Subject: Notice of Motion – Rail Shuttle Service from Long Marston to Honeybourne

Lead Member/Portfolio Holder: Councillor Richards

Summary
The Cabinet has been asked by the Council to consider a Motion in the names of Councillor Barnes and Fojtik in respect of Rail Shuttle Service from Long Marston to Honeybourne as presented to the Council meeting on 16 October 2017.

Recommendation
To consider the Motion and submit an appropriate recommendation(s) to the Council.

1. Background /Information
In accordance with Council Procedure Rules the Council, at its meeting on 16 October 2017, referred to The Cabinet the following motion:

With the greater Long Marston area, including Warwickshire and parts of Worcestershire and Gloucestershire, now committed to grow to nearly 23,000 people and 6,000 new homes, a rail shuttle service from Long Marston to Honeybourne station needs to be explored, as an alternative to uncontrolled traffic growth on the wholly inadequate, unclassified, single lane road from Long Marston to Honeybourne, via Pebworth village, as well as reducing traffic on the dangerous B4362. In addition the car park at Honeybourne station is already full, to capacity, at an early hour on weekdays. This includes the Long Marston Station Road improvements as agreed by Inspector to use the land earmarked by him to use if needed.

Worcestershire County Council have already submitted such concerns to the Stratford Core Strategy Examination in September 2015. Such a service was successfully operated for two days in June for 6,000 visitors from the Long Marston based, Quinton Rail Technology Centre, as part of a national rail industry event (Rail Live) and used former London Underground trains, now being converted to new diesel and battery electric trains, by Long Marston based Vivarail.

2. Options open to The Cabinet
Having had the Motion referred to it, the following options are open to The Cabinet:-
a) To consider the content of the Motion at the meeting without the
benefit of a report from the officers on the implications to The Council
of accepting or rejecting the Motion;

b) To defer consideration of the Motion to await reports from the officers
to the next available meeting of The Cabinet; or

c) To refer the Motion to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for
consideration and report back to The Cabinet.

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