

**Summary of Comments made on the Cabinet Agenda for
Thursday 8 July 2021**

4. A46 Link Road – Next Steps

Councillor Cooke, the Portfolio Holder – Place & Economy informed the Overview & Scrutiny Committee that at the meeting of the Cabinet on 8 July, his intention was to move an amendment to point 3.46 in the report, to make it more neutral, along the lines that "This Council will continue to be involved in the work with WCC (and CCC) to progress the work on the A46 link road".

The original text read "That this Council is supportive of WCC (and CCC) progressing the development of the A46 link road scheme....".

The Committee welcomed and endorsed the amendment to point 3.46 in the report as explained by Councillor Cooke and made the following recommendations:

1. any sustainability analysis that comes to this Council as part of the OBC and subsequent FBC submissions, is presented to the Climate PAB more than 30 days prior to the FBC submission so that the PAB may inform Cabinet of its views before Cabinet decides whether to endorse the submission¹; and

2. that a third recommendation in the report be added (2.3) so that the wording in the letter to be sent to WCC (identified in point 3.46 in the report), be amended to reflect the suggestions made in red as follows:

That this Council **can only continue to be** supportive of WCC (and CCC) progressing the development of the A46 link road scheme **if it aligns with all our Councils' climate emergency declarations. Consequently, support is** subject to the following:

- That WDC officers should remain actively involved and continue to have a seat on the Programme Board for delivery of this project
- Phase 2 work shall progress albeit as part of a comprehensive and wider project to deliver sustainable travel options in the area and address identified issues/capacity needs. **There must** be a clear understanding of how it fits into the wider project for meeting the transport needs and supporting sustainable travel in the area. This needs to be seen also in the context of the SWLP consideration of strategic options and that this may require a masterplan of the wider area for this part of the SWLP area (A further report may be required to the WDC Cabinet on this aspect)

¹ Councillor Kohler will liaise with the Chair of the PAB to ensure that the PAB is aware of the recommendation O&S made.

- WCC uses an alternative name to the 'A46 Link Road' for this project which highlights the sustainable travel options which are in keeping with our Climate Emergency declarations
- That WCC (and CCC) do not take any decisions about applying for planning permission for the A46 Link Road phase 2 until WDC has made a strategic decision in the context on the Local Plan on the preferred spatial strategy for the location of development to meet the needs of South Warwickshire
- That WCC, in conjunction with transport planners at CCC, undertakes a reassessment of traffic flows forecasted based on likely new patterns of working and commuting following the Covid-19 pandemic
- That WCC undertakes a sustainability analysis of the Link Road scheme, which would need to demonstrate a reduction in carbon emissions relative to not going ahead with this project
- That WCC costs the best possible active travel option that does not include new road building to determine which option is better in terms of economic growth, air quality, biodiversity and reducing carbon emissions
- That WCC progresses the University of Warwick/Coventry South railway station/transport interchange and the development of VLR s as quickly as is realistic and briefs WDC officers in a timely manner
- That WCC supports WDC in providing the necessary evidence to support the case for the link road through the SWLP, subject to alignment with the preferred spatial strategy
- That WCC ensures that the link road project is consistent with key themes in the emerging Local Transport Plan 4 and can justify the scheme in this context throughout scheme development
- That WCC acknowledges WDC's support, subject to the points raised in this paragraph, in their proposed report to WCC's Cabinet about next steps.

The Cabinet is required to vote on this because it forms a recommendation to it.

6 & 10 Climate Change Ambitions for South Warwickshire and Net Zero Carbon Building Development Plan Document

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee considered both reports together and supported the recommendations in them both.

7 Significant Business Risk Register

The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee asked the Cabinet to update Risk 8 to remove the details regarding the work on the commercial investment strategy to reflect the change in Risk 6.

The Committee noted that in the next update it was likely to include a specific risk in reference to the proposed merger with Stratford-on-Avon District Council.

12 Future High Streets Fund Award for Royal Leamington Spa

The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

13 Financial Support – Everyone Active Leisure Contract

The Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee recommends that the wording within recommendation 2.4 is amended to correct the accounting year to 2021/22 and that the decision only be made in principle subject to a further report that will come forward in the autumn and will reflect further discussions with Everyone Active in the light of its updated financial projections following the easing of Covid restrictions and any other relevant factors.

The Committee noted the latest understanding is that all restrictions will end on 19 July and that officers were continuing to work with Everyone Active to confirm their programme.

14 Costs of Proposals of Joint Senior Management Team

The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee noted the quarter 1 budget update will come to August Cabinet and will set out the progress in respect of the MTFS and the agreed savings being achieved.