

ADDENDUM TO AGENDA ITEM NO. 5(b) – CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING

BRIERLEY HILL SUSTAINABLE ACCESS NETWORK (BHSAN) – SECTION 31 GRANT FUNDING 2007/8

Section 31 grant funding of £20.32m was offered to the Council by the Department for Transport (DfT) in December 2006 for the BHSAN scheme and accepted by urgent decision sheet DUE/80/2006 dated 19th December 2006. This was then noted by Cabinet and Council in February 2007. However, DfT have now stipulated that Council must also accept this grant funding on an annual basis for the relevant financial year. The DfT offer letter dated 25th May 2007 offers a maximum grant of £14.47m for 2007/08 and describes the terms and conditions relating to it. It is proposed that the Director of Finance be authorised to accept grant offers (in respect of the Brierley Hill Sustainable Access Network) on behalf of the Council, subject to the terms and conditions as required by the Department for Transport.

Recommendation:

That the Director of Finance be authorised to accept grant offers (in respect of the Brierley Hill Sustainable Access Network) on behalf of the Council, subject to the terms and conditions as required by the Department for Transport, and as detailed above.