

## **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