes across the Authority utilising other funding sources?</p>	<p>There are limited if any opportunities as the walls are the legal responsibility of the Council.</p> <p>CADW may well be able to allocate funds to assist with works to the 45 Yard and this will be explored with relevant Officers at CADW.</p> <p>Where funding has been available historically for e.g. regeneration schemes the Council has often been successful in incorporating works to retaining walls in those schemes, therefore mitigating risk and cost.</p>
10	<p>Is the scheme of an 'Invest to Save nature or is it likely to generate revenue savings? Conversely is the scheme likely to result in an additional cost pressure to the revenue budget?</p>	<p>Major health and safety works to retaining walls where required will assist in reducing exposure to the revenue cost of maintenance.</p>

11	To be completed by Accountancy in line with capital strategy : MRP/Interest implications	
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CAPITAL PROGRAMME ADDITIONAL PROFORMA - NATIONAL WELL-BEING GOALS

Scheme Name	REPAIRS TO RETAINING WALLS BUT IN PARTICULAR THE BLAST FURNACE WALL, 45 YARD, STEELWORKS ROAD, EBBW VALE		
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?
<p>Create a better, enhanced environment and infrastructure that will benefit our communities, businesses and visitors</p>	<p>X</p>	<p style="background-color: yellow;">A prosperous Wales</p> <p style="background-color: red;">A healthier Wales</p> <p style="background-color: purple;">A Wales of cohesive communities</p>	<p>The project will allow the Council to carry out major repair works to retaining walls which are its responsibility, improving the environment and mitigating future maintenance costs.</p>
<p>Continue to improve learner outcomes and well-being so that all children and young people thrive and realise their full potential</p>			
<p>We will be a modern, smart Authority, providing leadership to enable people and communities to thrive</p>	<p>X</p>	<p style="background-color: yellow;">A prosperous Wales</p> <p style="background-color: orange;">A resilient Wales</p> <p style="background-color: purple;">A Wales of cohesive communities</p> <p style="background-color: cyan;">A globally responsible Wales</p>	<p>The project will allow the Council to carry out major repair works to retaining walls which are its the Council, improving the environment and mitigating future maintenance costs.</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>X</p>	<p style="background-color: red;">A healthier Wales</p> <p style="background-color: #c00000;">A more equal Wales</p> <p style="background-color: purple;">A Wales of cohesive communities</p>	<p>Major work on retaining walls which are the responsibility of the Council will assist in reducing exposure to future revenue costs of maintenance.</p>
<p>Maximise the employability of local people through skills development at a local and regional level</p>			
<p>Enabling older people to feel valued and empowered to maximise their independence and lead healthy and engaged lives</p>			
<p>Support citizens to take an active and empowered role in their communities to provide resilience</p>			

Sustainable Development

How does your scheme fit the '5 Sustainable Ways of Working'? (give details)	
Thinking in the Long Term	The project will allow the Council to carry out major repair works to retaining walls which are the responsibility of the Council, improving the environment and mitigating future maintenance costs.
Taking an Integrated Approach	The project ensures that retaining walls and historic assets are repaired, improving the environment and mitigating future maintenance costs
Involving People	The project will ensure assets which adjoin properties in third party ownership are repaired, mitigating future maintenance costs.
Collaborating	
Prevention	The project will ensure the retaining walls are repaired 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 allow repairs to major retaining walls which are the responsibility of the Council
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>	
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>	
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>	
A Wales of cohesive communities	<i>Attractive, viable, safe and well-connected communities.</i>	
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>	
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>	
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		The Council's Welsh Language Policy will be complied with in the delivery of the project. The E
		The Blast Furnace Wall in particular is an historic feature of national significance constructed