

CAPITAL PROGRAMME – BIDDING PROCESS

1	Scheme name	Laptop Refreshment Programme		
2	Responsible portfolio, department and lead officer	Corporate Services Anne-Louise Clark		
3	Brief description of scheme	<p>A laptop refresh programme ensures that laptops are regularly updated to realise the opportunities available through ever evolving technologies, to enable staff to carry out their duties to a high standard. and spread the financial burden of this investment over a more sustainable period of time</p> <p>All assets have a useful economic life and as such need to be replaced over time. It is accepted practice that laptops have a useful economic life of 3-5 years. A rolling laptop refreshment programme is required, as the previous major upgrade was for Windows XP to Windows 7 several years ago. In addition workplace transformation / agile working relies heavily on a fully functioning laptop estate.</p> <p>An assessment has been carried out of the current laptop estate and to upgrade the oldest laptops (i.e. those most at risk of failure), approx. 250 of the estimated 1,341 laptop estate, will require replacement in year 1. The remainder will need to be replaced over the following 2 years.</p>		
4	The total capital investment cost of the scheme BGCBC Funding Contribution	Amount Bid for up to 2023/24 £	Amount Bid for 24/25 £	Amount Bid for 25/26 £
		£730k	If purchased outright Could also consider leasing	
		£730k		
5	Evidence that the scheme is linked to the Council's Corporate Plan (2018-2022)	<p>Appropriate ICT infrastructure is critical to ensure staff are able to undertake their duties efficiently & effectively. Consequently this scheme is directly linked to all of the Council's priorities identified in the Corporate Plan :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efficient Council • Social Services • Strong & Environmentally Smart Communities • Education • Economic Development & Regeneration <p>Specifically to support & develop a workforce that has the capacity & capability to be productive and responsive to future</p>		

		<p>demands.</p> <p>To develop digital infrastructure and improved connectivity by promoting digital participation.</p> <p>To lead by example and ensure that people have access to appropriate digital technology.</p>
6	Evidence the scheme is a National Priority	n/a
7	Details as to whether the scheme addresses mandatory /statutory service needs or discretionary service needs.	<p>Appropriate ICT infrastructure is critical to ensure staff are able to undertake their duties efficiently & effectively and as a result continue to meet the needs of the services.</p> <p>Many of the older laptops have reached or are nearing the end of their useful life and at risk of failure – this would have a significant impact upon service delivery.</p>
8	Is the scheme an existing legal/contractual commitment	No
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>	Not currently unless the ICT reserves are utilised – this would deplete the reserves available for future.
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>	<p>If scheme agreed it is assessed as cost neutral for the revenue budget</p> <p>If not agreed there is a risk that this will result in an additional cost pressure to the revenue budget since defunct laptops will need to be replaced and funded from revenue budget.</p> <p>Inability to identify the funding for the laptop refreshment will result in staff using unsupported IT equipment, which will cause additional security vulnerabilities in our laptop estate and network.</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			
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: blue;">A Wales of cohesive communities</p>	<p>The proposal will ensure the continued use of significant highway asset that will ensure connectivity with the major highway infrastructure, providing a pedestrian link from Aberbeeg to Glandwr Industrial Estate. The project will ensure the retention of a major highway infrastructure asset, with minimum adverse environmental impact. The replacement footbridge will ensure that pedestrians are connected between Aberbeeg and Glandwr Industrial Estate.</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: blue;">A Wales of cohesive communities</p> <p style="background-color: cyan;">A globally responsible Wales</p>	<p>The proposal will ensure the continued use of significant highway asset that will ensure connectivity with the major highway infrastructure, providing a pedestrian link from Aberbeeg to Glandwr Industrial Estate. The proposal is a like for like replacement and will continue to support social and economic resilience. The like for like replacement will ensure that pedestrians will continue to be connected between Aberbeeg and Glandwr Industrial Estate. The proposal is an important means of ensuring the Aberbeeg community is connected to the Industrial Estate. Such connectivity is an important step</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: orange;">A more equal Wales</p> <p style="background-color: blue;">A Wales of cohesive communities</p>	<p>The proposal will ensure the continued use of significant highway asset that will ensure connectivity with the major highway infrastructure, providing a pedestrian link from Aberbeeg to Glandwr Industrial Estate. The footbridge continues the link between the community and the Industrial Estate that offers employment opportunities to allow people to fulfill their potential no matter what their background or circumstances. The like for like replacement will ensure that pedestrians will continue to be connected between Aberbeeg and Glandwr Industrial Estate.</p>
<p>Maximise the employability of local people through skills development at a local and regional level</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: red;">A healthier Wales</p> <p style="background-color: orange;">A more equal Wales</p> <p style="background-color: cyan;">A globally responsible Wales</p>	<p>The proposal will ensure the continued use of significant highway asset that will ensure connectivity with the major highway infrastructure, providing a pedestrian link from Aberbeeg to Glandwr Industrial Estate. The proposal is a like for like replacement and will continue to support social and economic resilience. Replacing the pedestrian link between Aberbeeg and Glandwr Industrial Estate will continue the link to and minimise negative impacts on peoples physical and mental well-being. The project will enable our communities to access essential facilities that support the local communities</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 ensure long term connectivity of our highway infrastructure in the regional highway network
Taking an Integrated Approach	The project ensures that any adverse environmental impact is minimised
Involving People	The replacement footbridge is an asset that is used by the population of the Aberbeeg community.
Collaborating	
Prevention	The replacement footbridge ensures connectivity 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 en	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 is a like for like replacement and will continue to support social and e	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>	Replacing the pedestrian link between Aberbeeg and Glandwr Industrial Estate will	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>	The footbridge continues the link between the community and the Industrial Estate	2
A Wales of cohesive communities	<i>Attractive, viable, safe and well-connected communities.</i>	The like for like replacement will ensure that pedestrians will continue to be connec	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>		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 Aberbeeg community is connec	2