

2020/21 Q3 – INFRASTRUCTURE & TRANSPORT

Key Activities Q3

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 draft Parking delivery plan has now been received from White Young Green (WYG) consultants and they presented this to the parking board in November 2020. The board requested a number of amendments and some additional information to be included before it could be considered by Cabinet. Subsequently it has been agreed to defer the cabinet report from January until February 2021 to allow time for this work to be undertaken and reviewed.

A revised draft delivery plan was received late December 2020 and will be reviewed by Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration on 7 January 2021 followed by Cabinet on 11 February.

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

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

Activity is ongoing through recent attendance to both Solent Transport meetings and TfSE workshops.

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

St Mary's scheme is nearing completion with the main body of works completed, with final snagging and completion of the works for the creation of the cul de sac on Parkhurst Road currently underway. The final soft landscaping and skid resistant surface treatment works are due to follow as planned in the coming months as the weather conditions improve. The next phase of the Newport Junction Improvements works for St. George's Way (Coppins Bridge to Matalan Roundabout) are now being finalised prior to the commencement within the next few weeks.

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

Unfortunately, this has been delayed whilst awaiting cost estimates from utility companies for the diversionary works. Though it is intended for works to commence within the coming weeks subject to receipt of the diversionary cost estimates and the outcome of final site investigations.

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

Approval has been granted for the development of a new Local Transport Plan. Following which a brief has been sent to Hampshire County Council's Commercial Team, with the intention to obtain a cost estimate to undertake the necessary development work on behalf of the Isle of Wight Council via the existing Joint Working Agreement.

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

An interim Project Manager has been appointed via WYG to take the Ryde Transport Hub project forward over the next 6 months to meet the March 2023 deadline. It is intended that consultation on the revised proposals commence later in 2021, timescales yet to be determined.

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

Failure of the Highways PFI contract resulting in significant financial and operational disruption for the council and its residents			Assigned to: Director of Neighbourhoods		
Inherent score	Target score	Current score	Previous scores		
			Sep 20	Jun 20	Mar 20 (pre-pandemic response)
16 RED	5 GREEN	8 AMBER	8 AMBER	8 AMBER	8 AMBER
No change to risk					