

CCC COVID-19 EMERGENCY PLANNING HIGHLIGHT REPORT

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KEY ACTIVITY HEADLINES

- Stagecoach bus services are changing for the Easter weekend with a reduced timetable. Overall services have been reduced to close to a Sunday service and it is not expected that there will be significant further change now the Government has provided £167m funding for the bus industry.
- The Council will be writing to Telecommunications Companies to ensure they are able to continue as much digital infrastructure rollout as is safe in the current circumstances.
- New permitted development rights have been announced with the introduction of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Coronavirus) (England) (Amendment) Order 2020. A new Part has been added permitting emergency development by a local authority or health service body.
- The Contact Centre no longer taking calls on Saturdays regarding highways matters. Relevant pages of web site have been altered.
- Local Highway Officers are reducing numbers of customer reports of works needed - by 1000 over the last three weeks. If this continues, everything will shortly be up to date.
- There has been a formal request from Highways England for the commencement of archaeological evaluation phase 2 on the A428 – over 700 trenches.
- The Kings Dyke tender evaluation has been completed and the Committee report will be published on 15th April with a recommendation on the way forward.

RISKS / CHALLENGES (AND MITIGATION)

- Skanska are furloughing a number of their staff which may impact on the ability to deliver.

WORKFORCE UPDATE

None new

FINANCIAL IMPACT (increase in costs / reduction in income)

None new

RECOVERY ACTIVITY (plans being considered / future steps)

- Discussions have started with Skanska and Balfour Beatty to develop a recovery programme for the next 6 months to catch up on lost schemes (3-6 months).
- Initial discussions are underway with colleagues in the EEH/Arc authorities in relation to role of digital infrastructure in economic recovery and capitalising on increase in digital engagement/skills/tools as a result of the crisis.
- How to pick up and accelerate delivery of public sector funded capital schemes, to build economic confidence and lead the recovery.

COMMUNICATIONS

None new

