



CABINET

30th October 2025 at 5.00pm

Present: Councillor Jackson (in the Chair)
Councillors Cracknell, Dawkins, Harness, Hudson, Shepherd, Shreeve and S. Swinburn.

Officers in attendance:

- Carolina Borgstrom (Director of Economy, Environment, and Infrastructure)
- Katie Brown (Director of Adults Housing and Communities)
- Simon Jones (Assistant Director Law and Governance)
- Guy Lonsdale (Interim Section 151 Officer)
- Paul Windley (Democratic and Scrutiny Team Manager)

Also in attendance :

Councillor Bright

There was one member of the public and one member of the press present.

CB.44 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received for this meeting.

CB.45 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests made from Members regarding items on the agenda for this meeting.

CB.46 CORPORATION ROAD BRIDGE REFURBISHMENT

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport seeking approval to temporarily increase the global cap for expenditure on the Corporation Road Bridge refurbishment project.

This item was considered under the Special Urgency rules of the Constitution, with the agreement of the Leader and the Chair of the Transport, Infrastructure and Strategic Housing Scrutiny Panel. It was therefore not subject to the call-in procedure. The item was considered urgent due to the level of financial commitment required in awarding the main construction contract on a lump sum basis and to allow rectification of defects to start immediately.

The Chair noted the in-depth discussions held on this matter at the meeting of the Transport, Infrastructure and Strategic Housing Scrutiny Panel on 29th October, 2025 and its recommendation to Cabinet in support of the option for the bridge to remain closed until all aspects of the refurbishment were completed. He proposed that the recommendations in the report be agreed along with the recommendation from scrutiny. This was seconded by Councillor S Swinburn and unanimously agreed by Cabinet.

RESOLVED –

1. That, being cognisant of the likely mitigation set out in the closed appendix to the report now submitted, a temporary uplift in the previously mandated cap for expenditure be approved, with resultant funding to enable immediate engagement with the prospective contractor and to address the defects identified in relation to already completed works to Corporation Road Bridge.
2. That, being assured of the robustness of the procurement process as set out and recognising the need to engage on a lump sum basis, bringing clarity and assurance and without any further formality, the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure be directed to immediately award and engage Taziker Industrial Limited (“Taziker”) as Principal Contractor.
3. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to execute documentation arising.
4. That Option 1, based on the bridge remaining closed until all aspects of the refurbishment were completed, be supported, in line with the recommendation of the Transport, Infrastructure and Strategic Housing Scrutiny Panel.

Cabinet noted the closed appendix to this report but agreed that there was no need to exclude the press and public as there was no requirement to formally consider the appendix prior to reaching the above resolutions.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.13 p.m.