

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 5TH OCTOBER, 2026

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 23RD JULY, 2026

**“C52 WAYCOCK CROSS TO CARDIFF AIRPORT ACTIVE TRAVEL
ROUTE (DL/SP) (SCRUTINY – PLACE) –**

The Deputy Leader presented the report to update Cabinet on the development of the Waycock Cross to Cardiff Airport Active Travel Route, outline progress to date, and seek approval for delegated powers and funding arrangements to progress delivery.

Councillor Williams said that the Waycock Cross area was important to the Vale of Glamorgan and would look to reduce the number of cars from the Western Vale and encourage more cyclists along the route. He was pleased to see the link from east to west.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the progress made on design, statutory approvals, and preparatory work for the Waycock Cross to Cardiff Airport Active Travel Route be noted.
- (2) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Director of Environment and Housing and Head of Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Sustainable Places, the Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, the Chief Executive, and Head of Finance / Operational Manager Financial Services to proceed with land negotiations, tender preparation, funding applications, procurement of required professional services and contractors and the evaluation and award of contracts necessary to deliver the project.
- (3) T H A T the submission of external funding bids to the Regional Transport Authority to secure delivery funding for the scheme be endorsed.
- (4) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Director of Environment and Housing and Head of Neighbourhood Services to progress with a tender for construction of the scheme and to accept the preferred tender(s) following the evaluation and completion of the tender process.

(5) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services to progress and enter into a New Engineering Contract (NEC) for the construction of the scheme, following a successful tender and contractor appointment.

(6) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Director of Environment and Housing and Head of Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Sustainable Places, the Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, the Chief Executive, and Head of Finance/S151 Officer / Operational Manager Financial Services to enter negotiations for the acquisition of land (indicated in Appendices A-G) required for construction for the scheme, whether by financial consideration or other mutually agreed means.

(7) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services to complete all necessary legal documentation associated with the acquisition of land.

(8) T H A T the need and use of the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) in the public interest be endorsed, should land negotiations fail to proceed.

(9) T H A T the report be referred to Full Council for consideration of the use of delegated powers regarding the use of Compulsory Purchase Orders as a function of Full Council.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To keep Cabinet informed of progress on design development, statutory approvals, and preparatory work for the Waycock Cross to Cardiff Airport Active Travel Route, ensuring transparency and oversight of this strategic infrastructure project.

(2) To enable timely delivery of the scheme by granting delegated authority for land negotiations, tender preparation, and funding applications. The approach avoided delays that could arise from returning to Cabinet for each operational decision.

(3) To secure external funding opportunities from the Regional Transport Authority, reducing reliance on Council resources and supporting the Council's commitment to sustainable transport and active travel objectives.

(4) To enable the timely progression of the construction tender for the scheme. The approach ensured the project could advance without delay, maintained continuity in delivery, and allowed procurement activity to be managed efficiently within established operational and governance frameworks. It also supported the Council's commitment to delivering the scheme within planned timescales and budget parameters by allowing necessary decisions to be taken promptly as the project developed.

- (5) To allow efficient progression to construction by delegating authority to enter into a New Engineering Contract (NEC) for the first and second phases, which ensured compliance with procurement regulations and accelerated project delivery.
- (6) To facilitate completion of the first and second phase by authorising land acquisition as detailed in Appendices A-G, ensuring that all necessary land was secured for the full implementation of the route.
- (7) To ensure that all legal documentation required for the land acquisition was completed efficiently and in accordance with statutory, regulatory, and governance requirements. The delegation enabled the necessary legal processes to progress without delay, supported timely delivery of the project, and ensured that all agreements, contracts, and associated documents were executed correctly to protect the Council's legal and financial interests.
- (8) To safeguard the public interest and project viability by endorsing the potential use of Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) powers should negotiations fail, ensuring that the scheme could proceed without undue delay.
- (9) To comply with governance requirements by confirming that a further report would be presented to Full Council, as Cabinet does not hold delegated powers to authorise the use of CPOs which maintained legal and constitutional integrity."**

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