

Greater Cambridge City Deal Joint Assembly

17 December 2015 – City Deal progress report

Workstream	Update	Upcoming milestones
INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME		
Create and deliver an infrastructure investment programme that draws together national and local funding streams to invest in infrastructure that will drive economic growth in the area.		
<p>A1307 corridor to include bus priority / A1307 additional Park & Ride Achieve faster and more reliable bus journey times between Haverhill, Cambridge and key areas in between, through bus priority at key congestion points on the A1307 and provision of an outer Park & Ride site on the corridor.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial options assessment study work has looked into all transport mode options in the corridor and identified those that are likely to be of most benefit – this is being developed into a full range of options for consideration by the February Assembly and March Board. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 February / 3 March: Joint Assembly / Executive Board to review the outcome of options development work and agree next steps.
<p>A428-M11 segregated bus route / A428 corridor Park & Ride / Madingley Road bus priority Ensure that bus journeys between Cambourne and Cambridge are direct and unaffected by congestion by providing high quality bus priority measures between the A428/A1303 junction and Queen’s Road, Cambridge and one or more Park & Ride or rural interchange sites on the corridor.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public consultation on the route closed on 23 November. Responses received are currently being considered. These will be brought for consideration to the February Assembly and March Board. Over 2,000 responses were received to the consultation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 February / 3 March: Joint Assembly / Executive Board to consider the outcomes of public consultation on the initial options and agree further work.
<p>Chisholm Trail cycle links A high quality strategic cycle route from Cambridge Station in the south of the city through to the new [Cambridge North] Station, providing connections between the Science and Business Parks in the north and the commercial hub around Cambridge Station and the Biomedical Campus.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public consultation on the route closed on 30 November. Responses received are currently being considered. Over 1,700 responses were received to the consultation. The Assembly and Board will decide on next steps. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 February / 3 March: Joint Assembly / Executive Board to consider consultation outcomes, decide whether to approve the recommended route for detailed design and development and to progress the scheme to a planning application.

<p>City centre capacity improvements Improve the reliability of, and capacity for public transport, cycling and walking movements in the city centre through a variety of potential measures to relieve congestion and manage the city's transport network.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The call for evidence on tackling congestion took place throughout November, with responses received by the end of November being fed into the report at this meeting, and responses received by the end of December being fed into the report considered by the Board in January. • 67 written responses were received to the call for evidence by the end of November. Responses received by the end of December will still be considered. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 December / 15 January: Joint Assembly / Executive Board to receive feedback from call for evidence hearings and session with traffic generators, and consider next steps.
<p>Cross-city cycle improvements Facilitate continued growth and an increased proportion of cycling trips in Cambridge, lifting cycling levels to around 40% by enhancing the connectivity, accessibility and safety of the cycling network.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public consultation on options for the programme of improvements is due to take place in January and February. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 January: Public consultation opens. • 12 February: Public consultation closes.
<p>Histon Road bus priority / Milton Road bus priority Ensure that bus journeys along Histon and Milton Roads are direct and unaffected by congestion through the provision of high quality on-line bus priority measures between the Histon and Milton Interchanges and Cambridge city centre.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public consultation on options for the schemes will begin on 14 December, closing on 1 February. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 February: Close of public consultation. • 2 June / 16 June: Joint Assembly / Executive Board to consider the outcomes of public consultation and select a preferred option for each corridor, to be developed in greater detail.
<p>Tranche 2 programme development Develop a prioritised programme of infrastructure investments, informed by an analysis of their anticipated economic impacts, to be delivered during the tranche 2 period (2020/21-2024/25).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board on 3 December agreed the process for developing and prioritising the tranche 2 programme. • The agreed process allows for focus to be maintained on the tranche 1 programme. • At that meeting the Board also approved high-level consultation on the Western Orbital scheme in spring 2016. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autumn 2016: Initial sift and assessment of the long-list of schemes. • Winter 2016: Agreement of initial priorities for preparatory work on tranche 2 schemes to develop to 'options assessment' stage.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board also approved early development of work on the A10(N) corridor, alongside and integrated with the transport study to inform the Area Action Plan for Cambridge Northern Fringe East (around the new station). 	
OTHER WORKSTREAMS		
Communications Communicate the vision and aims of the City Deal to a range of audiences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The advert for the Strategic Communications Manager has now closed. Interviews are to take place in December. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> December: Recruit Strategic Communications Manager. Refresh and further develop communications strategy once the post is filled.
Economic development and promotion Enhance the alignment of public and private sector partners in Greater Cambridge to enhance the attractiveness and promotion of the Greater Cambridge economy to high-value investors around the world, and align appropriate activities that support existing businesses to develop.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Cambridge Promotions Agency (CPA) has achieved the objectives set out for 2015. The CPA has drafted City Deal related promotional projects: a) positive communication material for international business; and b) smart city narrative. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> January: Steering Group to meet to review progress on milestones due by year end.
Finance Manage and monitor the delivery of the infrastructure investment programme and relevant City Deal-related expenditure, and bring together appropriate local funding streams to complement and enhance the delivery of City Deal objectives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The future of New Homes Bonus, and therefore the extent of future City Deal revenue funding, remains uncertain pending the Local Government Finance Settlement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 March: Executive Board to agree the City Deal's 2016/17 budget from the pooled New Homes Bonus allocations.
Governance Create a governance arrangement for joint decision making between the local Councils that provides a coordinated approach to the overall strategic vision, including exploring the creation of a Combined Authority to allow the Councils to collaborate more closely to support economic development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill, which contains among others a provision to allow a County Council to join a Combined Authority for a part of its area, is currently going through Parliament. Discussions around a prospective devolution deal, which could have significant implications for City Deal governance, are ongoing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End December: Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill is anticipated to receive Royal Assent.

