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Meeting Venue:

Unit 29 Ddole Road Enterprise Park, Ddole Road, Llandrindod Wells,

Powys, LD1 6DF

Meeting date:

Monday, 20 November 2017

Meeting time: 9.30 am

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#### **AGENDA**

# 1. APOLOGIES

To receive apologies for absence.

#### 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

To receive the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017. (Pages 5 - 10)

## 3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive announcements from the Chairman.

#### 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of interests in relation to items to be discussed on the agenda.

# 5. AVELING ROLLER AND LIVING VAN EP3339 'THE RADNORSHIRE ROLLER' (9.30 - 9.45)

To discuss arrangements for the storage and upkeep of the Radnorshire Roller (Aveling Roller and Living Van EP3339).

# 6. WELSH AMBULANCE SERVICE TRUST (9.45 - 10.15)

To receive an update in relation to the operation of the Welsh Ambulance Service Trust.

7. REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS (10.15 - 11.30)

To receive reports from, and to put questions to, Cabinet Portfolio Holders:

- a. Councillor Stephen Hayes Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Adult Social Care
- b. Councillor Martin Weale Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Regeneration and Planning:
  - i. Tourism
  - ii. Business Support / Regeneration
  - iii. Planning Function

# 8. WASTE AND RECYCLING (11.30 - 12 NOON)

To receive an update in relation to waste and recycling functions.

# 9. REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO MEMBERS SERVING ON OUTSIDE BODIES

To receive reports from, and to put questions to, members serving on outside bodies.

# 10. ROAD SAFETY AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT (12.15)

To consider a Presteigne – Safe Routes in Community Network report. (Pages 11 - 16)

# 11. INFORMATION AND ARCHIVES SERVICE (12.30)

Update in relation to the operation of the facility and tour afterwards.

## 12. CORRESPONDENCE

To receive items of correspondence.

# 13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note the date of the next meeting – 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

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Radnorshire 13th September 2017

# MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RADNORSHIRE HELD AT COMMITTEE ROOM A - COUNTY HALL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS, POWYS ON WEDNESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2017

**PRESENT:** County Councillor B Baynham – Chairman

County Councillors K W Curry, J Evans, D O Evans, L Fitzpatrick, E M Jones, H Lewis, MC Mackenzie, R Powell, GD Price, P Roberts, M Weale, A Williams, J Williams and G I S Williams

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors J Gibson-Watt and C Mills.

### 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2017. During discussion and update particular reference was made in relation to:

- a. Workshops a confidential brief had been provided for members and could be issued on request by the clerk. The headline figures being that the Council has 170 workshop sites and occupancy is typically around 90%. Members welcomed the update and requested a more detailed discussion at the next meeting when the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regeneration would be attending for an update and question and answer slot
- b. Llandrindod Town it was felt by members that very visible areas of Llandrindod could be improved (prominent buildings and areas visible on entry to the town). The local member for Llandrindod north (Councillor Gary Price) reported that the matter had been discussed by the town council and links had been made with the Welsh Government. The Authority had issued Section 215 notices to relevant building owners which would remind them of their duty to maintain the sites they own. The Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Planning (Councillor Weale) reported that he recognised the wider impact of the condition of properties and had been discussing the condition and use of the auto-palace with the owner
- c. **Elan Valley Works (Nantmel)** members were shown pictures of the Nantmel works site and it was noted that there had been an event held yesterday when the borer had broken through the surface. There had been works at Bleddfa and there would be future works at Knighton as part of a programme to refurbish connections to the network from the Elan Valley dam. Severn Trent Water had engaged well with communities

## 3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported on the following:

- Garden Awards members were encouraged to stay after the meeting for the a. annual garden award presentations
- Waste Awareness Training members were welcome to attend waste b. awareness training which would be held in the afternoon
- Knighton Hospital the Chairman had attended the opening of a new family C. suite which had been funded by the friends of the hospital. The suite would be available for the families of those receiving palliative care
- Queen's Baton Relay there had been an event held at Rhayader town. d. Members expressed concern regarding the absence of media coverage. The event was very significant and the baton was being taken around the UK as part of a ceremony to support the pending Commonwealth games. Members and the Portfolio Holder agreed that the Council's communications department could not have done any more to help publicise and promote. There had been twitter feeds, website updates etc. The Portfolio Holder would review actions taken. It was felt by members that media coverage in general for Powys events was poor. The Authority has no control over what is reported, however, good links are important. There are a number of high profile events staged in Powys and It was agreed to write to media organisations to remind publicity is important. them of the importance of good media coverage for Powys events. Members and residents could help in publicising and promoting events using social media

#### 4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest from members in respect of items to be discussed on the agenda.

