## Appendix A6 2020/21 Q2 – INFRASTRUCTURE & TRANSPORT

## **Key Activities Q2**

Work with communities and businesses to deliver the agreed parking strategy by taking a phased approach to its implementation, including a review of permitting and pricing arrangements

The Parking Delivery Plan consultation scheduled for March was put on hold as a consequence of Covid-19; however, it was agreed at the July Parking Project board that it should go ahead. Accordingly, White Young Green (WYG) issued letters and questionnaires on 30 July with responses due back mid-August. A few organisations have asked for an extension as they will not have a meeting during this period, and this has been agreed on a case by case basis.

The draft final report is due week commencing 5 October and will circulated to the Parking Project Board members. A board meeting is scheduled for 13 October and WYG will present the key elements of the report and take Board Members questions which will further inform the final report.

The Cabinet member has agreed that the report and action plan will be taken to Cabinet as this gives all members and the public a chance to review it and ask questions; this is currently scheduled for January 2021.

In relation to the implementation of new Resident Parking Schemes, whilst activity slowed as a result of Covid-19, consultation on schemes recommenced in August. To date 124 streets have now been surveyed; 100 are not being regressed as they have not met the criteria, ten are currently being reviewed and five are now being taken forward for implementation.

Continue to represent the Island on all transport related matters through partnership groups such as Solent Transport and Transport for South East. (TfSE)

Delegated decision was taken by the cabinet member for infrastructure and transport in July 2020 to approve the submission of the proposal to government for the formation of a sub-national south eastern transport body (Transport for South East) along with fifteen other upper tier authorities in the South East

*Cllr Ward the council Cabinet member for Transport and Infrastructure is now the Chair of Solent Transport.* 

## Ensure the timely completion of the core investment period works for the Highways PFI in 2020

A savings programme has been established and agreed with Island Roads and reports made to a dedicated savings board. The programme aims to deliver savings in three phases completing in March 2021. The savings are a balance between a requirement to achieve contract savings and maintaining acceptable standards of service delivery.

Discussions are ongoing between the service provider and the council to facilitate the completion of the Core Investment Period (CIP) of the contract (Milestone 14) and the continuing programme of investment in the road network for the rest of the contract period.

Regular performance reports are now being provided to the Corporate Scrutiny Committee which demonstrate the significant investment that has been made to the Island's roads, and progress being made to satisfy contract requirements during CIP and the post CIP period.

Develop and implement externally funded works to open up regeneration sites in and around Newport and ease congestion in the town

<u>St Mary's roundabout works</u> proceeding on schedule, due for completion December 2020. Further junction improvements using the remaining allocated Department for Transport (DfT) funding will be implemented following the completion of the St Mary's scheme.

Developing and delivering local safety-based highway improvement schemes through an annual capital programme of works

A programme of highways safety works has been drawn up and is being delivered using an allocated budget of £1.5 million. This includes the Smallbrook junction where preparatory work has commenced and a design is expected to be finalised in October 2020 and the scheme completed by March 2021

Review the council's integrated transport plan and develop a transport infrastructure programme

Approval is being sought for the development of a new Local Transport Plan (LPT4) in partnership with Hampshire County Council. A revised paper will be presented to Cabinet in 2021 which identifies indicative timelines and the strategic approach.

Continue to work on the Ryde Transport Hub as part of the wider Transforming Cities Projects (in partnership with Hampshire CC, and Portsmouth City Council) in order to improve local and regional connectivity

The council has recently been awarded £10 million by DfT as part of a joint award of £56 million for the Portsmouth and SE Hampshire sub-region. This funding will support a number of jointly funded projects over the next 2 – 3 years for improvements to the Ryde Pier, Ryde Station and transport interchanges and will be jointly funded and delivered by South Western Trains, Southern Vectis, Wightlink and Network Rail.

Complete an Island wide consultation to understand the communities' views on re-opening Undercliff Drive and identify appropriate next steps as following the consultation exercise

Consultation was completed with a majority in favour of reinstating the Undercliff Drive. Discussions have taken place with DfT regarding funding but due to other competing national priorities there is unlikely to be sufficient funding available at this time for this project to progress.

Undertake a feasibility study to understand the potential cost benefit analysis for a Medina Bridge

An initial study carried out by Hampshire county Council has indicated that whilst it would be possible to build a bridge over the Medina the cost and environmental impact of such a crossing would make funding such a scheme prohibitive. It was also recommended that a wider study of traffic flows and transport provision would be required in order to determine whether the Medina crossing was the best option. The LTP4 studies will provide the relevant information to further inform viability.

## Strategic Risks

The council fails to achieve the required outcomes from its significant contractual			Assigned to:		
relationships and fails to successfully resolve some anomalies in the contracts' interpretation (in relation to the 25-year Highways PFI contract)		Director of Neighbourhoods			
			Previous scores		
Inherent score	Target score	Current score	Jun 20	Mar 20 (pre- pandemic response)	Feb 20
16 RED	5 GREEN	12 RED	12 RED	10 AMBER	<b>10 AMBER</b>
		No chan	ge to risk		