<p>Housing Explore the creation of a joint venture to drive quicker delivery of 2,000 of the affordable new homes envisaged in the draft Local Plans, potentially drawing in land holdings from the partners and external investment to deliver more affordable housing, and deliver 1,000 extra new homes on rural exception sites.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The fee structure for the HDA is currently being firmed up with the Councils. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By end March: Establish a Member Reference Group and produce a business plan for the HDA for 2016/17 that indicates the number of schemes that the HDA will delivery and its operational costs.
<p>Payment-by-results mechanism Implement a payment-by-results mechanism where Greater Cambridge is rewarded for prioritising and investing in projects that deliver the greatest economic impact over 15 years, commencing in 2015-16.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers are working with counterparts from several city-regions around the UK to undertake a combined procurement exercise for the economic assessment panel, which will serve the city-regions' payment-by-results mechanisms up to 2021. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June: Economic assessment panel anticipated to start its work.
<p>Skills Create a locally responsive skills system that maximises the impact of public investment, forges stronger links between employers and skills providers, and drives growth across Greater Cambridge, including delivering 420 additional apprenticeships in growth sectors over five years.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City Deal Skills Service has come into operation, following the commissioning of 'Form the Future' to deliver the service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January: City Deal Joint Assembly sub-group to meet to review progress. • Date TBC: Launch event for the Skills Service.

<p>Smart/digital Explore, in partnership with academic and business expertise, technological opportunities to complement the aims of the infrastructure investment programme and improve the functioning of the Greater Cambridge economy, finding smart solutions to a series of issues constraining the economic growth potential of the area and positioning the area as a Smart Cities leader.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board on 3 November agreed in principle to support the investment of up to £280,000 to implement a 'Smart Technology Platform', subject to a more detailed investment proposal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 February / 3 March: Joint Assembly / Executive Board to consider the business case that has been developed for investment into the Smarter Cambridge programme. • February: Joint Assembly / Executive Board workshop.
<p>Strategic planning Underpin and accelerate the delivery of the Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire Local Plans, including undertaking an early review of the Local Plans beginning in 2019 to take into account the anticipated changed infrastructure landscape, and work towards developing a combined Local Plan that includes other relevant economic levers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council approved consultation on proposed Local Plan modifications. This launched on 2 December. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 January: Public consultation on proposed Local Plan modifications closes. • March: Councils to submit the further work and proposed modifications to the Inspectors and examination resumes.