

# Environment Scrutiny Committee

Date: **Wednesday, 2nd January, 2008**

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Time: **11.00 a.m.**

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Place: **The Council Chamber, Brockington, 35  
Hafod Road, Hereford**

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Notes: Please note the **time, date** and **venue** of the meeting.

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**County of Herefordshire  
District Council**



# AGENDA

## for the Meeting of the Environment Scrutiny Committee

To: Councillor RI Matthews (Chairman)  
Councillor KG Grumbley (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors JHR Goodwin, JW Hope MBE, MAF Hubbard, TW Hunt, PM Morgan,  
AT Oliver, A Seldon and PJ Watts

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence.

**2. NAMED SUBSTITUTES (IF ANY)**

To receive any details of Members nominated to attend the meeting in place of a Member of the Committee.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive any declarations of interest by Members in respect of items on the Agenda.

**4. SUGGESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON ISSUES FOR FUTURE SCRUTINY**

To consider suggestions from members of the public on issues the Committee could scrutinise in the future.

**5. CALL-IN OF CABINET DECISION ON COLWALL RAILWAY BRIDGE**

To consider the Cabinet decision to approve expenditure to provide a temporary bailey bridge over the sub-standard bridge in Colwall carrying the B4218 if the results of an assessment report show, on deliberation, that such a solution is the most appropriate means of opening the bridge to normal highway traffic which has been called in by three Members of the Committee: Councillors MAF Hubbard, AT Oliver and A Seldon.

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## **PUBLIC INFORMATION**

### **HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

The Council has established Scrutiny Committees for Adult Social Care and Strategic Housing, Childrens' Services, Community Services, Environment, and Health. A Strategic Monitoring Committee scrutinises corporate matters and co-ordinates the work of these Committees.

The purpose of the Committees is to ensure the accountability and transparency of the Council's decision making process.

The principal roles of Scrutiny Committees are to

- Help in developing Council policy
- Probe, investigate, test the options and ask the difficult questions before and after decisions are taken
- Look in more detail at areas of concern which may have been raised by the Cabinet itself, by other Councillors or by members of the public
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- Review performance of the Council
- Conduct Best Value reviews
- Undertake external scrutiny work engaging partners and the public

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*Learning Disabilities*

*Strategic Housing*

*Supporting People*

*Public Health*

### **Children's Services**

*Provision of services relating to the well-being of children including education, health and social care.*

### **Community Services Scrutiny Committee**

*Libraries*

*Cultural Services including heritage and tourism*

*Leisure Services*

*Parks and Countryside*

*Community Safety*

*Economic Development*

*Youth Services*

### **Health**

*Planning, provision and operation of health services affecting the area*

*Health Improvement*

*Services provided by the NHS*

### **Environment**

*Environmental Issues*

*Highways and Transportation*

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*Corporate Strategy and Finance*

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*Corporate and Customer Services*

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## **CALL-IN OF CABINET DECISION ON COLLWALL RAILWAY BRIDGE**

**Report By: Director of Corporate and Customer Services**

### **Wards Affected**

Hope End Ward.

### **Purpose**

1. To consider the Cabinet decision to approve expenditure to provide a temporary bailey bridge over the sub-standard bridge in Colwall carrying the B4218 if the results of an assessment report show, on deliberation, that such a solution is the most appropriate means of opening the bridge to normal highway traffic which has been called in by three Members of the Committee: Councillors MAF Hubbard, AT Oliver and A Seldon.

### **Reason For Call-In**

2. In accordance with Standing Order 7.3.1 and the Scrutiny Committee Rules set out at Appendix 2 of the Constitution, the Cabinet's decision on 13th December, 2007 on this issue has been called in for consideration by this Committee.
3. The stated reasons for the call-in are:
  - That the owner of the bridge (Network Rail) should confirm in writing that it will contribute to the purchase and installation of a temporary Bailey Bridge and confirm the level of the contribution.
  - That a detailed estimate should be provided of the costs of a future permanent replacement bridge to allow comparison to be made with the cost of the temporary Bailey Bridge
  - That clarification be provided as to why at least part of the works can not be put out to competitive tender
4. The draft decision notice (Ref No: 2007.CAB.111KEY), together with the report to Cabinet on 13th December are appended to the report.
5. An extract from the draft minutes of Cabinet held 13th December is attached for further information (appendix 2).
6. It is for the Committee to decide whether it wishes to accept the decision of Cabinet or to refer the decision back to Cabinet for further consideration and if so what recommendations to Cabinet it wishes to make.

