

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Streetscene & Engineering Cabinet Board

13 April 2018

Joint Report of

Head of Engineering & Transport - D. W. Griffiths

Head of Property & Regeneration – S. Brennan

Head of Planning & Public Protection – N. Pearce

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: Neath North

Incorporation of Council Land into the Highway

Purpose of Report

1. Members are requested to approve the dedication of a section of Council owned land adjacent to Water Street in Neath, as highway verge.

Executive Summary

2. To formally dedicate as highway verge, a section of Council owned land, under Section 24(2) of the Highways Act 1980.

Background

3. The Council own a section of verge adjacent to Water Street in Neath, as approximately shown edged in Black on the attached plan which is held under the control of Property and Regeneration Section.
4. The Neath Town Centre redevelopment requires that Fairfield Way is stopped up and Water Street is made suitable for two way traffic. Adopting this area of land as highway verge will facilitate the widening of Water Street to enable Water Street to be suitable for two way traffic and allow the stopping up of Fairfield Way.

5. The proposal is to dedicate these areas of land as highway verge maintainable at public expense, under Section 24(2) of the Highways Act 1980 – the power to construct new highways.

Financial Impact

6. Future maintenance costs will be the responsibility of the Highway Authority which would be offset by its inclusion in the annual maintenance grant submission to the Welsh Government.

Equality Impact Assessment

7. 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

8. There are no workforce impacts associated with this report.

Legal Impacts

9. As a result of the dedication land will form part of the highway maintainable at public expense.

Risk Management

10. If not dedicated as highway maintainable at public expense ongoing maintenance liability would rest with Property & Regeneration.

Consultation

11. There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

Recommendations

It is recommended that:-

12. The section of land becomes highway verge maintainable at public expense.

Reason for Proposed Decision

13. To enable the land to become highway verge facilitating the widening of Water Street to allow two way traffic and stopping up of Fairfield Way.

Implementation of Decision

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

Appendices

15. Appendix A - Plan

List of Background Papers

16. None.

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Appendix A

