

2020/21 Q4 – INFRASTRUCTURE & TRANSPORT

Key Activities Q4

Continue to work with the Transport Infrastructure Board to improve infrastructure, public transport and mainland connectivity.

Interchange project - The initial Transforming Cities bid was rejected but a lower figure of £62 million was allocated to the Portsmouth City region so the transport team are identifying which elements of the original Ryde proposal might still be supported. Stakeholder engagement and community consultation is on a revised scheme during Spring/Summer 2021.

South West Trains investment proposals has been developed – relationship to Ryde esplanade re-scoping and Bay vision to be defined and described as part of Department of Transport bid. Delivery of new rolling stock started in December 2020 and improvement works started.

Brief prepared to update Local Transport Plan to support new Island Plan. Initial focus on Newport traffic modelling and transport infrastructure planning by a new Officer Group

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 revised parking delivery plan was discussed at Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration on 7 January 2021 and then went to Cabinet on 11 February. The plan was approved will now be delivered. The delivery of this plan will be monitored by the staff/Councillor parking board

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 was the Chairman of Solent Transport.

Activity is ongoing through recent attendance to both Solent Transport meetings, the Portsmouth and SE Hants TCF Board, and TfSE board meetings.

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

The savings programme aims to deliver savings in three phases, the first two completing in March 2021.

An agreement has been reached 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. The Milestone 14 Extension Agreement requires Island Roads to complete required works on structures over the next two years to certify MS14. All other elements of the CIP have been completed.

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 now complete. The next phase of the Newport Junction Improvements works for St. George's Way (Coppins Bridge to Matalan Roundabout) has commenced with an anticipated completion in July.

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

A list of proposed schemes has been developed in outline for consideration as a programme of investment for consideration by Councillors.

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 in partnership with Hampshire CC 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 in May 2021.

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		
			Feb 21	Sep 20	Jun 20
16 RED	5 GREEN	8 AMBER	8 AMBER	8 AMBER	8 AMBER
No change to risk					