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- None



## WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>COLWALL RAILWAY BRIDGE</b>
Members Present:	Councillors: RJ Phillips (Leader), LO Barnett, AJM Blackshaw, H Bramer, JP French (Deputy Leader), JA Hyde, JG Jarvis, DB Wilcox.
Date of Decision:	13th December 2007
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
<p>This is a key decision because</p> <p>It is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in Herefordshire in an area comprising one or more wards</p>	
<p>This item was not included in the Forward Plan however inclusion in the agenda gives the required notice in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) Regulations 2000</p>	
Urgent Decision:	No
Purpose:	To approve expenditure to provide a temporary bailey bridge over the sub-standard bridge in Colwall carrying the B4218 if the results of an assessment report show, on deliberation, that such a solution is the most appropriate means of opening the bridge to normal highway traffic.
<b>Decision:</b>	<b>THAT approval be given for the purchase and installation of a temporary bailey bridge, if this is considered the most appropriate means to carry the B4218 over the existing sub-standard bridge in Colwall.</b>
Reasons for the Decision:	To allow access into the village for all normal highway vehicles including those serving businesses.
Options Considered:	<p>Do nothing and await full replacement of the existing bridge. With an estimated programme for this work of 2011, the effect on businesses and road safety and corporate credibility considerations this is not a viable alternative.</p> <p>Widen and strengthen other local roads up to the standard of the B4218. This option would require extensive land take, take longer to implement and be more expensive to construct.</p> <p>The assessment report shows, that although the bridge is in a poor condition, it would be feasible to repair the bridge such that it will have a capacity to take all normal highway traffic until the bridge can be reconstructed.</p>

Declaration of Interest:	
Date the key decision is due to take effect:	20th December 2007

<b>COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPS</b> .....Date: 13th December 2007 <b>LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</b>
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# COLWALL RAILWAY BRIDGE

## PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITY: HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

CABINET

13 DECEMBER 2007

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### Wards Affected

Hope End Ward.

### Purpose

To approve expenditure to provide a temporary bailey bridge over the sub-standard bridge in Colwall carrying the B4218 if the results of an assessment report show, on deliberation, that such a solution is the most appropriate means of opening the bridge to normal highway traffic.

### Key Decision

This is a Key Decision because it is likely to be significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in Herefordshire in an area comprising one or more wards.

It was not included in the Forward Plan however inclusion in the agenda gives the required notice in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) Regulations 2000.

### Recommendation

**THAT approval be given for the purchase and installation of a temporary bailey bridge, if this is considered the most appropriate means to carry the B4218 over the existing sub-standard bridge in Colwall.**

### Reasons

To allow access into the village for all normal highway vehicles including those serving businesses.

### Considerations

1. Herefordshire Council closed the bridge to traffic following an inspection by Owen Williams, the council's engineering consultants, undertaken on Saturday / Sunday 11/12 August. The decision was made on the grounds of public safety.
2. At the inspection the bridge was observed to have deteriorated significantly since the previous inspection in 2004 and significantly greater than expected. Because of this the inspector had serious concerns as to the capacity of the bridge.
3. The bridge was closed to traffic on Wednesday 15 August based on recommendation of the inspection.

