

COUNCIL: 25 JANUARY 2018

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT STATEMENT

AGENDA ITEM: 10

Impact of Carillion liquidation for Cardiff

With Carillion going into liquidation I would highlight with Members the potential impacts on the Council. Officers have informed me that although the Council do not have any direct contracts with Carillion, a number of our stakeholders were working with the company. Officers have met with the respective stakeholders and have provided the following update:

- **London to Cardiff Electrification Works – Splott Road Bridge – Network Rail**

Carillion are working for Network rail on the upgrade to Splott Road Bridge. There are critical dates to this contract in terms of rail possessions in February 2018 and if they are missed they will create significant issues for both the electrification and the re-opening of the bridge to two-way traffic.

Assurances have been received that Network Rail are working with employees of Carillion and their supply chain to ensure that any ongoing concerns are addressed. At this time, the Network rail delivery team are committed to delivering the programme of Works as Splott Road Bridge and the associated possession in February 2018 is on the critical path for the completion of the larger London to Cardiff electrification project.

- **BT utility works – Cardiff wide - Carillion Telent joint venture**

The Carillion Telent joint venture work for BT to deliver their utility upgrade work. There is no identified impact to Cardiff with respect to this joint venture. There is a minor risk that road openings, mainly in pavements, may remain open for a longer period if there are concerns over payments and any subcontract work. The Council's street work team in City Operation will monitor performance over the coming weeks to help manage any concerns. The Council has an opportunity to mitigate any concerns by working with BT to close any pavements that are open working with our own framework highway contractor.

I would note that it is extremely early in the process of Carillion going into liquidation but I wanted Council to be aware of the current position. If any Local Member does have a concern, I am happy for them to contact myself, or relevant senior officers in City Operations, so that these can be addressed. I have also requested that any

media contact with regards to this matter be directed to the relevant companies that employed Carillion.

Additional Welsh Government Funding

Additional in-year funding was awarded by Welsh Government (£1.1m) just prior to the new year, towards the Gabalfa 20mph scheme, Cathays 20mph retrofit, Northern corridor cycle route, cycle hire set up and A4119 primary route active travel.

Green Paper

It is intended that the Green paper will come forward to March Council, subject to Lord Mayor's approval.

University Hospital of Wales Transport Interchange

Pre application discussion to consider new bus/taxi and bicycle hub underway with Hospital Officials to integrate into Cardiff's bus network.

nextbike

nextbike was announced as the operator of Cardiff's new on street cycle hire scheme on 19 December 2017. The scheme will bring 500 bikes to the streets of Cardiff and will officially launch in May. In year capital funding has been awarded from the Welsh Government to fund the purchase of the scheme infrastructure.

Network planning is in progress in conjunction with nextbike, and a short survey has been launched (<https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=151249355464>) to seek public feedback on where hire stations should be placed. This will help to refine and inform ongoing network development.

Car Free Day

Key stakeholders are being consulted on the current outline plans for Sunday 13th May 2018 this will include the 2018 City Ride which will be staged in central Cardiff. This centrepiece of the HSBC project will follow an entirely traffic free route taking in Castle Street, Westgate Street, Bute Park, Cathays Park and many of Cardiff's iconic landmarks. The ride will provide a unique opportunity for people of all ages and abilities to cycle in safety on streets. Further streets will be closed around the Castle and Civic buildings. These streets will be given over to the people of Cardiff for various activities and provide them with the freedom to use them without the presence of cars. Where possible bus services will continue to run.

HSBC

We are delighted to have agreed a five-year partnership, (with the option to extend for a further period of up to three years) with British Cycling to enable the delivery of the HSBC-sponsored UK Core Cities cycling project in Cardiff. British Cycling, with the backing of HSBC, are committed to invest £500,000 per year. This investment will support a comprehensive programme of cycling development activity which, in Cardiff, will be delivered by British Cycling, in partnership with Welsh Cycling, Cardiff Council and local people. The programme includes a number of projects

each geared towards getting more people in Cardiff cycling for everyday transport, leisure and as a competitive sport.

The Go-Ride element of the project will focus on cycling in primary schools enabling pupils to learn basic cycling skills in a fun, traffic-free environment in Year 5. Other strands of the project focus on the development of city-wide coaching and volunteer capacity to support a wide-range of community participation activities including guided and social rides, rides for women riders under the successful Breeze programme and a series pop-up community events where new and novice cyclist can give cycling a try in a safe traffic-free environment.

I'd like to pay credit to Welsh Cycling and British Cycling and HSBC for their innovative and ambitious approach.

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