

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD
CABINET BOARD - 17 DECEMBER 2015
ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS CABINET BOARD

Cabinet Board Members:

Councillors: E.V.Latham (Chairperson) and P.D.Richards

Officers in Attendance:

M.Roberts and Mrs.T.Davies

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor E.V.Latham be appointed Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS CABINET BOARD HELD ON 29 OCTOBER 2015 AND THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 6 NOVEMBER 2015**

Noted by the Committee.

3. **AIR QUALITY UPDATING AND SCREENING ASSESSMENT 2015-2021**

Decision:

That the contents of the 2015-2021 Updating and Screening Assessment Report be noted, and that report be made available to the public and other stakeholders via the Authority's website and a copy sent to the Welsh Assembly Government for information.

Reason for Decision:

To provide information about air quality in accordance with legislative requirements.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

4. **FLEET ASSET REGISTER**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

5. **HIGHWAY STRUCTURES ASSET PROTECTION AND MAINTENANCE**

Decision:

That the progress to date on the Authority's bridge assessment and strengthening programme, carried out in accordance with the Code of Practice (as detailed at Appendix A to the circulated report) be noted, and that the forward assessment programme, as detailed at Appendix B to the circulated report, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

To maintain the integrity of the structural assets on the Authority's highway network.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

6. **LIST OF APPROVED CONTRACTORS**

Decision:

That contractor 1- 3 (as detailed within the circulated report) be included on the Approved List for the relevant categories.

Reason for Decision:

To keep the Approved List up-to-date and as far as possible ensure a competitive procurement process, and for the purpose of supplying a List of Contractors for invitation to tender within the relevant category.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

Consultation:

The Approved List of Contractors is promoted on NPT web pages through local events.

7. **MOT TESTING FACILITY AT TREGELLES COURT**

Decision:

That the proposal to install a Vehicle Test Station at the vehicle maintenance workshops at Tregelles Court, Neath Abbey, Neath, and an application be submitted to the DVSA to become a designated Council/authorised Examiner and conduct MOT testing for the classes of vehicles as detailed within the circulated report, be approved.

Reasons for Decision:

1. To increase the efficiency of the Authority through reducing unnecessary downtime incurred by staff having to go off-site to present vehicles for testing;
2. To produce financial savings on its own fleet as well as generating income from external sources;
3. To offer a professional service to the taxi trade, which will reduce taxi testing costs;
4. To provide an impartial class 4, 5 & 7 testing facility to the public and staff, at a competitive rate, whilst adding value to the area;
5. To secure jobs within the section by taking on additional work, whilst the current fleet is being reduced.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

8. **QUARTER 2 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS - ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

9. **MISSED BIN POLICY**

Decision:

That the 'Missed Bin Policy' as detailed at Appendix A to the circulated report, be approved, but be renamed 'Missed Bin Guidelines', as recommended by the Scrutiny Committee.

Reason for Decision:

To formalise guidelines in relation to 'missed' waste collection.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

Consultation:

The item has been subject to external consultation.

10. **HIGHWAY ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Decision:

That the revised Highway Asset Management Plan, as detailed within the circulated report, be endorsed, and that a note be added concerning congestion on the local road network caused by traffic conditions at Sunnycroft and Baglan (Rutherglen) roundabouts for which Welsh

Government are responsible, be added, as recommended by the Scrutiny Committee.

Reason for Decision:

To continue the Authority's progress with taking forward Highway Asset Management Planning.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

11. **FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN 2015-2021**

Decision:

That the draft Flood Risk Management Plan 2015-21 executive summary and full document be submitted to Natural Resources Wales prior to the deadline of 21 December 2015.

Reason for Decision:

To enable the Authority to fulfil its duty as Lead Local Flood Authority.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

Consultation:

This item has been subject to external consultation.

12. **URGENCY ACTION 1271 - EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC ORDERS, CRYMLYN BURROWS**

Decision:

That the following urgency action taken by the Director of Environment, in consultation with the requisite Members, be noted:-

Officer Urgency Action No. 1271

Experimental Traffic Orders, Crymlyn Burrows.

13. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16**

Decision:

That the Forward Work Programme be noted.

CHAIRPERSON