4. Owen Williams was asked to consider their recommendation again, in effect to check again that they had made the correct decision, on the safety of the bridge, based on the evidence available. They confirmed their recommendation to close the bridge.
5. The bridge was inspected again over the nights of 14/15, 15/16, and 16/17 October for the purpose of gaining more data to assess, with increased certainty and detail, the capacity of the bridge.
6. The results of the assessment using the later inspection data will be complete before Christmas. It will accurately assess all aspects of the bridge's strength taking into account the different elements and varying degrees of deterioration.
7. The work towards a resolution of to the bridge is based on a planned collection and assessment of complete and reliable data related to a number of possible scenarios for the bridge re-opening. This ensures that all possibilities are thoroughly reviewed and challenged and that the best outcome for all is achieved.
8. This assessment is crucial to successfully identifying the best solution to the bridge closure.
9. It is not appropriate to commit to any solution before the full evaluation, approval and challenge to the range of options available is completed. The range of alternatives is expected towards the end of the year.
10. One alternative that has been considered, with a design prepared, is the provision of a temporary "Bailey Bridge".
11. The proposed temporary bridge will be capable of carrying 40 tonne vehicles, though it will be under traffic signal control (as was the case before the closure in August). The bridge is termed "temporary" as it is currently envisaged that a full replacement of the existing structure will be required in the longer term.
12. If ordered the expected delivery period from the fabricator of a temporary bridge is 12 weeks.
13. This assessment is crucial to successfully identifying the best solution to the bridge closure.
14. It is important that officers are able to act promptly on their full deliberations following the delivery of the assessment report. This will minimize on the effects on the people and businesses of Colwall of the current restrictions. Approval of monies for this purpose, if a bailey bridge is deemed the most appropriate solution, allows this to happen.
15. Acknowledging the need for even light traffic to be allowed over the bridge at the earliest opportunity, engineers have designed a route with Network Rail that uses (i.e. follows) the less deteriorated beams. Light vehicles (up to 3 tonnes) have been allowed over the bridge since early December.
16. Businesses in the village are unable to receive deliveries from large heavy goods vehicles as the alternative routes into the village are either too narrow or contain numerous sharp, and even hairpin, bends. There have been a number of incidents where large vehicles have become stuck on the hairpin bend coming down the hill from the Wyche Cutting, on one occasion causing the road to be blocked for a two hours.



17. Public concern is very high and, until the route is reinstated, many continue to believe that the Council is doing nothing. A concerted communications plan is in place and reports regularly to those concerned.
18. The procurement for the supply of the temporary bridge would normally require competitive tendering. However, having searched the market, the supply of a bridge of the required length and loading capacity is only available from one source, Mabey Support Systems Ltd. The procurement of the supply of the bridge will, therefore, fall under paragraph 6.1(iii) of Appendix 5 to the Constitution – Contracts Procedures Rules, which the Director of Environment has approved. The installation if required, will be carried out by the Council's Partner Contractor, Amey Wye Valley.  
  
N.B. The approval is on the basis of the position as currently described but the Director of Environment has asked that further enquiries be made about the supply position before the approval referred to in the paragraph is implemented.
19. Network Rail is the owner of the bridge and responsible for maintaining the structure (except for the surfacing). The Transport Act (1968) set out to clarify nationally the responsibilities for maintenance of railway structures. This was further defined by The Railway Bridges (Load Bearing Standards) Order (England and Wales) 1972. The loading applied depends on the age of the bridge and in broad terms is the load that would have ordinarily used the bridge at the time of its construction (due to changes in highway traffic this is significantly less than current highway loading).
20. Network Rail have confirmed they will be using the findings of the inspection to undertake an assessment of the bridge to establish whether it meets their legal obligations and hence what proportion of the costs of bringing the bridge up to the required standard will be paid by Network Rail (if any).
21. As owners of the bridge Network Rail require that it approves all proposals for works on or adjacent to the bridge. Network Rail has already approved the design and installation of the Bailey bridge.

## **Financial Implications**

The estimate for the supply and installation of the temporary bridge is £450,000.

The budget for 2007/08 has been committed and hence the monies for a bailey bridge are not available from this source.

