



CABINET

MINUTES OF THE MULTI-LOCATIONAL MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL 2023 AT 1PM

PRESENT:

Councillor S. Morgan – Chair

Councillors:

J. Pritchard (Cabinet Member for Prosperity, Regeneration and Climate Change), C. Andrews (Cabinet Member for Education and Communities), S. Cook (Cabinet Member for Housing), E. Forehead (Cabinet Member for Social Care), N. George (Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Property), P. Leonard (Cabinet Member for Planning and Public Protection), C. Morgan (Cabinet Member for Waste, Leisure and Green Spaces), J. Simmonds (Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation) and E. Stenner (Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance).

Together with:

C. Harry (Chief Executive), R. Edmunds (Corporate Director Education and Corporate Services), M.S. Williams (Corporate Director Economy and Environment)

Also in Attendance:

S. Harris (Head of Financial Services and S151 Officer), R. Tranter (Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer), S. Pugh (Head of Communications), M. Lloyd (Head of Infrastructure) E. Sullivan (Senior Committee Services Officer).

RECORDING AND VOTING ARRANGEMENTS

The Leader reminded those present that the meeting was being live streamed, and a recording would be made available to view via the Council's website, except for discussions involving confidential or exempt items. [Click Here To View](#).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from D. Street (Corporate Director Social Services and Housing)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

3. MINUTES – 22nd MARCH 2023

Subject to the inclusion of Councillor C. Andrews (Cabinet Member for Education and Communities), as she had been omitted and the removal of Councillor C. Morgan (Cabinet Member for Waste, Leisure and Green Spaces), as he had given apologies, from the list of those in attendance at the meeting it was: -

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd March 2023 be approved as a correct record.

4. CABINET FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME – TO NOTE

Cabinet was provided with the Cabinet Forward Work Programme, which detailed the scheduled reports until 26th July 2023.

Following consideration and discussion, it was moved and seconded that the Forward Work Programme be noted. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

5. A469 TROEDRHIWFUWCH FUNDING REQUIREMENT

Consideration was given to the report which sought Cabinet approval for capital funding of £935k to allow progression and development of the detailed design and budget estimates for the next phase of the A469 Troedrhifuwch highway improvement.

Cabinet noted the historic slip issues in this area which had be exacerbated during Storm Dennis. An extensive site investigation had indicated that the depth and extent of the disturbance area within the landslip was not as great as that initially indicated and a potential engineering solution had been identified, although the road could not be fully reopened without remediation works. Funding was now required to take the project forward, and a bid to the Welsh Government Resilient Roads Fund (RRF) had been submitted and support had been agreed although no specific sum has been confirmed.

Cabinet noted the complex nature of this natural fault line and welcomed the opportunity to secure an engineering solution to the slip plane that ran throughout this area of highway. Cabinet acknowledged the significant disruption that this ongoing issue had on residents, utility services, schools and local businesses in the area and sought clarification as to how the community would be kept informed on progress and how the impact of remediation works would be mitigated.

Officers confirmed that a newsletter would be circulated to every household in the area, and this newsletter would continue to be produced and circulated to ensure that residents were kept up to date during every phase of the works.

Cabinet felt that this regular communication would be vital, given the length of time that these issues had been present and the extent of the works required to bring back into full use this major highway link.

Following consideration and discussion, it was moved and seconded that the recommendations contained in the Officer's report be approved and by way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's report: -

1. The funding of £935k from Capital Earmarked Reserves to allow the project to continue to progress at pace in 2023/24 to ensure that additional monitoring is

undertaken and design works are completed be approved.

2. Should the Resilient Roads Fund grant bid for £835k be approved in the coming weeks/months, the £835k be earmarked as match funding for the next RRF bid (in late 2023/24) for construction be approved.
3. Further reports be brought forward for Cabinet consideration once the design has progressed sufficiently to inform the works programme and to update Cabinet on any implications associated with that works programme.
4. Officers develop a detailed communication plan to ensure local residents and key stakeholders are fully engaged and informed throughout the development and implementation of this project.

6. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES FOR LEARNING BAND B PROPOSAL – UPDATE TRINITY FIELDS SCHOOL

This item stood deferred until the next meeting of Cabinet, 19th April 2023.

7. WASTE AND RECYCLING STRATEGY

This item stood deferred to a future meeting of Cabinet.

The meeting closed at 13.24 p.m.

Approved and signed as a correct record subject to any corrections made at the meeting held on 19th April 2023

CHAIR