



**AGENDA ITEM 8: APPENDIX 2
BRIEFING FOR OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY LEAD MEMBERS**

SUBJECT: COMBINED AUTHORITY PROJECT MILESTONES

On Thursday 11th June, Lead Members requested an overview of milestones for a select number of Combined Authority projects, in order to update the Committee's Work Programme. This report provides this overview.

BUSINESS PLAN 2020/21

The Combined Authority 2020/21 Business Plan was approved by the Combined Authority Board meeting in January 2020. Relevant links to this can be found below:

[Combined Authority January Board approval - Business Plan 2020/21](#)

[Combined Authority January Board approval - Business Plan 2020/21 appendix](#)

The Business Plan includes a list of deliverables across the 2020/21 year of delivery and the relevant extracts for the projects requested by Overview & Scrutiny Members have been included in this report.

Members are asked to note that, as a result of a review of the Combined Authorities Medium Term Financial Plan, publication of the 2020/21 Business Plan was placed on hold.

Transport and Infrastructure:

A47 Dualling

'The next year will see us taking the project into the Options Identification Stage with the intention to work collaboratively with Highways England to identify a long list of potential route options and reducing this to a short list of routes for future consultation. Developing the Project Control Framework 1 suite of products will also take place to influence the inclusion of this project for construction within the Highways England Roads Investment Strategy Period 3 (RIS3) programme'.

Despite the A47 Dualling Project Control Framework Stage 0 work the Combined Authority undertook, achieving a Green status within Highways England's Stage Gate Review, the Department for Transport chose not to include it within the Roads Investment Strategy programme. The Combined Authority are negotiating with Highways England and the DfT to explore alternative delivery approaches to the next stage development.

A505

'A study to consider multimodal transport solutions in the Royston to Granta Park corridor'.

Following completion of the procurement, contract award will be awarded and work to be completed over the coming few months.

A605 Oundle Road

'This scheme provides infrastructure improvements to the important Lynch-wood Business Park, promoting easier access and attracting new business'.

Construction was due to complete July 2020 but due to consequences of COVID-19 and understanding the risk element on site, this has now been extended to October 2020.

Cambridge South Station

'The Combined Authority will continue collaboration with our funding partners to influence Network Rail and the Department of Transport to continue to develop a station solution to serve the Cambridge Biomedical Campus on accelerated timescales against the originally planned 2025 date'.

King's Dyke Level Crossing

'The preferred option is for a new alignment to the south of the A605 with a new roundabout at either end to link to the A605. A new supplier will be approved by June 2020/21 and work will commence shortly after'.

Fenland Regeneration Stations

'This is a programme of improvement works at March, Manea and Whittlesea stations, which includes new car parks for all stations. In addition, a new footpath and improvements to the lighting will be made at Whittlesea, new shelters will be implemented at Manea and Whittlesea, and for March there are plans to refurbish the platform 1 building. There are also plans for a heritage project to refurbish the wall and canopy along with provision of a mural at the station'.

Wisbech Rail

'The Wisbech Rail project is looking to produce a single option public transport solution, primarily between Wisbech and March and linking March to the wider region. During the next 12 months of delivery, we will complete the GRIP3 hybrid study and seek funding support to develop a GRIP 4-8 development and delivery solution'.

Completion of Full Business Case July 2020.

Soham Station

'Following the Combined Authority assuming direct responsibility for the new Soham railway station, work has been progressing with a GRIP3 report. We will continue to develop the GRIP4 study with Network Rail and commence development of traffic management options on the Local Road Network. Now that the contract for the delivery phase of this project has been signed with Network Rail, advanced design work is under way. Network Rail have committed to begin early advanced works in September 2020 and the main station works in early 2021'.

A10 Duallings

'A project looking at improvements to the Ely-Cambridge Transport Corridor, to unlock key opportunities in the area. Over the coming year, we will conduct public consultation on options for the dualling of the A10 between the Milton interchange and Ely and will complete the Strategic Outline Business Case for the project. We will also continue to work with the government on the funding bid for the dualling and junction improvements. Next steps will be subject to the outcome of those discussions with the government'.

Since the approval of the Business Plan, the Transport Committee has approved the move of the Outline Business Case Procurement to the summer of 2020. A link to the paper can be found below:

[A10 Transport & Infrastructure Committee - April 2020](#)

Cambridge Autonomous Metro (CAM)

'The CAM continues to be a key component of the Combined Authority's vision and in January 2020 its Transport and Infrastructure Committee authorised an initial non-statutory public consultation to occur in early 2020 to inform the Outline Business Case of the City Tunnel Section. The Outline Business Case is due to be completed

in 2020 and if approved will be progressed to the Full Business Case, paving the way for the multi-billion-pound expansive network. Additionally, the Transport and Infrastructure Committee approved funding of £100,000 to progress business cases for the Regional Routes of the CAM. Work will commence with development of briefing and tender documents for the Regional Routes, with the intention of commencing the production of the Strategic Outline Business Case for the Alconbury Regional Route in Summer 2020'.

The CPCA has recently decided the CAM City Tunnel Section will be reassessed to take into account the current direction of the programme. The key reasons that have led to this decision below:

- Allow time to take into account other work streams and ensure all advice is being fully implemented
- Evaluate the impacts of COVID-19 both in the short and longer term
- Consider how best to deliver the One CAM scheme

Ely Area Capacity Enhancement

'A Strategic Outline Business Case to identify solutions to the constraints to both road and rail at Ely and improve passenger and freight services between Peterborough and Cambridge'.

Publication of the Strategic Outline Business Case due over the coming few months.

Digital Connectivity

'The next year will see progress towards the full fibre coverage target of over 30% by 2022, as well as working with mobile operators and government to improve mobile coverage as part of the new Shared Rural Network Programme'.

The full Digital Delivery Business Plan for the year 2020/2021 will be taken to the Housing and Communities Committee meeting on 22nd June 2020.

Business & Skills

Market Town Masterplan

'Work is continuing with masterplans for each of our key Market Towns, with progress detailed below:

Fenland

All four Masterplans (Wisbech, March, Chatteris and Whittlesey) are scheduled for approval at the Combined Authority Board in January. Following approval, they will each be bidding for Combined Authority capital funding to implement the plans.

Huntingdonshire

Further local town team consultation is being planned for Ramsey, whilst Huntingdon

and St Ives are scheduled for Thurs 30th Jan 2020. The Huntingdon Masterplan is expected to be finalised by the end of February and will go to the Combined Authority Board in March 2020 for approval.

East Cambridgeshire

Consultants are being appointed to undertake Ely and Soham Masterplans (including the completion of Littleport). It is expected these Masterplans will be finalised by May 2020 and will go to the Combined Authority Board in early June 2020 for approval'.

Masterplans for East Cambridgeshire will be going to the August Combined Authority Board meeting for approval.

COVID-Micro Grant

This project came about as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic and was therefore not an entry in the original 2020/21 Business Plan.

The funding pot has now been fully allocated and grant claims are being submitted to draw down funding.