The £450,000 estimate is 70% of available annual capital budget within the council's Local Transport Plan allocation for all of the county's bridges. There is an ongoing requirement for inspection and maintenance of the county's bridge stock to meet minimum safety standards and ensure current access to the highway network. Monies taken from the 2008/09 budget would have an adverse effect on the maintenance and availability of the bridge stock across the county. However the need to resolve this issue is pressing and proceeding with the project may need to commence before the end of the financial year.

In order to provide funding certainty it is proposed that the project is paid for from within the overall LTP allocation. In order to backfill the use of LTP funding for this purpose a capital bid of £450,000 has been submitted for consideration. The bid will cover those projects to be deferred to fund the replacement bridge.

## **Risk Management**

The capital bid could be refused and no temporary bridge is provided. Approval of the recommendation in this report in advance of the bids review will certainly add strength to the bid.

## **Alternative Options**

Do nothing and await full replacement of the existing bridge. With an estimated programme for this work of 2011, the effect on businesses and road safety and corporate credibility considerations this is not a viable alternative.

Widen and strengthen other local roads up to the standard of the B4218. This option would require extensive land take, take longer to implement and be more expensive to construct.

The assessment report shows, that although the bridge is in a poor condition, it would be feasible to repair the bridge such that it will have a capacity to take all normal highway traffic until the bridge can be reconstructed.

## **Consultees**

No consultations required.

## **Background Papers**

Engineers report from Owen Williams on the initial survey of Colwall Railway Bridge dated 14<sup>th</sup> August 2007.

# Environment General

Accountant: Cathy Stokes

Code	Scheme	Budget Holder	Lead Officer	CUPID Ref	Original Budget	Revised Forecast	Spend per Cedar	Commitments	Total Spend & Commitments	Revised Forecast
CC	JC				2007/08	30/09/07	29/11/07	29/11/07	29/11/07	30/11/07
					£	£	£	£	£	£
LTP	<b>Hereford Integrated Transport Strategy:</b>									
	Walking and Access									
M3145	LTP - Pedestrian Route & Disabled Access Imps	Clive Hall	Steve Thompson		75,000	75,000	20,274	49,554	69,828	
M3191	City Centre Pedestrian Enhancement	Richard Ball	Richard Ball			100,000	10,534	15,653	26,187	50,000
	Cycling									
M3140	LTP - Cycle Network Development	Andrew Cullley	Martin Jackson		200,000	200,000	95,397	(43,114)	52,283	
	<b>Public Transport Minor Schemes</b>									
M3183	Rail Improvements	Richard Ball	Amanda Barton			25,000	8,761	715	9,476	
M3135	LTP - Accessible Bus Network	Richard Ball	M Lane		45,000	45,000	1,553	48,422	49,975	
M3152	P Transp Info Access									
	<b>Park and Ride</b>									
M3136	LTP - Christmas Park and Ride	Richard Ball	Amanda Barton		20,000	20,000	68	10,688	10,756	
M3510	LTP - Park & Ride Permanent Site Development	Richard Ball	Amanda Barton		700,000	500,000	10,148	35,482	45,630	
	<b>Rotherwas Access Road</b>									
M3170	LTP - Rotherwas Access Road	Andrew Cullley	Mariead Lane		500,000	7,372,128	4,373,497	1,794,393	6,167,890	
	Outer Distributor Road	Richard Ball	Steve Burgess							
M3192	Hfd Intelligent Transport System	Richard Ball	Steve Burgess		25,000	25,000	382	2,077	2,459	
	<b>Rural Areas &amp; Market Towns Int Trans Strat:</b>									
	Walking and Access									
M3112	LTP - Pedestrian and Disabled Access Imps	John Bodin	Andrew Lee-Jones		20,000	20,000	13,604	1,306	14,910	
M3159	LTP - Rural Footway Improvements	Andrew Cullley	Amanda Barton		60,000	60,000	5,508	405	5,914	
	Cycling									
M3154	LTP - Network of Cycle Routes and Pkg	Andrew Cullley	Martin Jackson		200,000	200,000	30,905	138,292	169,197	
	<b>Public Transport Minor Schemes</b>									
M3133	LTP - Rural Rail Imps	Richard Ball	Martin Jackson		100,000	75,000	13,536	43,695	57,231	

