

CABINET

30th September 2024

NOTICE OF MOTION – HEART OF WALES LINE

Purpose:

To consider the Notice of Motion referred to Cabinet by County Council on the 10th July 2024

KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:

To agree on the progress of the Notice referred to Cabinet by County Council:–

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Council believes that the decision to reduce this service, and the lack of investment in stock over the last decade could jeopardise the long-term future of the line.

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Reasons: Notice of Motion referred to Cabinet by County Council.

Cabinet Decision Required	YES	Council Decision Required	N/A
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CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER: -
Cllr Edward Thomas. Cabinet Member for Transport, Waste and Infrastructure Services

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The Notice of Motion was agreed at County Council in July 2024. A letter has been sent from the Cabinet Member for Transport, Waste and Infrastructure Services to Welsh Government expressing the views of 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: Daniel John

Head of Environmental Infrastructure

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
None	None	None	None	None	None	None

CONSULTATIONS

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

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Head of Environmental Infrastructure

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 MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED:- YES

**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
Minutes of the County Council meeting held 10 th July 2024		Minute 10.1