

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

24 SEPTEMBER 2021

STREETSCENE AND ENGINEERING CABINET BOARD

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: M.Harvey (Chairperson) and P.A.Rees

Officers in Attendance:

D.Griffiths, M.Roberts, P. Jackson, J.Smith, N.Headon and C.Plowman

Scrutiny Invitees:

Councillors: S.Penry (Chair) and R.W.Wood (Vice Chair)

Invitee:

Councillor R.Jones

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor M.Harvey be appointed Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Decision:

That the Minutes of 2 July 2021, be approved.

4. **RE-ALLOCATION OF HIGHWAY CAPITAL MONIES RELEASED BY 2020/21 GRANT FUNDING**

Officers highlighted that the items in the report were priority safety issues.

Decision:

Having given due regard to the first stage Integrated Impact Assessment that approval be granted for additional works to be carried out as part of the 2021/2022 Works Programme, as detailed in the circulated report.

Reason for Decision:

To maintain assets for which the Council is responsible and address community concerns in relation to same.

Implementation of Decision:

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

5. **RENEWAL OF LIGHTING AT MANOR DRIVE, GLYNNEATH**

Officers highlighted a number of these had already been dealt with as part of the investment programme of the Council, and were applying the same process that had been carried out under the main renewal programme.

Decision:

Having given due regard to the first stage integrated impact assessment, that approval be granted for officers to seek permission and formal agreement from Aberpergwm Estate to enter Manor Drive and renew lighting under the Public Health Act, as detailed in the circulated report.

Reason for Decision:

To address the issue of life expired street lighting infrastructure in Manor Drive, Glynneath.

Implementation of Decision:

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

6. **NEATH TOWN CENTRE LIGHTING COLUMN REPLACEMENT**

It was noted that if the lighting was not renewed separate columns and separate power supplies would need to be put in place, hence the measures highlighted in the circulated report.

Decision:

Having given due regard to the first stage Integrated Impact Assessment, that approval be granted for the street lighting column replacement work in Neath Town Centre to be funded by a £60K one-off savings in the lighting energy budget associated with the ongoing SALIX funding low energy lamp replacement work, as detailed in the circulated report.

Reason for Decision:

To address ageing infrastructure and community needs.

Implementation of Decision:

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

7. **ELECTRIC CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR FLEET VEHICLES**

Decisions:

Having given due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment:

1. That the development of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points and Photovoltaic Solar Panels at the Quays to support the Councils EV fleet transition plan, as detailed in the circulated report, be approved.
2. That approval be granted for an application for grant funding be submitted to Welsh Government Energy Service (WGES) and Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV) to partly finance the project and to further authorise £516k of borrowing over 25 years to fund the project.
3. That development of an EV charging policy for staff to utilise this service, be approved.

Reason for Decisions:

This proposal will support the Councils decarbonisation agenda and forms part of the actions in the DARE strategy. It will also support the planned transition of the Council Fleet to zero emission vehicles in line with W.G's ambitions, as set out in Welsh Governments Prosperity for All Document of 2019, a Low Carbon Wales Proposal 4.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

8. **ZERO EMISSIONS FLEET TRANSITION PLAN**

Decisions:

Having given due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment:

1. That the Fleet Transition Plan, as detailed in the circulated report, be approved.
2. That the submission of the Fleet Transition Plan to the Welsh Government Energy Service by the due date (22 October 2021) in line with the requirements set out in Welsh Governments Prosperity for All Document 2019, a Low Carbon Wales, be approved.

Reason for Decisions:

The Fleet Transition Plan will provide a definitive timeline of when vehicles are to be renewed and what they are to be replaced with. The Transition Plan is a Management tool which will help the Council budget for the increased costs that will be incurred with E.V's. and identify any saving that may arise from the transition.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

9. LIST OF APPROVED CONTRACTORS

Decisions:

Having given due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment approval be granted for the List of Approved Contractors be amended as follows:

Companies to be **added** to the List of Approved Contractors:

R C Cutting & Co. T/A Cuttings (C073)

Category - 66

RTS Tree Specialist Ltd (R041)

Categories - 2, 84, 101, 102

DTS Tree Services Ltd (D043)

Category - 101

Maxim Systems Ltd T/A Maxim Play
(M052)

