



CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY BOARD	AGENDA ITEM No. TBA
DATE OF MEETING 29 JANUARY 2020	PUBLIC REPORT:

A605 KINGS DYKE LEVEL CROSSING CLOSURE

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1. This report recommends that the Combined Authority Board agree Cambridgeshire County Council's revised timeline for completion of the King's Dyke Level Crossing Closure scheme of late 2022.
- 1.2. This report is being brought under the Special Urgency Procedure for making Key Decisions which are not on the Forward Plan and which are not on the published agenda.

<u>DECISION REQUIRED</u>	
Lead Member:	James Palmer, Mayor
Lead Officer:	Paul Raynes, Director of Delivery and Strategy
Forward Plan Ref: KD2020/023	Key Decision: Yes
<p>The Combined Authority Board is recommended to:</p> <p>(a) Agree Cambridgeshire County Council's revised timeline for completion of the King's Dyke Level Crossing Closure scheme of late 2022.</p>	<p>Voting arrangements</p> <p>A simple majority of members</p>

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1. At its meeting on 31 October 2018 the Combined Authority Board approved increased funding of £16.4m and the continuation of the delivery of the A605 Kings Dyke Level Crossing Closure with timeline for completion of Late 2020.

2.2. Following this approval, the contractor provided a revised cost estimate of significant increased value and Cambridgeshire County Council decided to terminate this relationship and enter into a procurement exercise to seek to engage a new contractor. The sequence of events is listed below, as detailed in the Cambridgeshire County Council Economy and Environment Committee report dated 15 August 2019:

- August 2019 Committee approval to progress with restricted OJEU process
- September 2019 Advertise opportunity through OJEU notice
- December 2020 Construction commences
- Late 2022 Construction complete

2.3. Following the evaluation and moderation of tenders Cambridgeshire County Council will seek approval via their Economy and Environment Committee to award and seek to engage the contractor at the earliest opportunity to commence construction and proceed to completion in late 2022.

3.0 THE URGENCY OF THE DECISION

3.1. This decision is urgent because the County Council needs to be able to demonstrate to those bidding for the construction work that the funding is in place, without which the procurement exercise would be prejudiced. This requires a Funding Agreement between the Combined Authority and the County Council which includes the revised timeline for completion of the scheme. The Board's agreement to the revised timeline is necessary for the Funding Agreement to be completed. Any difficulties in letting the contracts would risk extending the completion date further, prolonging the difficulties being experienced by those using the current King's Dyke level crossing.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1. The financial implications for the Combined Authority, if any, of the Cambridgeshire County Councils tender exercise will be considered when bids have been received in March.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1. When the Combined Authority Board approved further funding for the scheme at its meeting on 31 October 2018, as set out at paragraph 2.1 above, it was advised that the then timeline for the scheme was completion in late 2020. The anticipated completion date is now late 2022 and it is therefore appropriate for the Board to have the opportunity to confirm whether they are content with the revised timeline for completion, given that this is a material change in the proposals put before Board in October 2018.

6.0 APPENDICES

6.1. None

<u>Source Documents</u>	<u>Location</u>
Report to Combined Authority Board 31 October 2018	CA Board Report [Item 2.5]
Report to Cambridgeshire County Council Economy and Environment Committee 15 August 2019	CCC E&E Committee Aug 2019