



CABINET REPORT

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To: Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen

Highway Adoptions

1.0 SUMMARY OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The attached Table in Appendix 1 outlines highways that have been constructed as part of a housing development in the County Borough. The table also includes the final inspection dates of each development.
- 1.2 The highways have been inspected by the Highways Officer and have been constructed to the standards that enable the Council to adopt them as highways maintainable at public expense.
- 1.3 In the event that Cabinet accept the recommendation in 2.1 below, notices will be displayed in the relevant locations declaring that the highways will be maintainable at public expense should no valid objections be received within one month of the date advised within the notice.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION that

- 2.1 The adoption of the streets as detailed in the Table in Appendix 1, under the Highways Act 1980 Section 38 and 228, be approved.

3.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The attached Table outlines highways that have been constructed as part of a housing development within the County Borough. The final inspection dates are shown within the Table in Appendix 1.

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- 3.3 In the event that Cabinet accept the recommendation in 2.1 below, notices will be displayed in the relevant locations declaring that the highways will be maintainable at public expense should no valid objections be received within one month of the date advised within the notice.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Following the adoption of the streets in this report:-

- a) The Welsh Government will be informed of the change in County Borough highway lengths and the un-hypothecated funding system via future Standard Assessments (SSA) adjusted accordingly.
- b) On adoption, the highways will be immediately maintainable at public expense for which funding will need to be found from the highways revenue budget in future years and as such will require re-alignment of the MTFP to reflect this.
- c) Prior to receipt of future Welsh Government funding any remedial works will be funded from the current highways maintenance budget.

4.2 Amendments to Welsh Government records submitted annually, relate to the changes in the County Borough highway lengths and will result in changes to the funding stream via the Standard Spending assessment procedure. Increased adopted highway lengths result in increased funding from Welsh Government.

5.0 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1

	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts	Neutral/Not Applicable
1. Merthyr Tydfil Well-being Objectives	4 of 4	0 of 4	0 of 4
2. Sustainable Development Principles - How have you considered the five ways of working? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long term • Prevention • Integration • Collaboration • Involvement 	5 of 5	0 of 5	0 of 5
3. Protected Characteristics (including Welsh Language)	3 of 10	0 of 10	7 of 10
4. Socio-economic Disadvantage	Not applicable 0 of 6	Not applicable 0 of 6	Not applicable 6 of 6
5. Consultation and Engagement	Undertaken	Due to be Undertaken	Not Required

	1 of 1	0 of 1	0 of 1
6. Data and Evidence to inform the proposal	Yes		No
	1 of 1		0 of 1
7. Biodiversity and the resilience of Ecosystems	Maintained	Enhanced	Reduced
	0 of 1	0 of 1	0 of 1
			Neutral/Not Applicable
			1 of 1

Summary

The main positive impacts are:

- The Well Being objectives are that the proposal provides additional footway/highway networks for the benefit of the public of all ages that will assist in developing the environment and safer communities and supporting people.
- The Sustainable Development Principles are that the proposal will give opportunity to encourage more activity that leads to better physical health, promoting healthier behaviours and increased levels of physical activity. More physical activity will result in lesser dependency in motorised transport.
- The **Protected Characteristics** and **Welsh Language** - The proposal will incorporate the Welsh language in Public Notices.
- **Consultation and Engagement** – public notice will be given of the proposal.
- **Data And Evidence** – site inspections carried out.
- **The Socio-economic Disadvantage (Strategic Decisions)** is not applicable.
- **Biodiversity and resilience of Ecosystems** – neutral impact.

The main negative impacts are:

No negative impacts have been identified against the Well-Being Objectives, the Sustainable Development Principles, Protected Characteristics, Welsh Language and Biodiversity.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

Title of Document(s)	Document(s) Date	Document Location
Does the report contain any issue that may impact the Council's Constitution?		No

Consultation has been undertaken with the Corporate Management Team in respect of each proposal(s) and recommendation(s) set out in this report.