Categories – 104, 111

John F Hunt Power Ltd (J020)

Category - 2

Twinfix Ltd (T036)

Categories – 110, 111

Company to **add additional categories** on the List of Approved Contractors:

RDM Electrical Services Limited T/A

RDM Electrical and Mechanical
Services (R015)

Categories – 39, 40, 57, 59

Reason for Decisions:

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

Implementation of Decisions:

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

10. **WELSH GOVERNMENT PROPOSED 20MPH DEFAULT SPEED LIMIT ACROSS WALES**

It was noted that officers would be seeking to submit the Councils consultation to Welsh Government following the full Members Seminar which would be held on 27 September 2021.

Members questioned how feasible it was to limit traffic to 20mph and how popular was it with the public, officers explained that they understood and shared Members concerns and would be working closely with ward Members and our internal communications team in working with individual communities as the 20mph default progressed.

It was highlighted that with reference to feedback from the community in Cilfrew which was used as a pilot, the community were largely supportive of the pilot, though noted that public there were happy in the cul-de-sac location, but officers would be meeting with individual ward Members with regard to the main arterial routes across the county borough moving forward.

Officers explained that they would be working closely with Ward Members before submitting a plan to Welsh Government.

Decision:

That the report be noted.

11. **FOOTWAY/CYCLEWAY LINK TO EGLWYS NUNNYDD AND ST DAVIDS PARK, MARGAM**

Officers explained with regard to the query on page 211 and 212 of the circulated report in terms of speed, it was confirmed that it should state '*a reduction in the National speed limit along the A48 route from 60mph to 40mph*'.

The Local Member for the Margam Ward thanked officers for their hard work.

Decisions:

That having given due regard to the Integrated Impact Screening Assessment:

1. That approval be granted to construct a shared footpath/cycleway to serve the residents of Eglwys Nunnydd and St Davids Park, Margam.
2. That the £550k within the Highways Improvement programme be allocated to this scheme from within the Council's existing Capital programme, profiled over two consecutive financial years 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 to facilitate the phased delivery of the scheme, be approved.
3. That the Director of Environment and Regeneration be granted delegated powers to enter into agreements with land owners to secure land to facilitate the construction of the footway/cycle path.
4. That the construction work be undertaken by the Council's Streetcare Services over the two year period.

Reason for Decisions:

To provide a safe walking and cycle footpath for the residents of Eglwys Nunnydd and St Davids Park and the wider community in the interest of road safety.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

12. **TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER/S: GLAIS TO PONTRDAWE**

Decision:

Having given due regard to the integrated impact assessment that approval be granted to advertise the 40 mph Speed Limit Traffic Regulation Order at the A4067 Glais to Pontardawe (Neath Port Talbot Council boundary to Pontardawe), as detailed in the circulated report, and if no objections are received that the proposals be implemented on site as advertised.

Reason for Decision:

To help reduce traffic speed in the interest of road safety.

Implementation of Decision:

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

13. **TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER/S: CILFREW**

It was noted that this is part of the Cilfrew 20mph pilot.

Decision:

Having given due regard to the integrated impact that the objections be overruled to the 20 mph Speed Limit Traffic Regulation Order at Cilfrew Village, Neath (Various Streets, Cilfrew) (Revocation) and (20 mph Speed Limits) Order 2021, as detailed in the circulated report and be implemented on site as advertised and the objectors be informed of the decision accordingly.

Reason for Decision:

To help reduce traffic speed in the interest of road safety.

Implementation of Decision:

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

14. **TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER/S: CIMLA ROAD, NEATH**

Decision:

Having given due regard to the integrated impact assessment that approval be granted to advertise the Individual Disabled Parking Place traffic regulation order at No. 135 Cimla Road, Neath, SA11 3UE, as detailed in the circulated report and if no objections are received that the proposals be implemented on site as advertised.

Reason for Decision:

To allow the successful applicant to maintain their independence and quality of life.

Implementation of Decision:

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

15. **TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER/S: BLAENGWRACH**

Decision:

Having given due regard to the integrated impact assessment that approval be granted to advertise the proposed Chain Road, Blaengwrach, Glynneath – Proposed No Waiting, Loading and Unloading at Any Time Order 2021, as detailed in the circulated report and if no objections are received that the proposals be implemented on site as advertised.