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CC	JC				£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
M3153	var	LTP - Public Transport Minor Improvements	Richard Ball	Jim Davies	55,000	55,000	24,017	16,948	40,965							
M3180		HGV Projects	Richard Ball	Steve Burgess	50,000	50,000	(17,950)		(17,950)							
M3129		Travel Awareness Campaign	Richard Ball	Amanda Barton	35,000	35,000	18,336	13,055	31,391							
M3185		Accessibility Partnership Development	Richard Ball	Steve Burgess	30,000	30,000		30,000	30,000							
M3195		Public Rights of Way Access Imps	Rob Hemblade	Rob Hemblade	25,000	25,000	8,695	16,305	25,000							
		<b>Countrywide Safety Strategy: Hearts and Minds</b>														
M3521		School Travel Plan Support	Richard Ball	Amanda Barton	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	50,000							
		<b>Minor Safety Schemes</b>														
M3123	var	LTP - Minor Safety Improvements	Richard Ball	Andrew Lee-Jones	300,000	300,000	320,797	11,486	332,283							
		<b>Traffic Calming</b>														
M3122	var	LTP - Traffic Calming	Andrew Cullley	Mairread Lane	150,000	150,000	2,181	5,601	7,782							
		<b>SRTS (Including 20mph zones)</b>														
M3157	var	LTP - SRTS (Inc. 20 mph zones)	Andrew Cullley	Mairread Lane	380,000	380,000	170,324	89,675	259,999							
		<b>Speed Control</b>														
M3125	var	LTP - Speed limit reductions	John Bodin	Andrew Lee-Jones	60,000	60,000	35,491	34,554	70,045							
		<b>Monitoring</b>														
M3128	var	Monitoring (data collection)	Richard Ball	Steve Burgess	40,000	40,000	25,492	12,323	37,815							
		<b>Highways Maintenance</b>			6,144,000											
M3200	var	Capitalised Maintenance of Principal Roads	Pele Bhamber	Ben Hodgkiss		1,867,000	1,021,233	310,327	1,331,560							
M3201	var	Capitalised Maintenance of Non-Principal Roads	Pele Bhamber	Ben Hodgkiss		3,550,000	1,997,995	924,104	2,922,099							
M3202	var	Footways - Footways	Pele Bhamber	Ben Hodgkiss		1,065,000	222,085	404,029	626,114							
M3203		Embankments	Pele Bhamber	Ben Hodgkiss		100,000	80,339	3,686	84,025							

