

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 16TH MARCH, 2021

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 8TH MARCH, 2021

“C514 DINAS POWYS TRANSPORT NETWORK WELTAG STAGE TWO PLUS (NST) (SCRUTINY – ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION) –

The Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport presented the report to update Cabinet on progress with the WelTAG Stage Two Plus Outline Business Case and make recommendations for the next steps.

The report provided Cabinet with an update on progress of the Dinas Powys Transport Network WelTAG Stage Two Plus Outline Business Case study.

The Stage Two plus study had been completed by technical consultants Arcadis Consulting Ltd and assessed the Do-minimum scenario plus four options in consideration of an enhanced transport network through the Dinas Powys transport corridor, including:

- Option A - Bypass – Green Route (east of Dinas Powys interconnecting with the A4055 at Cardiff Road and the Merrie Harrier Junction);
- Option B - Bypass – Pink Route (east of Dinas Powys interconnecting with the A4055 at Cardiff Road and the Merrie Harrier Junction, inclusive of an interim roundabout near Murch Road);
- Option C - Multi-modal;
- Option D - Bypass (Green Route) and Multi-modal.

It was recommended that the study was taken forward for completion of a 12-week statutory public consultation exercise during the 2021/22 financial year subject to funding being approved by Welsh Government for continuation of the work. The consultation would be undertaken prior to a decision being made to progress a preferred option to WelTAG Stage Three.

On the basis of the current WelTAG Stage Two Plus study, it was considered that Option D had merit in being taken forward for further consideration at the next stage of assessment (subject to the completion of public consultation), based on the potential social, cultural and economic benefits and value for money identified.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

The Cabinet Member noted that the scheme had unfairly become known as the Dinas Powys Bypass, but that the scheme contained considerably more than just a bypass. He also noted that work to date had been funded from within Neighbourhood Services and Transport reserves and was not sustainable work without assistance.

Councillor King added that he had received an email from a resident prior to the meeting, but that the issues raised were not pertinent to the current report, as Cabinet had decided previously not to pursue the longer road link into Barry, a decision that had been supported via the Scrutiny process and by Dinas Powys ward Members. Councillor King intended to reply to the resident explaining the situation and would also refer the correspondence to the Chair of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee for consideration, together with the Cabinet report, which may wish to explore some of the concerns raised in the email.

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

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the progress made on the Dinas Powys Transport Network WelTAG Stage Two Plus study be noted.

(2) T H A T, subject to Welsh Government providing Local Transport Grant Funding in 2021/22, the project be taken forward for completion of a 12-week statutory public consultation exercise prior to a decision being taken by the Vale of Glamorgan Council to progress to a WelTAG Stage Three study.

(3) T H A T the report be referred to the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

Reasons for decisions

(1) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting

(2) A transport grant submission had been made to Welsh Government for 2021/22 to allow for public consultation on the WelTAG Stage Two Plus report in line with WelTAG (2017) guidance. Following that consideration by the Vale of Glamorgan Council to determine whether to go forward to Stage Three with the recommended option.

(3) To allow consideration of the matter by the relevant Scrutiny Committee.”