



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot  
Neath Port Talbot Council

## **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **Streetscene and Engineering Cabinet Committee**

**24<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

### **Report of the Head of Streetcare – Mike Roberts**

#### **Matter for Decision**

**Wards Affected:** Aberavon

#### **Aberavon Seafront – Notices in respect of proposed Coastal Protection Works**

#### **Purpose of the Report:**

To seek approval for the serving of Notices in relation to the proposed Coastal Protection work at Aberavon seafront.

#### **Executive Summary:**

This Council proposes to undertake a major maintenance and repair scheme to the coastal defences on the shoreline of Aberavon which has been granted planning permission and given a marine licence by NRW. Scheme design is now complete and procurement is ongoing, however, to progress the scheme further we now have to fulfil legal requirements in relation to the issuing of Notices to ten adjacent landowners/tenants. As there are no delegated powers in the Council's Constitution to the Director of Environment with respect to the Coastal Protection Act 1949 this report seeks Member approval for the issuing of the necessary Notices.

**Background:**

The Coastal Protection Scheme for the Aberavon Seafront has now received planning consent and an associated marine licence has been granted by NRW.

To comply with the planning requirements we need to serve notification under the Coastal Protection Act 1949 to relevant parties concerning the proposed works. The Notice process will run concurrent with the tender process that is programmed in May, and will run until around the end June.

Given consultation has already taken place through a variety of formats, and associated feedback has been taken into account in the evaluation of the planning process, no objections from the parties concerned are expected. Failure to maintain the seafront would put adjacent areas at risk of future coastal erosion.

It is proposed to commence the construction works during the autumn of this year with completion by end May 2020, and by completing the work during this timeframe it will minimise any impact to beach users and the area as a whole.

A Notice template is included for information in Appendix A.

**Financial Impacts:**

None. Delays in issuing the Notices could however give rise to scheme delays with potential cost implications.

**Integrated Impact Assessment:**

An impact assessment is not required in respect of issuing notices which can be considered an extension of the consultation process.

Impacts have been considered as part of the planning application and marine licence processes.

**Valleys Communities Impacts:**

There are no implications to the Valleys communities.

**Workforce Impacts:**

There are no implications to the workforce.

**Legal Impacts:**

The serving of the legal notices fulfils requirements under the Coastal Protection Act and associated regulations.

**Risk Management Impacts:**

None.

**Consultation:**

Local elected member briefings and other consultations on the scheme have taken place through the planning and marine licence processes. The serving of Notices requires no further advance consultation.

**Recommendations:**

To authorise

- (1) the Head of Streetcare, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to serve the necessary statutory Notices with respect to the proposed coastal protection works at Aberavon under the Coast Protection Act 1949.

(2)The Head of Streetcare, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to serve the statutory Notices under the terms of the Coast Protection Act 1949 as may be required for future projects if deemed apparent to fulfil work programmes.

**Reason for Proposed Decision:**

To comply with statutory requirements.

**Implementation of Decision:**

The decision is an urgent one for immediate implementation, subject to the consent of the relevant Scrutiny Chair (and is therefore not subject to the call-in procedure)

**Appendices:**

Appendix A – Notice template

**List of Background Papers:**

None

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## COASTAL PROTECTION WORK

### Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council - Coast Protection Act 1949

#### **Notice of Proposed Coast Protection Work**

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council, hereafter referred to as the 'Council', acting in their capacity as coast protection authority, hereby give notice under **Section 5(1)** of the **Coast Protection Act 1949** that they propose to carry out coastal protection works at Aberavon Promenade, Port Talbot

The proposed work, which has been granted a marine licence by Natural Resources Wales (NRW) and has received of full planning permission approval by the local planning authority is estimated to cost £3.5 million. Works will include, but is not limited to, the construction of rock armour toe protection at the base of the existing concrete revetment between the RLNI Slipway and the Scarlet Avenue Carpark, concrete repair works and void filling beneath the existing revetment and the construction of a new slipway to the west of the Trem Y Mor Care Home.

The purpose of the works is to prolong the life of the promenade structure and adjacent shoreline in line with the Council's Shoreline Management Plan which will protect residential and commercial properties from coastal erosion and facilitate regeneration for future generations.

Details of the proposed works can be inspected at the NPTCBC Council Offices, The Quays, Brunel Way, Baglan Energy Park, Neath, SA112GG, Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm.

The council envisages works to be undertaken between September 2019 and June 2020 with the aim to minimise disruption to tenants, adjacent land owners and the public usage of the promenade and beach areas. The appointed Contractor will provide a Community Liaison Manager to liaise with the public and local businesses.

Any person may, no later than **(Insert 28 days Notice period date)**, may serve a notice of objection to the proposal on the Welsh Government and on the Council. Any such notice must contain a statement of the grounds of objection and must be delivered to, or sent by post, to the Welsh Government and to the Environment Directorate of the Council. Details Below.

Neath Port Talbot CBC  
Environment Directorate  
The Quays  
Brunel Way  
Baglan Energy Park  
Neath  
SA11 2GG

Welsh Government  
Flood and Coastal Erosion Committee  
Flood Branch  
Crown Building  
Cathays Park  
Cardiff  
CF10 3NQ

We appreciate your support for this scheme to date as the Council looks to safe guard the Aberavon promenade and adjacent shore line in order that it remain a valued amenity within the county borough so that future generations can enjoy.

**Michael Roberts**  
Head of Streetcare