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					2007/08	£	30/09/07	£	29/11/07	£	29/11/07	£	29/11/07	£	29/11/07	£	30/11/07
CC	JC																
M3196	Rights of Way Imps	Rob Hemblade	Rob Hemblade		25,000	25,000	13,641	11,359	25,000								
	<b>Bridge Maintenance</b>																
M3300	Capitalised Ass'ment & Strength of Bridges	Andrew Culley	Martin Jackson		700,000	700,000	361,353	233,124	594,477								
M3507	LTP - Staff costs to be allocated over LTP	Pele Bhamber	Richard Ball		301,000	301,000		301,000	301,000								
	LTP TOTAL				10,265,000	17,475,128	8,893,196	4,540,144	13,433,341								50,000
<b>Non LTP:</b>																	
M3171	Roman Road						65,870		65,870								
M3189	Ross On Wye Flood Alleviation Scheme		Martin Jackson		5,000,000	5,000,000	409,400	745,397	1,154,797								
M3601	Hfd City Enh - High Town & High Street	Geoff Hughes	Alan Ronald		233,201	260,000	87,542	110,222	197,764								60,000
M3515	Transport S106								0								
M3515	Asda S106					2,306,275	-		0								
M3515	Denco S106																
M3515	Mansonic Hall S106																
M3515	Commercial / Union St S106																
M3515	Kingspan S106					25,000	18,265		18,265								
M3515	Footways S106																
M3176	Crematorium Hereford		Colin Birks		2,000,000	2,157,798	188,543		188,543								
M3177	Leominster Closed Landfill Site Monitoring Infrastruct	Andy Tector	Bruce Chartres		485,000	481,604	68,037	295,968	364,005								
M3179	Public Convenience improvements	Colin Birks	Ray Parnell		540,786	403,443	205,147		205,147								497,552
M3188	Grafton Travellers Site	Andy Tector	Rob King		39,368	48,857	15,811		15,811								
M3197	Pembridge Travellers Site	Andy Tector	Rob King			8,766	-		-								
M3198	Land at Belmont Road					45,000	42,865		42,865								
M3186	Waste Performance and Efficiency	Andy Tector	Richard Wood			128,920			-								
M3531	LPSA2 - Street Scene	Bobbie Hadley	John Bodin		93,500	143,563	20,872	51,796	72,668								
M3530	LPSA2 - Road Safety	Richard Ball	Sarah Hanson		216,000	218,048	118,481	157,805	276,286								
M3532	Stretton Sugwas Closed Landfill Site		Bruce Chartres		70,000	70,000	72,919	39,545	112,464								
M3533	Strangford Closed Landfill Site		Bruce Chartres		18,000	18,000	409		409								
M3532	Stretton Sugwas Closed Landfill Site		Bruce Chartres		70,000	70,000			-								

# Environment General

Accountant: Cathy Stokes

Code	JC	Scheme	Budget Holder	Lead Officer	CUPID Ref	Original Budget	30/09/07	29/11/07	Spend per Cedar	Commitments	Total Spend & Commitments	Revised Forecast
						2007/08	£	£	£	£	£	£
M3534		Specific Road Safety Grant	Richard Ball	Simon Hobbs		8,765,855	70,464	70,464	70,464		70,464	
		NON LTP TOTAL				19,030,855	11,455,738	1,384,625	1,400,733		2,785,358	557,552
		Expenditure to be Financed					28,930,866	10,277,821	5,940,878		16,218,699	607,552

**EXTRACT FROM THE DRAFT MINUTES OF CABINET HELD  
13 DECEMBER 2007**

**COLWALL RAILWAY BRIDGE**

Cabinet was asked to approve expenditure to provide a temporary bridge over the sub-standard bridge in Colwall carrying the B4218 should an assessment prove it to be the appropriate means for opening the bridge to normal highway traffic. The Cabinet Member (Highways and Transportation) stated that information on the assessment of the bridge had only been received 48 hours prior to the Cabinet meeting and had shown the bridge could be used by vehicles up to three tonnes in weight. Cabinet was informed that Network Rail owned the bridge with the road across it belonging to the Council. Network Rail has stated that it has no plans to replace the bridge until 2011/12. Cabinet was advised that the recommendation was for the purchase of a Bailey bridge in partnership with Network Rail should it be found necessary after further tests had been carried out.

Cabinet was informed that Network Rail had indicated they would be agreeable to a 50/50 share on the cost of the Bailey bridge. However, Cabinet would need to approve the whole cost as it would need to be purchased through just the one provider. It was added that the basis of the charge between Network Rail and the Council was complicated and it would need to be checked by the legal department to ensure it was favourable to the Council. A Member of the Executive raised concern over the quality of the Bailey bridge and whether it was reusable. Cabinet was advised that each bridge was made to meet the specific needs.

A Member in attendance at Cabinet felt that the cost of the bridge should have been reflected in the report to Cabinet along with an indication of what Network Rail would pay towards the bridge prior to Cabinet making any decision.

Cabinet was reminded of the impact the loss of the bridge had so far been on the people of Colwall and the business community and it was felt that to wait until 2011/12 before replacing the bridge would be too long.

**RESOLVED That approval be given for the purchase and installation of a temporary Bailey bridge if it is considered the most appropriate means to carry the B4218 over the existing sub-standard bridge in Colwall.**

