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Preston, South Ribble & Lancashire

CITY DEAL EXECUTIVE AND STEWARDSHIP BOARD

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ITEM FOR INFORMATION / NOTING IN ADVANCE OF THE CITY DEAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 16TH AUGUST 2018

Implementation Update – April – June 2018 (Quarter 1 2018/19)
(Appendices '1' and '2' refer)

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Executive Summary

This report provides a progress update on delivering the infrastructure schemes during Quarter 1; April-June 2018 (dashboard attached as Appendix '1') and sets out the latest position going forward (refreshed milestones attached at Appendix '2').

The report confirms that to date, overall good progress is being maintained on the large schemes such as Penwortham Bypass, Preston Western Distributor and Broughton Corridor Improvements. The smaller schemes in the programme, have to some extent, experienced difficulties due to resourcing issues, in both the County and District authorities and the need to focus on the strategic schemes at this point in the programme.

The implementation issues highlighted later in the report relate mainly to financial risks associated with the Whittingham Hospital site and the A582 Dualling Scheme. Delivery and funding issues associated with the Pickerings Farm site are also captured in the report.

Recommendation

That the City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board note the Quarter 1 Implementation Update for the period April-June 2018 and endorse the proposed infrastructure delivery milestones for 2018-2021.



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Background and Advice

1. QUARTER 1 – PROJECT MONITORING REPORT (Apr-Jun 2018)

1.1 Current Position

1.2 A quarter 1 performance dashboard is attached at Appendix '1' and provides "at a glance" information on the delivery of the infrastructure schemes to date. It can be noted from the dashboard that there were only 3 schemes with specific milestones in the period April-June 2018, relating to:-

- Cottam Parkway – Milestone not achieved - Grip 3 business case being prepared by Network Rail, this was not achieved – completion of work now expected in December 2018
- Broughton/Fulwood (North of M55) Corridor – milestone achieved – Contract awarded
- Cycle path along the Lancaster Towpath and Tom Benson Way – milestone not achieved – design not yet complete, due to other schemes in the programme needing to be prioritised.

1.3 The City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board will note that of the 47 infrastructure schemes included in the 3 Year Business and Delivery Plan for 2017-20; 13 are now complete, 9 are in the early design and cost approval stages and so do not yet have delivery milestones confirmed; 11 are progressing as planned (Green); and 14 are behind programme/have encountered issues that could impede on the programme (amber). The majority of schemes highlighted as amber can be attributed to capacity issues, associated with the challenges of delivering multiple smaller projects, whilst also dedicating adequate resources to ensuring that the strategic schemes in the programme continue to be delivered at an accelerated rate. This issue of resourcing and capacity is felt across the partner authorities and is being considered as part of the City Deal Review which is currently underway.

1.4 Some of the more strategic projects have moved forward considerably achieving key milestones in the Programme. These are described in the project update section on the dashboard and include:-

- **Preston Western Distributor and East West Link Road** – The date for the public inquiry is now confirmed for 20th November 2018. Work has commenced on the eastern most section of the east west link road, which will connect to the existing network at Lightfoot Lane. This 200m section will initially serve a development of 200 homes.
- **Broughton/Fulwood Corridor (North of M55)** – contract awarded and work started on site in July 2018.
- **Penwortham Bypass** – on site, progressing well.



2. **DELIVERY MILESTONES – 2018-2021 (Appendix '2')**

As is usual at the end of the year, project managers are asked to review their project plans and update milestones to reflect a more accurate project position against which to monitor against going forward. Ordinarily, these would be captured as part of the annual Business and Delivery Plan update, but due to the need to allow the City Deal and Housing Site Reviews to conclude and present proposals for a refreshed finance model and housing delivery forecast, the Business and Delivery Plan will not be developed until later in the year.

However, in order to effectively manage and monitor the infrastructure programme in the meantime, refreshed delivery milestones have been prepared for the infrastructure schemes and are attached at Appendix '2'. Any shifts in the programme from the previous year are captured as part of this process and are highlighted in the dashboard at Appendix '1'.

3. **UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES**

3.1 **Current Position**

3.2 The table below sets out the more significant issues that are being prioritised in the Programme in order to appropriately manage risk. Some of the issues have previously been reported and an update on the current position is provided.

Scheme/Issue	Value/cost to the Programme	Update/Latest Position
A582 Dualling	To be determined	Funding pressure – further analysis and detailed work to confirm the position being undertaken by officers – Future report to City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board.
Pickerings Farm Link Road Link Road cannot be progressed to designstage until bridge options have been determined and funding issues resolved. Arrangements will need to be in place prior to detailed	1350 Units £5.5m CIL potential	Discussions are ongoing with Network Rail regarding a new bridge over the West Coast Main Line and the associated cost implications for the City Deal. Further work is being undertaken to understand at what point this access is required from a highways technical perspective. The design for Bee Lane bridge has now been completed which will inform the masterplanning process. Housing Infrastructure Fund bid to support the delivery of the bridge as part of a wider Cross Borough Link road was unsuccessful.



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<p>masterplanning being completed.</p>		<p>Negotiations with Taylor Wimpey are nearly complete regarding the collaboration agreement. Homes England have secured approval from the Director of Land to support the terms which involves a future acquisition of land by Homes England from Taylor Wimpey and internal approval has been sought for the Collaboration Agreement.</p> <p>Homes England has instructed consultants on the masterplan and planning application process. The first stage consultation events have commenced (July 2018) with the community. The Masterplan detail/endorsement will then follow and inform the outline planning application.</p> <p>The Steering group meets regularly to ensure timescales are on track.</p>
<p>Whittingham Hospital Site This site requires redesign of future phases in order to deliver the site and deliver additional new homes.</p>	<p>650 Units (+circa 120 further units if application approved) £23m (section 106) £5.4m has been received to date from this site.</p>	<p>The redesign of the scheme will result in the level of section106 contribution being significantly lower than the section106 originally agreed, presenting a risk to the finance model. This is mainly due to high level of investment into the site to date to ensure the site can be delivered.</p> <p>A consultant team has been appointed by Homes England to resolve the planning and technical issues, ensuring future phases can be successfully marketed/disposed.</p> <p>Consultation events on the masterplan/site matters took place in July 2018. This will help guide the formation of an agreed masterplan, the planning application and disposal strategy.</p> <p>Regular meetings between Homes England and Preston City Council take place to ensure this site is on track. Lancashire County Council is seeking more involvement in this working group in order to manage any planning, highway and/or financial risks that arise as a result of the re-planning of the site.</p>



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List of Background Papers

Paper

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A