



CABINET – 21ST JANUARY 2015

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF SOUTH EAST WALES VALLEYS LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN

REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES AND SECTION 151 OFFICER

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- 1.1 The attached report which sought Members' views on the draft South East Wales Valleys Local Transport Plan (LTP) and reported the responses from statutory and public consultation, was considered by the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee on 9th December 2014. It seeks the views of Cabinet before it is referred to Council for determination.
 - 1.2 Members were advised that the Welsh Government requires all local authorities in Wales to produce LTPs in accordance with WG LTP guidance, which will replace the 4 Regional Transport Plans (RTPs) currently in place across Wales. The LTP has to be submitted to WG by 31st January 2015 and as such there has been a very short timescale to produce the LTP. On 29th October 2014, Cabinet gave approval for a joint South East Wales Valleys Local Transport Plan to be produced by Caerphilly, Rhondda Cynon Taf, Torfaen, Blaenau Gwent and Merthyr Tydfil Councils, with RCT identified as the lead authority for the plan.
 - 1.3 Members were advised that in line with the WG requirements that the LTP cannot refer to rail/trunk road schemes, a number of amendments would need to be made to the LTP prior to the final version being submitted, including removal of Appendix 2 of the LTP Consultation Report. Members were also advised of accelerated developments in regards to the scheme to extend park and ride facilities at Ystrad Mynach Rail Station, with recent DDA and station improvement works facilitating the opportunity to bring forward this plan to within the next 12-18 months and therefore increasing the Priority Rating against this scheme from 6 to 2.
 - 1.4 In response to Member consultation feedback received regarding LTP scheme programmes, Officers suggested that a scheme could be added to the LTP to improve the signalised junction serving the Pengam Park and Ride Site.
 - 1.5 Members commented on the need for an improved road and public transport infrastructure around the county borough, with these comments noted by Officers. A query was raised in regards to the short consultation timelines with it advised that despite the short WG deadline submission date for the LTP, sufficient notice was given to all consultees.
 - 1.6 Following consideration of the report, the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee unanimously recommended to Cabinet and Council that for the reasons contained therein, and subject to amendments to the LTP as detailed by Officers, the South East Wales Valleys Local Transport Plan be adopted.
 - 1.7 Members are asked to consider the recommendation.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Report to Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee on 9th December 2014
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