

CABINET

30th OCTOBER 2023

NOTICE OF MOTION REFERRED FROM COUNCIL (13TH SEPTEMBER 2023) LLANDEILO BYPASS

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To consider the Notice of Motion regarding Llandeilo Bypass and to agree on any further actions.

Reasons:

Full Council, at its meeting held on the 13th September 2023, referred a Notice of Motion in respect of Llandeilo Bypass to the Cabinet.

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted N/A

Cabinet Decision Required	YES
Council Decision Required	NO

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:

Councillor Edward Thomas – Cabinet Member for Transport, Waste and Infrastructure Services

Directorate:

Ainsley Williams

Director of Place and
Infrastructure

Llinos Jenkins

Cabinet Support Officer

LISJenkins@carmarthenshire.gov.
uk

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**CABINET
30th OCTOBER 2023**

NOTICE OF MOTION REFERRED FROM COUNCIL (13th SEPTEMBER 2023) LLANDEILO BYPASS

At County Council on the 13th of September, the following Notice of Motion was agreed and is presented to Cabinet for further discussion:

“Llandeilo bypass

Council notes that the WELTAG1 report on the Llandeilo bypass in 2018 categorially eliminated as impractical, the concept of diverting HGVs away from Llandeilo town centre, without a bypass.

Council further notes that the Deputy Minister for Transport recently announced his intention to potentially resurrect this option pending further investigations. This would undoubtedly see HGV operators seeking shortcut diversions through rural villages in neighbouring wards on unsuitable roads or incur extra cost and time because of distance travelled. The impact would be felt by business in Llandeilo town who rely on HGVs for inward and outward deliveries, and an access only approach would render such action as ineffective and unenforceable.

This Council calls on the Deputy Minister to reconsider his announced intention and to adhere to the findings of the 2018 report. Furthermore, this council requests that the Welsh Government promptly publishes the results of the WELTAG 2 consultation undertaken in November 2020 and makes good on the commitment made in 2016/17.”

Latest information:

Discussions between Carmarthenshire County Council officers and Welsh Government officers have continued. The latest discussion took place on the 20th July 2023 where Carmarthenshire County Council officers set out concerns over the practicalities and effectiveness of potential options for managing traffic flow on the existing route through Llandeilo. Concerns were also raised with respect to diverting HGVs away from the town, setting out the resultant negative impacts and difficulties on the surrounding County road network.

Questions were asked about the likelihood of funding for the full bypass scheme and the outcome of the most current Weltag appraisal. The difficulties and challenges associated with constructing a bypass were articulated by WG officers, including budgetary challenges.

Carmarthenshire County Council's position was reaffirmed, stating that there should be a commitment from WG for the full bypass scheme, as that is the only practical solution, accepting that appropriate mitigations would be necessary to address concerns identified by the Weltag process.

Welsh Government officials committed to consider our views and hold further discussions with the Deputy Minister for Climate Change and update Carmarthenshire accordingly sometime in the Autumns 23.

Recommendation:

Carmarthenshire County Council now write a further letter to Welsh Government (Deputy Minister for Climate Change) setting out the Council's position and to formally request the information set out in the Notice of Motion.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	No
----------------------------------	-----------

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed: n/a

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: n/a

1. **Scrutiny Committee** Not applicable
2. **Local Member(s)** Not applicable
3. **Community / Town Council** Not applicable
4. **Relevant Partners** Not applicable
5. **Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations** Not applicable

CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED - YES

Cllr Edward Thomas supported the NoM at the County Council meeting on the 13th September 2023

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Council Meeting 13 th September 2023 Link to agenda and minutes		https://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=155&MId=6875&Ver=4

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

N/A