

CAPITAL PROGRAMME – BIDDING PROCESS

1	Scheme name	Regeneration Opportunities (Includes energy, digital, etc)		
2	Responsible portfolio, department and lead officer	Regeneration & Community Services - Richard Crook Amy Taylor, Team Leader Strategic Projects		
3	Brief description of scheme	A programme of projects surrounding enterprise and innovation to support Blaenau Gwent through Regeneration. This funding will provide the capital investment to initiate delivery of a number of projects which are currently being developed with Regeneration services.		
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 £
		£2.5m	£2.5m	£1.7m
		£750k	£750k	£500k
		All costs are estimates and as outlined in section 9 & 10 would be subject to further development and seeking other funding		
5	Evidence that the scheme is linked to the Council's Corporate Plan (2018-2022)	<p>This scheme supports the achievement of the Council's Corporate Plan 2018-2022 in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To create strong and environmentally smart communities we are taking a strategic approach to the management of our land in different ways. In this case we are seeking to use land owned by the Council to create an environmentally sustainable energy solution which in the future can benefit the community of Beaufort and the wider community of Blaenau Gwent; • To develop a portfolio of potential energy opportunities to deliver economic, business and community benefits; and • To develop a more commercial organisation to generate income and deliver cost reductions to make local services sustainable and raise money to re-invest in our priorities. 		
6	Evidence the scheme is a National Priority	<p>The Environment (Wales) Act 2016 sets out the approach to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Wales. The Act places a duty on Welsh Ministers to ensure that in 2050 net emissions are at least 80% lower than the baseline. Targets for 2020, 2030 and 2040, and five yearly carbon budgets towards the 2050 target.</p> <p>All projects relating to energy seek to support the</p>		

		decarbonisation agenda and will support Wales in achieving the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. Welsh Government will shortly publish their first Low Carbon Delivery Plan which will set the policy and proposals to meet the first carbon budget.
7	Details as to whether the scheme addresses mandatory /statutory service needs or discretionary service needs.	Discretionary service needs
8	Is the scheme an existing legal/contractual commitment	No.
9	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>In the area of Energy, support has been secured through a number of sources in order to undertake the development phases of the programme of projects and develop business cases. Capital investment will be required in order to install the infrastructure. Funding sources such as prudential borrowing will be investigated.</p> <p>For digital projects, investment has already been secured through UK government to install full fibre throughout the Borough but with technology advancing at a rapid pace we need to maintain momentum in technology development to support delivery of Council services in the future.</p>
10	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>The projects being developed are such that they would likely be of Invest to save in nature and have the potential to generate revenue savings and potential future income opportunities.</p> <p>Project development will assist in preparing businesses cases that will identify the complete picture in terms of capital and operating expenditure together with the project payback period and overall return on investment.</p> <p>Being commercial opportunities there may be potential for joint ventures with commercial partners being secured to invest in projects. Innovative methods of funding such as community investment will also be considered.</p> <p>This funding would be considered as a source of match funding to support other funding avenues.</p>
11	To be completed by Accountancy in line with capital strategy : MRP/Interest implications	

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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>	X	<p style="background-color: #fff9c4;">A prosperous Wales</p> <p style="background-color: #f44336;">A healthier Wales</p> <p style="background-color: #3f51b5;">A Wales of cohesive communities</p>	<p>The funding from the SPF will underpin all three of these objectives through individual projects that address innovation and enterprise, town centres, skills, transport and housing.</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>	X	<p style="background-color: #fff9c4;">A prosperous Wales</p> <p style="background-color: #fff9c4;">A resilient Wales</p> <p style="background-color: #3f51b5;">A Wales of cohesive communities</p> <p style="background-color: #00bcd4;">A globally responsible Wales</p>	<p>SPF could assist with digital and energy projects that will improve our environmental standing and provide resilience for BG. Some of these schemes are linked with income generation for communities and the council.</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>	X	<p style="background-color: #f44336;">A healthier Wales</p> <p style="background-color: #f44336;">A more equal Wales</p> <p style="background-color: #3f51b5;">A Wales of cohesive communities</p>	<p>Developing provision around energy and digital will help those most vulnerable within the community. Energy is an essential service used by all members of the community but increasing energy costs mean more and more members of the community are becoming increasingly vulnerable and susceptible to fuel poverty. Actively pursuing opportunities in the area of energy may help to support these vulnerable people and ensure that their well-being is protected in order for them to concentrate on achieving their own personal outcomes.</p>
<p>Maximise the employability of local people through skills development at a local and regional level</p>	X	<p style="background-color: #fff9c4;">A prosperous Wales</p> <p style="background-color: #fff9c4;">A resilient Wales</p> <p style="background-color: #f44336;">A healthier Wales</p> <p style="background-color: #f44336;">A more equal Wales</p> <p style="background-color: #00bcd4;">A globally responsible Wales</p>	<p>SPF is aimed at supporting the industrial strategy and business development, R&D and enterprise facilitation. Offering high quality digital services will not only support those most vulnerable and in need of these services it will also increase attractiveness of the area for high quality / technology based business. This would in turn create highly skilled employment which will help members of the community to achieve their personal employment outcomes. It will also help them to develop their digital skills.</p>
<p>Enabling older people to feel valued and empowered to maximise their independence and lead healthy and engaged lives</p>	X	<p style="background-color: #f44336;">A healthier Wales</p> <p style="background-color: #f44336;">A more equal Wales</p> <p style="background-color: #3f51b5;">A Wales of cohesive communities</p>	<p>Developing provision around energy and digital will help those most vulnerable within the community. Energy is an essential service used by all members of the community but increasing energy costs mean more and more members of the community are becoming increasingly vulnerable and susceptible to fuel poverty. Actively pursuing opportunities in the area of energy may help to support these vulnerable people and ensure that their well-being is protected in order to help them to maintain their own independence and support them in</p>
<p>Support citizens to take an active and empowered role in their communities to provide resilience</p>	X	<p style="background-color: #fff9c4;">A prosperous Wales</p> <p style="background-color: #fff9c4;">A resilient Wales</p> <p style="background-color: #f44336;">A more equal Wales</p> <p style="background-color: #3f51b5;">A Wales of cohesive communities</p>	<p>In undertaking activity around energy and digital provision there will be a need for there to be activity around education and engagement. We need to support our citizen in gaining more understanding around their energy use and empower them to make decisions that will improve their future.</p>

Sustainable Development

How does your scheme fit the '5 Sustainable Ways of Working'? (give details)	
Thinking in the Long Term	Regeneration is linked to a long term planning system that takes account of the longer term needs and trends in Wales and the UK
Taking an Integrated Approach	Regeneration through SPF is about bringing together physical, environmental and economic factors to develop an integrated positive outcome
Involving People	For a project to be developed and successfully integrated it must have community mandate and support
Collaborating	Regeneration through the SPF will require collaboration with the key stakeholders in each project to enable funds to be released
Prevention	By taking positive action regeneration assists with prevention of a negative issue or trend and in some cases brings a total sustainable solution

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>	4
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>	3
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>	4
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>	4
A Wales of cohesive communities	<i>Attractive, viable, safe and well-connected communities.</i>	5
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>	2