RADNORSHIRE ROLLER (AVELING EP3339) AND LIVING VAN (10.10 -5. 10.20)

It was agreed to discuss the matter in more depth at the next meeting.

#### **POLICING IN RADNORSHIRE (10.20 - 11.00)** 6.

Members welcomed Inspector Brian Jones, Dyfed-Powys Police to the meeting for this item of business. During update and discussion particular reference was made to:

- **Inspector Jones** the inspector informed members that he was from a farming a. family, had worked and lived locally for years and was very aware of the ways of rural life. This local knowledge would help in understanding issues. Inspector Jones is the partnership link within the force
- Local Links Inspector Andrew Pitt would shortly be taking over from Brian as b. the Radnorshire link for members. Andrew views linking with members as important
- Police and Crime Delivery Plan 2017 2021 priorities for the police are set C. out in the police and crime delivery plan. The plan places a greater emphasis on engaging with communities. Links with members and Radnorshire to consider local issues would be valuable
- Recruitment recruitment had been an issue and there had been a review of d. positions and the structure. The current position being that there's a full complement of staff in positons for the Dyfed-Powys area Page 4

- Crime Rates there's an annual seasonal crime peak in July where there are e. usually increases in thefts in order to fund substance misuse
- Rural Crime/Theft there are designated rural operations which focus on rural f. crime i.e. theft of livestock and machinery. There are good links between the force and the Authority's Trading Standards department
- **Designated Operations** there are a number of focused police operations g. which are identified by operation name
- Boy Racing members were informed that the police had been successful in h. removing three driving licences from local boy racers within the last 12 months
- i. 101 - calling 101 works well and can link residents with named contacts guickly. Calling 101 also allows for more detailed information regarding officer movements to be provided i.e. if officers are on leave and not expected in that information can be helpful to callers
- **Local Input** information and intelligence provided by members and the public j. is very valuable
- Intelligence Gathering/Arrests the police often rely on having to use k. intelligence gathered over a period of time before they are able to act and arrest. It can sometimes seem as if the police are not acting quickly, however, more often than not they are working on gathering information to support making
- I. Cyber Crime – there are changing patterns to crime. A significant amount of crime is carried out using the internet and is not visible. Monitoring of internet based crime is a matter for HQ in London

Members thanked Inspector Jones for his update and agreed that links with the shire and police are important.

#### 7. **SEVERN TRENT WATER - PAYMENT SCHEMES (11.00 - 11.15)**

Katie Wood, Customer Relations, Severn Trent Water attended the meeting for this item of business. During discussion and update particular reference was made to:

- Payment Schemes there are a number of payment schemes and funds to a. support those in financial hardship who are finding it difficult to meet water costs
- **Engagement** Severn Trent view engagement with communities as very b. important
- Water Meters there are around 3 million dwellings connected to Severn Trent C. water and around a third of those have water meters fitted. Meters had proven positive in terms of residents paying for what they actually use as opposed to being charged on fixed rates regardless of use. Meter installation is free and removal can be arranged, however, it could take up to 24mths for the removal to take place
- Rateable Value water supply costs are based on the rateable value of d. dwellings. The value was set a number of years ago and can be challenged (there's an application process for re-assessment)
- Dolly (Community Information Van) in an attempt to advise communities of the support available through Severn Trent to help with payment management a van loaded with information named Dolly could visit communities upon request. Katie would encourage members to contact her with details of local events so that she could arrange visits
- f. **Public Conveniences** – a member queried the operation of public conveniences and whether there would be benefits from operating meters at sites Page 5

Members thanked Katie for attending.

