

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
EDUCATION SKILLS AND WELLBEING CABINET BOARD

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Matter for: Decision

Wards Affected: All

The Cefn Coed Colliery Museum: Options for the Future

1. Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to seek approval, in principle, for the primary recommendations contained in the Cefn Coed Colliery Museum: Options for the Future Report, subject to the availability of funding streams.

2. Executive Summary

Cefn Coed Colliery Museum is currently closed to the public as a consequence of health and safety issues which require remedial building works to the value over £1m. A report was commissioned looking at future options for the site. This will be considered alongside the development of Neath Port Talbot's Culture Strategy currently being produced by Counterculture.

3. Background

Chris Delaney and Associates were appointed to produce a report outlining all future options for Cefn Coed Colliery Museum. The report considered the following:

- The scale of costs required for essential repairs to enable the museum to safely reopen to the public.
- Possible alternative uses for the site and buildings.
- An examination of the role and contribution of Cefn Coed Colliery Museum as a heritage site and tourist destination.
- A review of current and future regeneration opportunities for Cefn Coed.
- Alternative sources of income via grants and external funding.
- Income generation opportunities.

4. Financial Impact

In the first instance £1m is required to deal with the immediate health and safety issues. The longer term vision outlined in the report would require further funding and investment over the next five to ten years which would be sourced from external grant funding.

5. Integrated Impact Assessment

A first stage impact assessment has been undertaken and is appended as (Appendix 2) to assist the Council in discharging its legislative duties (under the Equality Act 2010, the Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

The first stage assessment has indicated that a more in-depth assessment is not required.

6. Valleys Communities Impacts

Cefn Coed is one of a number of important heritage sites in Neath Port Talbot's valleys. These sites will be identified in the Culture Strategy currently being developed.

7. Workforce Impacts

There are no workforce impacts associated with this report.

8. Legal Impacts

There are no legal impacts associated with this report

9. Risk Management

The Future Options Report identifies a number of risks and key recommendations associated with the site.

10. Consultation

Chris Delaney and Associates did consult with internal and external stakeholders during the production of the report. Wider consultation will be undertaken by Counterculture as part of developing a Culture Strategy for NPT.

11. Recommendations

It is recommended that Members approve the options outlined in the report, in principle, subject to the identification of funding streams.

12. Reasons for Proposed Decision

The proposal will enable the Authority to plan and explore future options for the development of the Cefn Coed museum site.

13. Implementation of Decision

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

14. Appendices

1. The Cefn Coed Colliery Museum: Options for the Future Report - Chris Delaney and Associates.
2. Impact Assessment.

15. List Background Papers of

None.

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