

COUNCIL MEETING –18TH JULY 2019

HIGH SPEED RAIL 2 PHASE 2A - QUALIFYING AUTHORITY

RECOMMENDATION

That Cheshire East Council become a Qualifying Authority as specified in part 2 of Schedule 17 of the High Speed Rail (West Midlands - Crewe) Bill and the Executive Director for Place be authorised, in consultation with the Monitoring Officer, to sign the Planning Memorandum to enable this to happen.

Extract from the Minutes of the Cabinet meeting on 11TH June 2019

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Cabinet considered a report which sought approval for the Council to become a Qualifying Authority for the construction of phase 2a of High Speed Rail 2 (HS2).

The Deputy Leader indicated that nothing in this or the next following report would predetermine the Council's decision on whether to support phase 2b of the scheme.

Members emphasised the need for local communities affected by the scheme to be consulted on any proposals.

RESOLVED

That Cabinet recommends to Council that Cheshire East Council become a Qualifying Authority as specified in part 2 of Schedule 17 of the High Speed Rail (West Midlands - Crewe) Bill and authorises the Executive Director for Place in consultation with the Monitoring Officer to sign the Planning Memorandum to enable this to happen.

NOTE –

The report has been amended since the Cabinet meeting, to provide some additional clarity on the following points, as requested at the meeting :-

- At para 6.1.9 – Clarification was sought as to what decision making process would be put in place - The response is that a final decision will be made in discussion with the Portfolio Holder, on receipt of more detailed knowledge of future applications.
- Clarification was also sought on how the assurances received through the petitioning process would be considered in relation to submitted applications. This is now addressed in para 6.1.13 of the report.
- A section relating to Climate Change has also been added to the report.