# 8. REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS (11.15 - 12.15)

Members welcomed the opportunity to receive reports from, and to put questions to, Cabinet Portfolio Holders.

## Councillor Liam Fitzpatrick – Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Highways

- a. Savings / Budget Cuts the services with the portfolio are very visible to the public. There had been cuts in recent years which had removed 53.4% to the operating budget
- b. **Depots** there are two depots in Radnorshire (Penybont and Llangammarch). The Portfolio Holder would welcome members meeting with operatives and in viewing operations. Members would be welcome to approach the depot with a view to taking part in activities i.e. waste collections
- c. **Income Generation** there's potential to provide services in order to bring in income
- d. **Apprentice Schemes** nine apprentice positions had been offered
- e. **Car Parking** members were urged to respond to the car parking report proposal which would be considered by Cabinet in October. Views from members to help shape options for consideration would be very important. Income from car parking charges supports the provision of public transport. Members would welcome pre-scrutiny consideration of proposals for car parking prior to a Cabinet decision or discussion. The Portfolio Holder agreed to discuss scrutiny arrangements with the Democratic Services Manager (Wyn Richards)
- f. **Scrutiny Function** during discussion members agreed the importance of prescrutiny input especially in relation to matters being considered by Cabinet for determination
- g. **Grass Cutting** Cabinet would be considering options including providing the service in-house
- h. **Traffic Regulation Orders** Cabinet would lift the moratorium on TROs in respect of speeding traffic and traffic calming measures. The moratorium had been in place since 2008
- i. **Engaging with Members and their Communities** the portfolio holder would welcome engagement and input from communities regarding ideas and opportunities for their areas

# Councillor James Evans – Cabinet Portfolio Holder: HR, Communications and ICT

- Radnorshire Young Farmers Club the last time the Portfolio Holder attended a Radnorshire committee meeting had been as a young farmer which was years ago
- b. **Recruitment and Retention** there are recognised recruitment and retention issues that would be addressed. There would be a period of targeted recruitment to look to appoint to vacant positions. Members welcomed targeting and for the area of recruitment and retention to be recognised. There are wider considerations that would extend across the Council in terms of making Powys a

- place that people would want to live and work in i.e. sports, leisure facilities, supporting local businesses
- c. Apprentice Schemes / Careers Fair there's a drive to operate more apprentice schemes. Last year's Powys Careers Fair was very popular, there would be a 2018 fair
- d. **Health and Safety** there are four health and safety advisors and a secondment of a team member to the health board. There had been a review of towered housing in response to the Grenfell Tower incident. Dwellings meet safety standards
- e. **Welsh Community Care Information System (WCCIS)** the system went live in April and allows for the local authority and health service to have joint use. The system allows for the sharing of patient information
- f. **E-mail** the Authority's contract with the NHS for use of their e-mail system is nearing an end (it had been a five year contract). There are options to explore in terms of use of web-based systems
- g. **Mobile Phones** the decision to provide members with mobile phones had been taken by the previous portfolio holder. The portfolio holder would be reviewing the position given that members had experienced issues with operating them. The review would include re-considering whether they were fit for purpose. A member queried the cost of the contract for mobile phones for members against the budget (£10k had been identified, the contract rate for all members being around £12,450k)
- h. **Skype** using skype in order to modernise IT activity would continue to be explored. The telephone system had moved to being skype based. There are some teething problems and the positon would be monitored
- Events the Council supports a number of very significant and important events which are held in Powys each year. Events which are very important to the local economy
- j. **Staff Awards** the Portfolio Holder reported that 70 applications had been received for the 2017 staff awards
- k. **Intranet** the intranet would be re-vamped which would include providing intranet information bilingually in order to meet requirements (the intranet site needs to be bilingual by 2018 in order to comply with a Welsh Government standard)
- Social Media the Council recognises the importance of social media and operates relevant accounts. There's a programme of social media staff training. Members could help in responding to matters raised via. social media
- m. **Telephony** customer service operatives managed 10,000 calls in-year and received 2000 e-mail service contacts
- n. **Income Generation** opportunities to generate income from the selling of services would continue to be considered/identified
- o. **Complaints Procedure** there would be a review of the complaints procedure. The Portfolio Holder is of the view that members could be more involved in terms of looking to resolve matters locally and before they become issues to complain about
- p. **Community Area Meetings** Cabinet recognise the importance of good engagement with communities and would be reviewing how to work with town and community councils
- q. **Engagement Policy** the Cabinet view engagement with the community, businesses and other service provider partners as important
- r. **Community Awards** Cabinet would introduce a community award scheme in order to recognise those in the community who excel

