

# Birmingham City Council

## Executive Response to Call-In

17<sup>th</sup> December 2019



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**Subject:** A34 Perry Barr Highway Improvement Scheme Full Business Case (FBC)

**Report of:** Interim Director, Inclusive Growth

**Relevant Cabinet Member:** Councillor Ian Ward – Leader  
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### 1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019 to consider the decision taken by Cabinet on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 to approve the A34 Perry Barr Highway Improvement Scheme, Full Business Case.
- 1.2 This paper sets out the additional recommendation resulting from that call-in and the discharge of two further petitions received after the Cabinet decision described in 1.1. The report of the Scrutiny Committee, setting out the reasons for the call-in, is contained in in Appendix 1.

### 2 Additional Recommendations

- 2.1 That Cabinet confirms that it has re-considered its decision made on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 taking into account the contents of the Report to Cabinet of that date, the contents of the Response to Call-In Report dated 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019, and all consultation responses together with the two further petitions 2142 and 2156 submitted in support of the retention of the A34 Flyover, and agrees to confirm its decision made on 15 October 2019.

2.2 That Cabinet authorises the discharge of the following petitions submitted to the Council and that Councillors Jon Hunt and Morriam Jan and the first-named petitioners be informed accordingly.

- Petitions 2142 and 2156 in support of the retention of the A34 Perry Barr Flyover presented to Cabinet on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and debated at full council on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019.
- Petitions 2170 and 2171 in support of the retention of the A34 Perry Barr Flyover submitted to the City Council on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019 received post Full Business Case Report presented to Cabinet on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

### **3 Background**

3.1 The project background is as set out in section 3 of the Executive Report to the Full Business Case presented to Cabinet on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

3.2 The key events are set out below:

- 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019 - Cabinet approved the Options Appraisal Report which recommended Option 2 (removal of A34 Perry Barr Flyover) as the preferred option to take forward to public consultation and Full Business Case.
- 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 - Full Business Case was presented to Cabinet and approved by Cabinet.
- 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019 - request for Call-In was made to the Sustainability & Transport Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) Committee by Councillors Jon Hunt, Morriam Jan and Robert Alden.
- 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019 - the Sustainability and Transport Overview & Scrutiny Committee met to consider the Call-In. Several issues were raised however the main reason for the call-in was to formally ask Cabinet to consider delaying making any further decision on the Perry Barr Highway Improvement Scheme until after petitions 2142 and 2156 have been debated in Council on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019.
- 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – the two petitions 2142 and 2156 containing more than 5000 signatures were debated at Full Council. Full Council supported the motion presented that ‘Council notes the petitions 2142 and 2156 submitted in support of the A34 Flyover. Pending the re-consideration of the Full Business Case for the scheme by Cabinet, following a call-in by the Sustainability and Transport Overview & Scrutiny Committee, the Full Council recommends that these petitions are discharged’

3.3 The reasons for the Call In are given in Appendix 1 attached to this report.

### **4 Appendices**

Appendix 1 - 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019 – A34 Perry Barr Highway Improvement Scheme Full Business Case – Call In by the Sustainability and Transport Overview & Scrutiny Committee.