

Farnham Infrastructure Programme

Farnham Board Meeting

AGENDA ITEM 7

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SUBJECT: PROGRESS UPDATE

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

To note the progress achieved to date and the forecast key activities, including providing increased visibility of the next phase of the Farnham Infrastructure Programme (FIP) development (i.e. that following on from the conclusion of the Optimised Infrastructure Plan (OIP) consultation exercise).

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Note the progress update provided;
2. Note the forecast key activities; and
3. Note the draft post-OIP activity schedule in Annex A.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

To ensure the Farnham Board (Sponsoring Group) is aware of the Programme progress to date and has visibility of future Programme activity.

DETAILS:

1. Overall, the FIP remains on schedule, with activity progressing in period in line with expectation.
2. The focus of FIP activity since the previous Board has been on developing the OIP consultation materials and delivering the OIP consultation exercise. As noted at the previous Board, this is being delivered through a virtual consultation room supported by a series of 4 Local Liaison Forums. The consultation exercise concludes on 14

March 2021, in advance of the 2021 pre-election period. A verbal update on initial assessment of the consultation responses will be provided at the Board, under a separate agenda item, with a full written report submitted to the following Board.

3. FIP activity in advance of the next Board will be focused upon:
 - Reviewing the OIP consultation responses;
 - Producing the final OIP report; and
 - Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) consultation.
4. Activity will also commence to:
 - Implement signage for the HGV TRO;
 - Carry out initial, informal, consultation on the proposed speed restriction measures;
 - Initiate Hickley's Corner Local Large Major (LLM) submission assessment and development; and
 - Start early consideration of business case development for Wrecclesham and Western Bypasses.
5. Further specifics on activity to progress 'quick wins' are provided under the applicable Board Report. Stakeholder engagement and informal consultation will continue across future activity, including through future Local Liaison Forums, collaboration meetings with adjacent Councils or statutory bodies, and ad hoc engagement meetings, although public engagement sessions will not take place during the pre-election period.
6. A draft summary of post-OIP activity is provided in Annex A. This presents an initial view of the development of a detailed activity schedule following on from the OIP consultation exercise. The following should be noted in this context:
 - The post-OIP activity schedule summarised in Annex A will require review and confirmation following analysis of the results of the OIP consultation exercise;
 - Further work is also required to ensure that sufficient review and sign-off periods are included within the activity schedule; and
 - A broader confirmation of the Programme approach to business case development will be undertaken to validate the approach assumed in the post-OIP activity schedule. The Board will be updated when this has been completed.
7. As noted at the previous Board, the Programme Team now includes cost and commercial resource. Work is ongoing to provide a more robust cost profile for the Programme, alongside the development of a procurement and commissioning strategy for FIP. This will include the development of updated costings for the Wrecclesham Relief Road, supporting progression of the post-OIP design development process.
8. Work is also ongoing to scale the systems and processes of the FIP to align with the expansion of Programme activity and complexity, ensuring that the FIP will continue to be able to operate in an efficient and controlled manner. In particular, work is ongoing to align the FIP more closely with the overarching Surrey County Council (SCC) Portfolio Management Office (PMO), including full adoption of the now established PMO processes, ensuring that the FIP is following 'best practice' and is 'fit' for the future.

9. A plan to decarbonise transport through FIP, aligned to the overarching strategy of SCC, is also under development.

CONSULTATION:

10. There are no other implications in respect of this Report.

RISK MANAGEMENT AND IMPLICATIONS:

11. The Board has no Statutory powers and as such any decisions requiring approval by the responsible Authorities, in this case SCC, will have individual risk assessments.

FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

12. The cost and value for money in respect of the works will be identified within the SCC Report.

SECTION 151 OFFICER COMMENTARY

13. As proposals are developed that require necessary SCC approval, individual S151 approvals will be sought.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – MONITORING OFFICER

14. The Board has no Executive Powers. Any decisions made would require SCC to follow its own legal advice and its approval procedures.

EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY

15. As part of SCC reporting requirements, individual Equality Impact Assessments (EIAs) will be undertaken as required.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

16. There are no other implications in respect of this Report.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

17. FIP activity will continue in line with the summary provided above. The post-OIP activity schedule will be developed further, including full integration with the overall Programme activity schedule, before being confirmed at the following Farnham Board.

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Annexes: Annex A – Draft Post-OIP Activity Schedule (Summary)

Annex A – Draft Post-OIP Activity Schedule (Summary)