- s. **Income Generation** the Portfolio Holder would continue to explore options for generating income from services within his portfolio
- t. Freedom of Information a member raised a matter in relation to the previous Portfolio Holder having removed publicising information provided under FOI to the internet. The member also expressed concern in relation to the operation of the unit in terms of the sharing of details of the requester to departments which he felt was not in-line with the spirit of FOI and was in breach of the legislation governing the processes to be followed. The Portfolio Holder would review the issues raised and discuss matters with the unit

# 9. REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO MEMBERS SERVING ON OUTSIDE BODIES (12.15 - 12.30)

Members welcomed the opportunity to receive reports from, and to put questions to, member serving on outside bodies.

Members appointed to the following positions:

Group	Shire Representative
Local Development Plan Working Group	Hywel Lewis and David Evans
Tenants Liaison Forum	Jonathan Williams
Llandrindod Areas Twinning Society	Pete Roberts
Brecon and Radnor Sports Partnership	Gary Price
Powys Community Endowment Fund	Michael Jones and Maureen MacKenzie
Powys Community Health Council	Peter Roberts and James Gibson-Watt
Powys Standing Advisory Council for	Ang Williams
Religious Education	
Sportslot Community Chest	Gary Price
Wyeside Board of Trustees	Maureen MacKenzie

#### 10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and would, if possible, be held at the Powys Archives and Information Unit, Ddole Road.

## 11. GARDEN AWARDS (12.30 - 13.30)

Members attended the annual garden awards ceremony. The standard of entries this year, again, had been very high.

County Councillor B Baynham Chairman

#### CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

# RADNORSHIRE COMMITTEE 20th NOVEMBER 2017

**REPORT AUTHOR:** Jo Lancey

**SUBJECT:** Presteigne Safe Routes in Community Network

REPORT FOR: Decision / Discussion / Information

# **Summary**

Following the statutory consultation of the safe routes to school proposals, a number of objections were received concerning the proposed parking restrictions on Slough Road.

5 objections were received and these are found at Appendix 1. The objections consist of residents being unable to park outside their house and parents being unable to park outside the school. The inconsiderate parking is causing safety concerns for children travelling to and from school by foot or cycling, and to uphold the objections would have a negative effect to the overall scheme.

#### **Proposal**

It is proposed to over-rule the objections received to the parking restrictions

### One Powys Plan

Stronger, Safer & Economically Viable Communities – The proposal will help prevent the regularly occurring inconsiderate parking and create safer routes and crossing points for the community, particularly the vulnerable road users travelling to and from school.

#### **Options Considered/Available**

Option 1 To proceed with the proposed parking restrictions on Slough Road – this will create a safer environment due to the removal of inconsiderate parking when the safer routes to schools scheme is completed.

Option 2 Uphold the objections – This would allow the inconsiderate parking to carry on and create an unsafe environment for children who wish to cycle or walk to school

#### **Preferred Choice and Reasons**

The preferred choice would be Option 1. This will prevent inconsiderate parking along the safer routes.