Reason for Decision:

To prevent indiscriminate parking in the interest of road safety.

Implementation of Decision:

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

16. **TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER/S: NEATH**

Decision:

Having given due regard to the integrated impact assessment that approval be granted to advertise the Neath Abbey Road and Ffordd Yr Hen Gaer, Neath – Proposed No Waiting, Loading and Unloading At Any Time Order 2021, as detailed in the circulated report and if no objections are received that the proposals be implemented on site as advertised.

Reason for Decision:

To prevent indiscriminate parking and assist in traffic flow in the interest of road safety.

Implementation of Decision:

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

17. **TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER/S: BRYNCOCH**

Decision:

Having given due regard to the integrated impact assessment that approval be granted to advertise the Main Road, Margaret Street, Bryncoch - Proposed Prohibition of Waiting, Loading or Unloading at Any Time traffic regulation order, as detailed in the circulated report and if no objections are received that the proposals be implemented on site as advertised.

Reason for Decision:

To prevent indiscriminate parking in the interest of road safety.

Implementation of Decision:

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

18. **TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER/S: RIVERSIDE, NEATH**

Decision:

Having given due regard to the integrated impact assessment that approval be granted to advertise Riverside (Brickyard Cottages), Neath - Proposed Prohibition of Waiting, Loading or Unloading at Any Time traffic regulation order and the Proposed Goods Loading Only traffic regulation order, as detailed in the circulated report and if no objections are received that the proposals be implemented on site as advertised.

Reason for Decision:

To prevent indiscriminate parking and allow Goods Loading only in the interest of road safety.

Implementation of Decision:

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

19. **TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER/S: ALLTWEN**

Decision:

Having given due regard to the integrated impact assessment that the objection is overruled to (Gwyn Street and Heol Phillip, Alltwen, Pontardawe) (Prohibition of Waiting at Any time) order 2021, as detailed in the circulated report and the scheme be implemented as advertised and the objector be informed of the decision.

Reason for Decision:

The proposed scheme will prevent indiscriminate parking and assist with traffic flow in the interest of road safety.

Implementation of Decision:

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

20. **TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER/S: PORT TALBOT**

Decision:

Having given due regard to the integrated impact assessment that approval is granted to advertise the proposed Pen Y Cae and Gwar Y Caeau, Port Talbot – Proposed No Waiting, at Any Time Order 2021, as detailed in the circulated report and if no objections are received that the proposals be implemented on site as advertised.

Reason for Decision:

To prevent indiscriminate parking in the interest of road safety.

Implementation of Decision:

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

21. **TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER/S: TONNA**

Decision:

Having given due regard to the integrated impact assessment that approval be granted to advertise the Traffic Calming Measures at Tonna, Proposed 20 mph speed limits at B4434 Dulais Fach Road, Station Road, Riverside, Taibanc and Brunel Close, Tonna traffic regulation order and Proposed B4434 Dulais Fach Road, Tonna – Proposed speed cushions traffic regulation order as detailed in the circulated report and if no objections are received that the proposals be implemented on site as advertised.

Reason for Decision:

To help reduce traffic speed in the interest of road safety.

Implementation of Decision:

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

22. **TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER/S: A483 FABIAN WAY**

Decision:

Having given due regard to the integrated impact assessment that approval be granted to advertise the proposed A483 Fabian Way - Proposed speed limit revisions, as detailed in the circulated report and if no objections are received that the proposals be implemented on site as advertised.

Reason for Decision:

The scheme will help to reduce traffic speed in the interest of road safety.

Implementation of Decision:

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

23. **PROHIBITION OF WAITING AT ANY TIME ORDER: TONNA**

Decision:

Having given due regard to the integrated impact assessment that the objections are up held to the proposed (Henfaes Road and Park Street, Tonna) (Prohibition of Waiting at Any time) Order 2021, as detailed in the circulated report and the scheme be withdrawn and the objectors be informed of the decision.

Reason for Decision:

There were no expressions of support received for the scheme with the majority of those responding objecting to the proposals.

Implementation of Decision:

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

24. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2021/2022**

The Forward Work Programme was noted.

CHAIRPERSON