

COUNCIL MEETING – 14TH DECEMBER 2022

HIGH SPEED RAIL 2 PHASE 2B - QUALIFYING AUTHORITY AND SCHEDULE 17 DECISION-MAKING

RECOMMENDATION

That Council become a Qualifying Authority for the construction of phase 2b of the High Speed Rail 2 (HS2) as set out in the report and that the Constitution be amended accordingly as set out in Annex 1.

Extract from the Minutes of the Corporate Policy Committee meeting on 1st December 2022

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The Committee considered a report which sought to consult the Committee prior to a decision being made by full Council on whether the Council should become a Qualifying Authority for the construction of phase 2b of the High Speed Rail 2 (HS2).

The proposed approach would enable the Council to have greater control over the approval of construction details associated with the High Speed Rail scheme. This was necessary to ensure that the impacts of the developments on the local environment and local amenity were fully considered and addressed in line with the approach of the Cheshire East Council Local Plan Strategy.

The decision to become a Qualifying Authority would require changes to the Constitution which had to be approved by full Council. The proposed changes were set out in Annex 1 to the report.

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That it be recommended to Council that the Council become a Qualifying Authority for the construction of phase 2b of the High Speed Rail 2 (HS2) as set out in the report and that the Constitution be amended accordingly as set out in Annex 1.