<u>Sustainability and Environmental Issues/Equalities/Crime and Disorder,/Welsh Language/Other Policies etc</u>

Not Applicable

# <u>Children and Young People's Impact Statement - Safeguarding and Wellbeing</u>

Not Applicable

### Local Member(s)

As member for Presteigne Ward I recognise there have been a small number of concerns and reservations raised regarding the Safe Route to School. I also recognise there is a long standing problem with traffic accessing the Primary School at peak times, this scheme is trying to address these issues to make improvements. Therefore after careful consideration; and taking into account the scheme as a whole I wish to register my support for the proposed works

## Other Front Line Services

Not Applicable

# <u>Support Services (Legal, Finance, Corporate Property, HR, ICT, Business Services)</u>

The Finance Business Partner Place notes the contents of the report, any costs incurred would be funded from the Presteigne Safe Routes in Community Network Grant

Legal Services have reviewed the proposals and have no issues except to ensure the proper process for implementing the Traffic Regulation Order is followed.

#### Local Service Board/Partnerships/Stakeholders etc

Not Applicable

#### **Corporate Communications**

The report is of public interest and requires use of news release and social media to publicise the decision.

## **Statutory Officers**

The Strategic Director Resources (Section 151 Officer) notes the comments made by Finance.

The Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer) has commented as follows: note the legal comment and have nothing to add to the report".

# **Members' Interests**

The Monitoring Officer is not aware of any specific interests that may arise in relation to this report. If Members have an interest they should declare it at the start of the meeting and complete the relevant notification form.

# **Future Status of the Report**

Not Applicable

Recommendation:		Reason for Re	commendation:	
That the objections be over- ruled and the proposals implemented as advertised		reduce conge	To prevent inconsiderate parking and reduce congestion along the safer routes network	
Relevant Policy (ies):				
Within Policy:	V / N	Within Budget:	V/N	

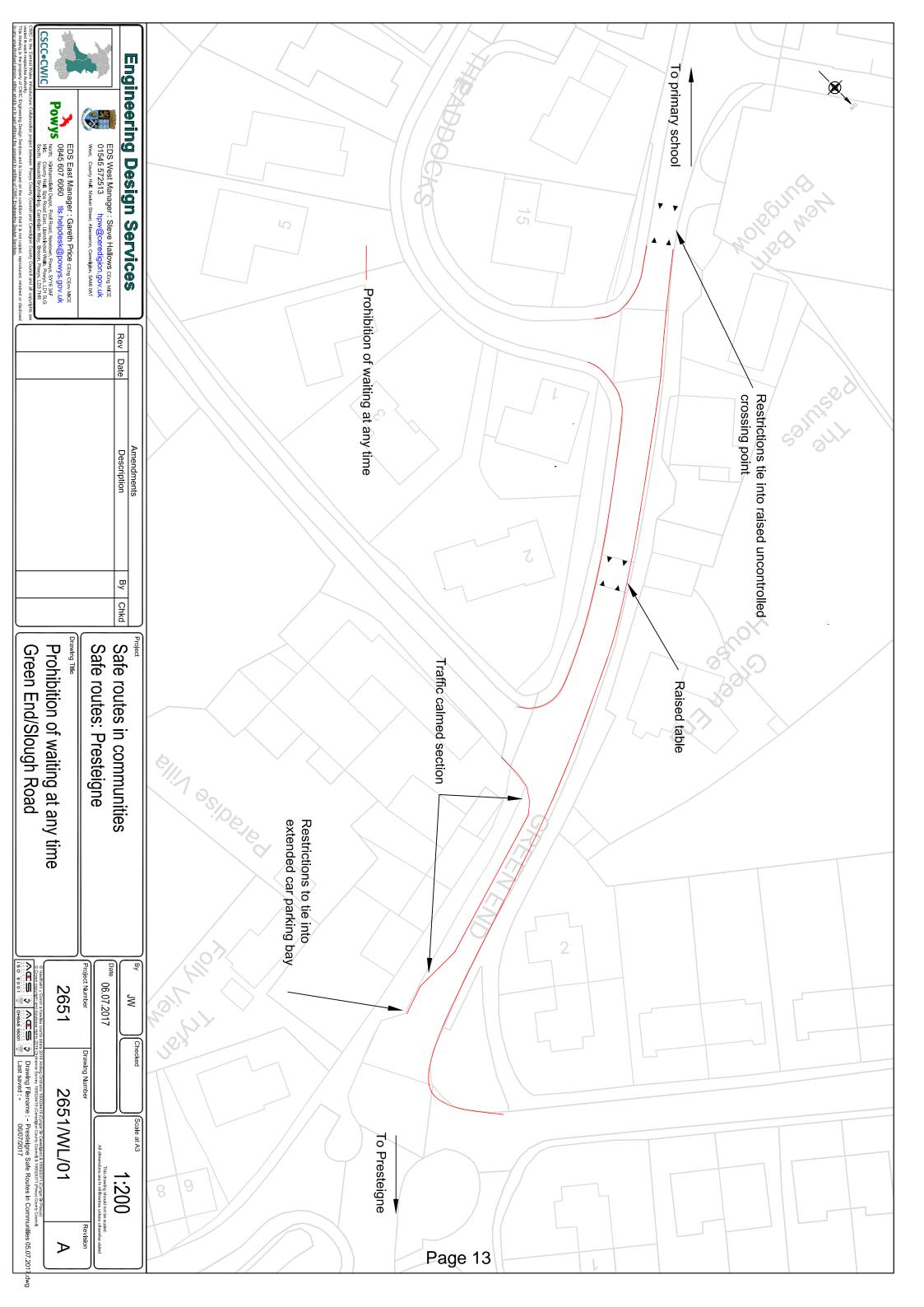
Relevant Local Member(s):	Cllr Beverley Baynham

