



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 13 December, 2021

Cabinet Members Present:

Councillor A Morgan (Chair), Councillor M Webber (Deputy 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 : 13

SUBJECT: Outcome Of Active Travel Consultation Exercise : Next Steps

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed –

1. To note the comments received during the period the active travel consultation exercise was live and the response of the Council to these comments, including making proposed changes to the draft Active Travel Network Map
2. To note the next stage of the active travel consultation process and endorse the submission of the final version of the Active Travel Network Map and supporting documents to the Welsh Government – by no later than 31st December 2021.

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

The Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 places a statutory duty on local authorities to consult, plan and develop a network of high-quality active travel (walking and cycling) routes within their area. Each local authority must produce an Active Travel Network Map which sets out its aspirations for proposed new active travel routes within its area and improvements to existing routes. Since this legislation was enacted, the Welsh Government has been providing support to local authorities to assist them in their duties implementing the provisions of The Act.

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

The aim of the Active Travel legislation and related policies is to promote more sustainable forms of transport amongst the population, such as walking and cycling for short journeys and non-recreational purposes. The aims and objectives being to improve the health and well-being of local residents and their access to key facilities and services, as well as reduce congestion and improve local air quality and road safety.

These aims are linked to the objectives covering health and prosperity as set out in the Council's Corporate Plan. They also meet a number of the goals set out in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015; for example, a prosperous Wales, a more equal Wales, a healthier Wales and a Wales of cohesive communities.

It is considered that promoting active travel journeys amongst local residents and developing a network of routes throughout RCT also supports the objectives set out in the current Well-being Plan (2018 - 2023) prepared by the Cwm Taf Public Services Board.

4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:

The report relates to a significant, statutory consultation exercise that was undertaken and which has drawn responses from 146 stakeholders.

Certain actions of the Council, in response to consultee comments set out in the report, will in themselves require further public and stakeholder consultation to enable implementation.

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 to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

The closing date for Call-In is 5pm on the 16 December 2021

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 OFFICER OR DEPUTY PRESIDING OFFICER 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:

.....
(PRESIDING OFFICER)

.....
(Dated)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

PUBLICATION

Publication on the Councils Website:- **Monday, 13 December 2021**

APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION: ✓