

Decision Schedule



Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Assets

TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

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The Cabinet Member took the following decisions on 25 January 2024. They will become effective at Noon on 2 February 2024 with the exception of any particular decision, which is the subject of a valid "call-in".

The deadline for submission of a 'Call-in' request form is 4.00 pm on 1 February 2024.

Information relating to the 'Call-in' process can be found via [Democratic Services](#).

Reports relating to staffing issues/Confidential reports are not circulated to all members of the Council as part of the consultation/call-in processes.

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Transport for Wales Consultation – New Stations between Cardiff and Severn Tunnel Junction with Improved Cross Border Services

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

The South East Wales Transport Commission (SEWTC) was established by the First Minister to investigate sustainable ways to tackle congestion on the M4 in South East Wales. The recommendations of the Commission were published on 26 November 2020 and were accepted in full by the Welsh Government.

The Welsh Government established the Burns Delivery Unit to take forward the SEWTC recommendations, which included several transport proposals within the City of Newport. Officers continued to work closely with the unit, including their role as the appropriate Planning and Highway Authority.

The Burns Delivery Unit were undertaking a high-level public consultation exercise to obtain feedback on their proposals to enhance rail service provision linking South East Wales with Bristol and Cheltenham, with the addition of five new railway stations on the South Wales Main Line, of which three were located within Newport.

Whilst the Council was broadly supportive of the proposed enhancements, which were consistent with our declaration of an Ecological and Climate Emergency, the proposals as presented included several unresolved issues, including local access and facility design / operation. Accordingly, our proposed response set out concerns where appropriate.

In parallel, we continued to discuss proposals with representatives from the Burns Delivery Unit and wider Transport for Wales representatives.

This Paper sought Cabinet Member approval to submit the response at Appendix A

Decision

The Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Assets approved the proposed consultation response at Appendix A

Consultation

Head of Law and Standards, Head of People, Policy and Transformation and Head of Finance.

All members were consulted and provided with an opportunity to comment. Any comments received and response thereafter are set out in the report.

Implemented By: Head of Infrastructure

Implementation Timetable: Immediate

COUNCILLOR L LACEY, CABINET MEMBER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND ASSETS

Date: 25 January 2024
