

## Member Decision Record

<b>Decision Title</b>	
Rail Needs Assessment for the Midlands and the North	
<b>Decision Details</b>	
<p>Councillor Robert Ashman, Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Planning and Infrastructure considered the report of the Head of Planning and Infrastructure and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A) Agreed the Council's response to the Call for Evidence on the Rail Needs Assessment for the Midlands and the North</li> <li>B) Agreed that the response to be submitted to the National Infrastructure Commission</li> </ul> <p>It was also noted that the report had referred to a 'consultation response' in the recommendations on the report presented to the Portfolio holder and at section 1.4 of the same report. By way of this Decision Record it is noted that this should be a 'Call for Evidence' response.</p> <p>Councillor Sean Sheahan of the Labour Group also raised several questions in advance of the meeting to which a written response was provided by Councillor Ashman before the decision was made. Councillor Sheahan attended the meeting and was invited to comment but, in view of him wishing to maintain his observer status, he opted not to make any comments.</p> <p>In consultation with the Chairman of the Council, it was agreed that these decisions were to be considered an urgent item for Portfolio Holder approval and to waive call-in requirements.</p>	
<b>Reason for Decision</b>	
Executive approval is needed to agree the Council's response to the National Infrastructure Commission's Call for Evidence on the Rail Needs Assessment for the Midlands and the North	
<b>Source of Delegation</b>	
The leader delegated executive decision powers to individual Cabinet members on 19 March 2020. A record of the decision by the Leader can be found <a href="#">here</a> .	
<b>Type of Decision</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Key Decision <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Key Decision	
<b>List of Background Papers</b>	
There were none.	
<b>What alternative options were considered when making the decision?</b>	
To apply for an extension of time to respond to the Call for Evidence. As this is not a formal consultation seeking views on HS2 but was more of a technical exercise in considering existing evidence in relation to informing the Government's forthcoming Integrated Rail Plan it was not considered necessary to seek apply for an extension.	
<b>What conflicts of interest were declared by any executive members consulted which relates to the decision?</b>	
None	
<b>Decision Made By</b>	Councillor Robert Ashman- Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Planning and Infrastructure

<b>Officer consulted prior to making the decision</b>	James Arnold – Strategic Director of Place Chris Elston – Head of Planning and Infrastructure
<b>Date Decision Made</b>	29 May 2020
<b>Date Decision Published</b>	29 May 2020