

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

CABINET: 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2016

REFERENCE FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT):  
8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2016

“917 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT TASK AND FINISH GROUP OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – UPDATE ON ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN (DEH) –

The Head of Visible Services and Transport provided Members with an updated on the progress made on the implementation of the actions contained within the Traffic Management Task and Finish Group report.

The Traffic Management Task and Finish Group Report had been considered by the Scrutiny Committee on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 and an update report on progress was received by the Committee on 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2015. At that time, one of the recommendations made was that the Scrutiny Committee receives updates on the delivery of the Implementation Plan in April 2016.

Appendix A to the report provided a detailed update on the Plan and the recommendations highlighted in green had either been completed or were on track for completion, those highlighted amber were currently being progressed and recommendations highlighted in red were noted as having not yet started.

Although the Appendix illustrated that some actions had not been progressed to date, there was a commitment to consider the final two actions over the forthcoming year. However, of note was the fact that the majority of actions had been significantly progressed or were complete and were being duplicated within the adopted Local Transport Plan 2015. The report recommended that the two work stream reports be combined in the future to enable the Scrutiny Committee to receive updates in one single report from 2016/17 onwards.

Members were pleased to note that the majority of the 28 improvement actions contained within the Plan had been progressed, either internally using existing funding or delivered through transport grant, Section 106 finance or Section 278 Highway Works as a part of new development, capital funding, or other grants that had become available either through the public or private sectors.

Following a query from a Member in relation to a suggestion that a cycleway be provided at Gilbert Lane, on noting that this had also been discussed at the previous meeting of the Committee and recorded in the minutes, the Member stated that it had not been their intention for the route to be for school children as his request had been for a route for people to cycle from Barry to Cardiff. However, the Head of Service, in response advised that the Barry Docks Link Road was unsafe to cross and the Department could therefore not encourage the public to cross that road for health and safety reasons. It was also to be noted that the pathway also had a high gradient. However, the Head of Service could advise that a future route was

proposed from the McDonalds roundabout to the Murch which the Department would be promoting in the future.

In referring to queries with regard to schemes on Barry Island, the Head of Service responded that there were a couple of schemes taking place on the Island, one to consider an improved cycleway and that work was also being undertaken by Welsh Water, who were due to be offsite by Easter. Again, in relation to the Barry Island Link Road, discussions would be taking place with the developers (the Consortium) as much as possible, although the final work was not expected to be completed until the Summer. The Chairman suggested that an invitation be extended to Consortium representatives to attend a future meeting of the Committee to provide the Committee with an update on the work being undertaken to date and the timescale for completion.

In referring to the bus lane at Port Road, Members were informed that a dedicated bus lane had been planned which was part of a Welsh Government funded scheme for the Metro in order to assist commuters in getting to Cardiff. Improved cycle and walking facilities were also earmarked at that location with improvements to be made to key junctions.

Having considered the report, it was subsequently

#### RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the update on the Traffic Management Task and Finish Group Implementation Plan as detailed at Appendix A to the report be accepted and referred to Cabinet for consideration and / or approval.
- (2) T H A T a further update report on the delivery of the Traffic Management Task and Finish Group Implementation Plan as part of the Local Transport Plan update report be presented in February 2017.
- (3) T H A T Consortium representatives developing the Barry Island Link Road be requested to attend a future meeting of the Scrutiny Committee to provide details of the work being undertaken and the timescales involved.

#### Reasons for recommendations

- (1) To apprise Members and seek Cabinet approval.
- (2) To monitor progress on the Implementation Plan as part of the Local Transport Plan.
- (3) In order that Members can be apprised of the work being undertaken and timescales involved.”

Attached as Appendix – [Report to Scrutiny Committee \(Economy and Environment\): 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2016](#)