

TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

<u>DATE OF DECISION</u>	Monday, 28 February 2022	<u>DECISION MAKER</u>
<u>DECISION REFERENCE</u>	E/28.02.22/6	Executive (Councillors Adshead, Freeman, Harding, Hynes, Patel, Ross, Whitham and Wright.)

RECORD OF THE DECISION

HS2 PHASE 2B ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT - FORMAL RESPONSE

- (1) That approval be given to the framework and general direction of the Council's response to the Environmental Statement outlined in the report.
- (2) That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director for Place, in consultation with the Executive Member for Housing and Regeneration, to finalise and submit the formal response to the HS2 Phase 2b Environmental Statement.
- (3) That it be noted that the submitted response on the HS Phase 2b Environmental Statement will form the foundation upon which any future petition must be based.
- (4) That it be approved that Trafford become a Qualifying Authority in relation to the High Speed Rail Phase 2b (Crewe - Manchester) hybrid Bill.
- (5) That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director of Governance and Community Strategy, in consultation with the Corporate Director of Place and Executive Member for Housing and Regeneration, to undertake all necessary steps required to become a Qualifying Authority, including the signing of the Planning Memorandum and Service Level Agreement.
- (6) That, for the reasons set out in the report, this decision be deemed urgent and not subject to call-in.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To ensure that Trafford's response to the Environmental Statement for HS2 Phase 2b hybrid Bill can meet the deadlines set by government so that the interests of Trafford's residents, businesses and environment can be identified and protected and/or mitigated wherever possible.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

There are no reasonable alternative options. Responding to the ES is critical to ensuring that HS2 Ltd either a) avoid, b) mitigate and / or c) compensate for the impacts that the construction and operation of HS2 will bring. Not responding will result in the Council having to manage and accommodate its construction and operation without any enhanced mitigation and/or compensation measures. Not responding will also significantly inhibit the Councils ability to effectively petition(s) against the Bill.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

None.

Scrutiny Call in Deadline

PUBLICATION DATE

Not applicable. For the reasons set out in the report, this decision has been deemed to be urgent, and is thus not subject to call-in.

Monday, 7 March 2022

RECORDED BY:

Corporate Director, Governance & Community
Strategy