



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 24 September, 2020

Cabinet Members Present:

Councillor A Morgan (Chair), Councillor M Webber (Vice-Chair),
Councillor R Bevan, Councillor A Crimmings, Councillor M Norris,
Councillor J Rosser, Councillor R Lewis, Councillor C Leyshon and
Councillor G Hopkins

Agenda Item : 12

SUBJECT: Cynon Gateway North (Aberdare Bypass)

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed –

1. To note the progress made and endorse the next steps in the programme for the project;
2. To give delegated authority to the Group Director Prosperity, Development and Frontline Services to submit a planning application on behalf of the Council for the new Cynon Gateway North (Aberdare Bypass);
3. To give delegated authority to the Group Director Prosperity, Development and Frontline Services, subject to funding, to negotiate the purchase of any third party owned land required for the project proposal and where possible acquire such land by agreement and if such land is not able to be purchased via negotiation delegate the powers as outlined in paragraph 2.1.4 relating to the implementation of the CPO and SRO;
4. That subject to the grant of planning permission and obtaining sufficient funding for each stage of the process, give delegated authority to the Group Director Prosperity, Development and Frontline Services to take all the necessary steps to securing the making, confirmation and implementation of a CPO and SRO in respect of the land required for the implementation of the project, including but not limited to the following procedural steps:
5. That all steps up to and including confirmation of the CPO and SRO by the Welsh Ministers (or if permitted, by the Council pursuant to Section 14A Acquisition of Land Act 1981), including the preparation and presentation of the Council's case for any Written Representations, Hearing or Public Inquiry which may be necessary.
6. That publication and service of notices of confirmation of the CPO and SRO and thereafter to execute and serve any General Vesting Declarations and/or Notices to Treat and Notices of Entry.
7. To acquire the necessary interests in the land and settle the compensation, subject to funding.
8. That referral and conduct of disputes, relating to compulsory purchase compensation, to the Upper Tribunal (Lands Chamber).

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

The need to update Cabinet on the current progress related to the development and delivery of the major transportation project: Cynon Gateway North (Aberdare Bypass) and to obtain delegated authority from Cabinet for the Group Director Prosperity, Development and Frontline Services to submit a planning application on behalf of the Council for the project.

3. LINKS TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES/FUTURE GENERATIONS - SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:

The Cynon Gateway North supports a number of the authorities' own plans, policies and strategies that relate not only to transport, but the wider local agenda.

The proposals to construct the Cynon Gateway North will make a significant contribution towards the Corporate Priority of Prosperity. The Corporate Plan 2020-24 itemises the A465 Cynon Valley Link Road (Cynon Gateway North) as one of the points in the plan under Delivering major regeneration and transportation schemes. The proposal has a significant impact on improving accessibility and connectivity which is recognised as a fundamental factor in linking the labour market with employment opportunities and supporting economic activity.

The project directly addresses the Corporate Plan commitment to invest in highways infrastructure and to improve the transport network.

4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:

Consultation has commenced and will continue with the stakeholders and parties affected by the Cynon Gateway North proposals and these include the Council's departments, Welsh Government (and their technical advisors), statutory bodies, statutory undertakers and third parties whose land is required for the proposals.

Local Members affected by the Cynon Gateway North have been consulted, including the A465 dualling project and more recently a Members Briefing was held on 14th January 2020 for the project.

5. PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION BY A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL:

None

6. PERSONAL INTERESTS DECLARED:

None

7. DISPENSATION TO SPEAK (AS GRANTED BY STANDARDS COMMITTEE):

N/A

8. (a) IS THE DECISION SUBJECT TO CALL-IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

Yes

Note: This decision will not come into force and may not be implemented until the expiry of 3 clear working days after its publication i.e. **30 September 2020** to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

8.(b) IF NO, REASONS WHY IN THE OPINION OF THE DECISION-MAKER THE DECISION IS EXEMPT OR NON APPLICABLE:

I. COUNCIL / SCRUTINY FUNCTION (CALL IN IS THEREFORE NON APPLICABLE):-
Reason: N/A

II. URGENT DECISION:-
Reason N/A

8.(c) IF DEEMED URGENT - SIGNATURE OF PRESIDING MEMBER OR DEPUTY PRESIDING MEMBER OR HEAD OF PAID SERVICE CONFIRMING AGREEMENT THAT THE PROPOSED DECISION IS REASONABLE IN ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES FOR IT BEING TREATED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULE 17.2:

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(PRESIDING MEMBER)

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(Dated)

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