









CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE UPDATE:

COMMUNITY REGENERATION, PUBLIC PROTECTION & HOUSING: DECEMBER 2020

	Measure	Status at 29 September 2020	Current Status	Notes / Comments
	Council advice and support around business closures	1,053	2,836	+1,783
	Number of joint visits made by Environmental Health; Trading Standards and Licensing officers	225	423	+198
	Number of fixed penalty notices issued by the Council in relation to business closures/ social distancing	0	37	--
	Transforming Towns Thematic Covid-19 response grant – percentage spent to date	Awarded: £365,000	Spend to Date: £50,051	+£50,051
	Local Sustainable Transportable Measures Covid-19 Fund – percentage spent to date	Awarded: £414,000 Spend to Date: £21,747	Spend to Date: £42,675	+£20,928
	Total number of support funding secured by businesses in Merthyr Tydfil with total value	(a) Number of Businesses: 1524 (b) Spend to date: £20,240,825	Number of Businesses: 2299 Spend to date: £22,499,315	Businesses supported: +775 Spend to date: +£2,258,490
	Number of households in temporary accommodation (as at w/c 18.12.2020)	127 TOTAL: 62 x B&B 9 x HMO 4 x Private Lease Hostels = 20 31 x other supported TA	Homelessness presentation continue to increase	--
	Total funding secured to enable provision of intensive support for Phase 2 of Recovery	£1,615,042	£867,616 MMC x 8 units MVH £40,000 PRS project 2 x 1 bed flats £37,100 regional outreach project led by RCT	See comments below

Further details below

Highlights since last reporting period:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">•	<p>Reallocation of approx. £700K of Welsh Government Phase 2 funding originally designated for conversion of Neighbourhood Learning Centre, now being considered for additional 6 modular homes with Merthyr Valley Homes. To be sited on Gurnos Estate. Awaiting Welsh Government approval. Neighbourhood Learning Centre proposal withdrawn as project cannot be delivered by 31st March 2020. Alternative funding stream (possibly ICF) to be considered for this project at a future date.</p> <p>Plans for Private Landlord project at Trevethick Street– conversion of 2 bed house into 2 x 1 bed flats now submitted to Planning Department. Objections received from residents. Await planning decision to confirm whether project will proceed. <i>£40k Welsh Government Phase 2 funding at risk if project cannot complete.</i></p> <p>Both projects form part of Covid 19 homelessness exit strategy.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•	<p>Significant cutback of vegetation on town centre path to ensure adequate footway widths to aid social distancing.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•	<p>Introduction of permanent bollards on lower High Street to restrict vehicular access and improve the pedestrian environment.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">•	<p>A further increase in the level of finance support to businesses, now including the additional grant funding linked to the latest round of lockdown.</p>
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