Person(s) To Implement Decision:		
Date By When Decision To Be Implen	nented:	

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# **Background Papers used to prepare Report:**







#### CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

# RADNORSHIRE COMMITTEE 21st NOVEMBER 2017

**REPORT AUTHOR:** Jo Lancey

**SUBJECT:** Pentrosfa, Llandrindod Wells - Traffic Calming

REPORT FOR: Decision / Discussion / Information

#### Summary

Par Homes have recently developed land adjacent to Pentrosfa and as part of the development they are required to include traffic calming within the new development and also along some of the existing development. The development is now near completion and Par Homes are ready to install all of the necessary traffic calming. The costs for the traffic calming will be wholly borne by the developer

#### **Proposal**

It is proposed to introduce traffic calming in the form of speed cushions along the relevant roads on the existing development and within the new development.

### **One Powys Plan**

Stronger, Safer & Economically Viable Communities – The proposal will help create safer routes and crossing points for the community, particularly the vulnerable road users travelling to and from school by keeping speeds to a minimum.

#### **Options Considered/Available**

Option 1 Do nothing — This would prevent the developer introducing the proposed traffic calming that forms part of their planning consent.

Option 2 Install Traffic Calming as per plan (appendix 1) and ensure that vehicular speeds are kept to a minimum within the housing development.

#### **Preferred Choice and Reasons**

The preferred choice would be Option 2. This will allow the developer to install the traffic calming in accordance with their planning consent and to ensure that vehicular speeds are kept to a minimum within the whole development.

# <u>Sustainability and Environmental Issues/Equalities/Crime and Disorder,/Welsh</u> Language/Other Policies etc

Not Applicable

### Children and Young People's Impact Statement - Safeguarding and Wellbeing

Not Applicable

## Local Member(s)

## **Other Front Line Services**

Not Applicable

# <u>Support Services (Legal, Finance, Corporate Property, HR, ICT, Business Services)</u>

# Local Service Board/Partnerships/Stakeholders etc

Not Applicable

# **Corporate Communications**

The report is of public interest and requires use of news release and social media to publicise the decision.

## **Statutory Officers**

## **Members' Interests**

The Monitoring Officer is not aware of any specific interests that may arise in relation to this report. If Members have an interest they should declare it at the start of the meeting and complete the relevant notification form.

# **Future Status of the Report**

Not Applicable

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
and to initiate the consultation procedure and if no substantive	To allow the developer to complete the site in line with their planning consent and to ensure traffic speeds within the development are kept to a minimum.

Relevant Policy (ie	es):		
Within Policy:	Y/N	Within Budget:	Y/N

Relevant Local Member(s):	Clir
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Person(s) To Implement Decision:		
Date By When Decision To Be Implen	nented:	

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# **Background Papers used to prepare Report:**