

# **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **Environment and Highways Cabinet Board**

7 July 2016

### **Report of the Head of Engineering & Transport**

D. W. Griffiths

#### **Matter for Decision**

**Wards Affected:** All

#### **Acceptance and Use of the Neath Port Talbot Specification for the Constructions of Roads for Adoption**

#### **Purpose of Report**

- 1 To seek Members' approval for the acceptance and use of the updated highway specification standards regarding new streets and public realm in new residential and commercial developments.
- 2 To seek Members' authority for delegated powers to be given to the Director of Environment and the Head of Engineering and Transport to make future alteration to the highway specification in line with changes to the national highway specification.

#### **Executive Summary**

- 3 This is to introduce new specification standards to replace the existing standards which are 15 years old and will bring about more up to date use of materials for developments.

#### **Background**

- 4 The current adopted specification standards used by the Authority were revised in 2001 and since then there have been a number of changes in national highway specification standards. Therefore the current adopted highway specification standards of the Authority do not reflect the changes of the national highway specification standards. However not all of the elements within the national

highway specification standards are appropriate for residential streets which has led to the production of the Authority's highway specification standards to deal with these changes to ensure quality roads are constructed and have a good life span reducing future maintenance costs.

### **Financial Impact**

- 5 None as the highway specification standards as approved will be held on the Council's web site.

### **Equality Impact Assessment**

- 6 A Screening Assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010. After completing the assessment it has been determined that this proposal does not require an Equalities Impact Assessment

### **Workforce Impacts**

- 7 The introduction of the new highway specification standards will have no workforce impact.

### **Legal Impacts**

- 8 The introduction of the new highway specification standards will have no legal impact.

### **Risk Management**

- 9 The current highway specification standards give a more up to date specification to ensure users of the highway will have a safe highway to use. It will also ensure materials used are standard and will not present any danger to staff undertaking future maintenance.

### **Consultation**

- 10 There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item. A consultation has been undertaken with internal divisions within the Environment Directorate. There were a

number of replies and all comments raised by the relevant divisions within the Environment Directorate have been incorporated into the highway specification standards accordingly.

### **Recommendations**

- 11 It is RECOMMENDED that authority is granted to accept the use of these highway specification standards and to grant delegated powers to the director of Environment and Head of Engineering and Transport, to make any future changes to the Neath Port Talbot Specification for the Construction of Roads for Adoption as required.

### **Reason for Proposed Decision**

- 12 To ensure that highway elements of a new residential or commercial development are constructed to the current highway standards that will support the health and wellbeing of the residents that live on these streets.

### **Implementation of Decision**

- 13 The decision is proposed for implementation after the three-day call-in period.

### **Appendices**

- 14 None

### **List of Background Papers**

- 15 Specification for the Construction of Roads for Adoption.

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