

CAPITAL BIDS 2019/20**Details of the Bid****ECONOMY AND COMMUNITY DEPARTMENT (I.T.)****Cap 1 Renew Mobile Shelving System Tracks - Caernarfon Library Storeroom
£57,350**

The Mobile Shelving system is now 36 years old and the tracks are now significantly worn, which often causes the shelving to fall off the tracks. This is a dangerous situation in terms of staff health and safety. In one part of the system, the shelving is completely locked down and cannot be moved in any direction, and therefore it is not possible to obtain the books and fulfil users' orders.

The Store undertakes a crucial role for the service. Of the 36,000 requests for books every year, 21% of them are supplied from the Store.

How - long-term solution to ensure that the Store resource delivers its function in full, providing mobile shelving in the workplace and preventing risk in terms of health and safety.

Ensure that the Library service is able to meet the needs of the people of Gwynedd.

Risks - it is no longer possible to use 1 of the 5 systems, with a risk that the remainder of the system's sections will also become inoperative. There is a risk to the health and safety of every member of staff who uses the shelving, especially in terms of back strain or a significant injury should an entire shelf collapse.

The risk of not responding is that it will significantly limit the library service's ability to provide a full library service to the residents of Gwynedd and other users as we will not be able to fulfil requests. This is already the case with requests for Welsh language books, and due to the nature of the collection, it has a particular effect on those who are undertaking research or educational studies. We would not be able to purchase at this level of demand for requested books even if all the books needed were in print and available.

Should the Store become inoperative, there will be implications for the employment of one member of staff.

CAPITAL BIDS 2019/20**Cap 2 Voluntary Development Fund (CIST Gwynedd) - £50,000**

Communities are faced with challenges and opportunities when responding to social, cultural and economic changes that affect them. A number of voluntary groups are responding to these challenges by maintaining local assets and activities. A number of voluntary groups are also responding to these opportunities by developing new plans - particularly at the moment in the context of transferring assets from public service to community management.

Over recent years, the Council, through the Capital Voluntary Development Fund, has supported some communities to develop schemes that have responded to the impacts of the savings schemes, and the strategic plan.

How - by providing grants to voluntary groups across the county to develop and realise community projects. Specifically, supporting projects that involve the asset transfer agenda and investing in local community assets.

Risks - the Council would not have a resource to refer groups that are responding to the savings / cuts agenda.

CAPITAL BIDS 2019/20**Cap 3 Adapt Changing Rooms at Glaslyn and Dwyfor Leisure Centres - £12,800**

In the last year, a number of complaints have been received from disabled users regarding the changing rooms at the two above mentioned centres. The current layout of the space means that it is not always possible for disabled users to make use of a changing area that is suitable for their needs.

At Glaslyn Centre, families and disabled customers must share one small area. Sometimes, the three cubicles are in use by families, and it is not possible for disabled customers to use them.

At Dwyfor Centre, the changing area for disabled customers is also a corridor for families to get to the swimming pool. This had led to situations where fathers have unintentionally disturbed the privacy of female disabled customers as they change.

The new layouts, with more space in a separate cubicle, would also be an improvement in terms of our arrangements for families and transgender people who would wish to use private changing facilities.

How - adaptations to the changing rooms at both centres would create a larger space, would be fit for purpose and separate for disabled customers and their carers.

Risks - there is a risk that the Council could be challenged on grounds of the Equality Act 2010 as it is difficult for disabled people to have full access to the leisure facilities.

The above mentioned responsibilities will remain under the new arrangements with Cwmni Byw'n Iach Cyf, as it is not possible to deputise responsibility for the general equality duty to external organisations that undertake functions on the Council's behalf.

Some disabled customers have specific health reasons and failure to gain access can lead to additional health problems.

Concerns in terms of safeguarding vulnerable children and adults and the bid offers improvement in relation to transgender people and more than one group with protected characteristics.

CAPITAL BIDS 2019/20**Cap 4 Urgent Repair Works to Parc Glynllifon Structures - £48,000**

The size of the site is very substantial and most of it is open to the public which attracts thousands of users to the rural park every year.

During recent years a number of changes have been implemented to realise efficiency savings. The Department intends to review Glynllifon's long-term management arrangements. Currently, there is an interim arrangement in place, rather than a sustainable model for the future.

Matters have been raised during the last 12 months that have highlighted the need for urgent repair work within the Rural Park. These include:

- Urgent repair work to structures such as bridges and paths that are used by people visiting the park.
- Repair work on historic structures (the Park has been designated a Grade 1 Listed Landscape), fountains and ditches
- Work to restore paths to improve safety and access
- Tree lopping to protect the safety of park users.

The main aim of this work will be to undertake urgent repair work to ensure there is no further deterioration in historic resources in coming years.

How - the additional expenditure will provide specific resources to respond to the identified risks namely, urgent work on bridges £16k, urgent measures to protect historic structures £18k; path restoration £9k; tree lopping £5k.

It is anticipated that it will be possible to divert the Service's core resources towards implementing urgent measures.

Risks - potential implications of not responding:

- Failure to respond to anticipated hazards
- Probability that the Council will not deliver its duty of care to those who walk the site
- Risk of an accident on the site
- Insufficient resources leading to further deterioration in the condition of the historic assets.
- The Council will be open to accusations that the Grade 1 historic gardens are not being managed or protected.