



## **HOUSING AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – FOR INFORMATION**

**SUBJECT: REGENERATION BOARD – PROJECT PROPOSALS**

**REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR EDUCATION AND CORPORATE SERVICES**

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- 1.1 The attached report, which was adopted by Cabinet on 29th May 2019, recommended the second tranche of priority schemes for Regeneration Project Board Development Funding to Cabinet.
  - 1.2 It was noted that at its meeting on 30th May 2018, Cabinet agreed that a Regeneration Project Board would be set up with a cross party political representation of Councillors plus key officers. This group is supported by a Regeneration Assessment Panel consisting of officers from a range of service areas.
  - 1.3 Since its initial meeting on the 3rd October 2018, The Regeneration Assessment Panel has met to consider the first suite of seven projects which have been identified by the Board to move to Assessment Stage. The first tranche of these projects (four in number) were approved at Cabinet on 13th February 2019.
  - 1.4 The report sought agreement for the second tranche (remaining three projects) identified by the Regeneration Project Board and assessed by the Assessment Panel to be endorsed.
  - 1.5 Cabinet were asked to note that since the previous report there has been an increase in the budget allocation, increasing from £300k to a total of £1.5m. In addition, since writing the report, the Ystrad Mynach Park and Ride bid for Local Transport Funding has been unsuccessful. Officers have arranged a meeting with Welsh Government (WG) to ascertain the reasons for the funding refusal but as a result, Cabinet were asked to note that this could result in the project coming back to the Regeneration Project Board for additional funding in order to deliver the project.
  - 1.6 Cabinet discussed the report at length and recommended some amendments to the Assumptions section of the report to highlight that costings are based on 2019 prices and estimates and also to clarify that Cwmcarn Forest Drive is based in Cwmcarn and not Risca. Further discussions took place around the Scheme at Ystrad Mynach and Cabinet sought clarification on the consultation process undertaken. Officers confirmed that Local Ward Members were consulted as part of this reporting process, however, there has also been extensive consultation undertaken as part of the Ystrad Mynach Master Plan, of which the scheme is an integral part and some objections have been raised in relation to the Park and Ride access and use of the School Playing Fields, which has been addressed as part of the consultation and Master Plan.
  - 1.7 Following consideration and discussion, it was moved and seconded that the recommendations in the report be approved. By a show of hands, this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's Report:

- i) the progress of the Tranche 2 Projects be endorsed;
- ii) it be agreed that £75,000 of the Regeneration Board remaining Project Development Fund of £1.21m be allocated to the Tranche 2 Priority schemes identified by the Regeneration Project Board.

1.8 The Scrutiny Committee are asked to note the contents of the report as an information item.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Cabinet Report dated 29th May 2019