

COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE A141 HUNTINGDON AND ST IVES AREA TRANSPORT STUDY STEERING GROUP

To: Economy and Environment Committee

Meeting Date: 13 September 2018

From: Graham Hughes Executive Director Place and Economy

Electoral division(s): A141 Huntingdon Transport Study - Huntingdon North and Hartford, Huntingdon West, Godmanchester and Huntingdon South

St Ives Transport Study – The Hemingfords and Fenstanton, St Ives North and Wyton, St Ives South and Needingworth.

Forward Plan ref: n/a **Key decision:** No

Purpose: To consider the establishment of a single A141 Huntingdon and St Ives Area Transport Study Steering Group and to appoint four Cambridgeshire County Councillors to the Steering Group

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Economy and Environment Committee:

- i) approve the establishment of the A141 Huntingdon and St Ives Area Transport Study Steering Group, and;
- ii) appoint four County Councillors to the Steering Group - two representing the A141 Huntingdon Transport Study and two representing the St Ives Area Transport Study.
- iii) appoint two substitute Members to the Steering Group (one for each area)

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1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CA) presented a paper at its 28th March 2018 board meeting that set out spending on transport during the period 2018-20. The paper recommended that the CA Board:
- Agree a total budget allocation of £18.3m for the rolling programme of priority transport and infrastructure schemes
 - Note that the £6.65m funding from the National Productivity Investment Funding for 2018-19 was included in the total allocation
 - Agree the pipeline of projects set out in the multi-year transport programme
 - Authorise the Chief Executive of the CA to delegate responsibility and budget for the production of feasibility studies, business case or designs for each of the projects within the multi-year transport programme to a delivery partner, provided that all such studies, business cases and designs are reported back to the CA Board for approval
 - A package of studies that Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) would conduct on behalf of the CA.
- 1.2 The A141 capacity enhancements around Huntingdon is one of the transport schemes identified in the pipeline of schemes and has been allocated up to £1m in 2018-19 for a feasibility study with responsibility for leading and delivering the study delegated to Cambridgeshire County Council. This study is now known as the A141 Huntingdon Study.
- 1.3 In addition to transport schemes being promoted by the CA, there are a number of studies being delivered by CCC for which the CA is not contributing funding. CCC presented a Transport Scheme Development paper at its 8 February 2018 Economy and Environment Committee which recommended that the Committee:
- Note the scheme development work being undertaken by the CA
 - Approve the list of schemes to be developed by CCC in 2018-19
 - Approve the process for sifting and prioritising schemes from 2019-20 onwards to be developed and designed ready to be implemented as and when funding opportunities arise.
- 1.4 Schemes agreed to be developed by CCC are the St Ives Junctions Study, now known as the St Ives Area Transport Study, and the A10 / A142 roundabouts in Ely. Both studies were allocated up to £1m in total for feasibility studies in 2018-19.
- 1.5 Due to the close proximity of the A141 Huntingdon Study and St Ives Area Transport Study and the interdependencies of any future solutions for each area, CCC decided that both studies would be procured jointly and undertaken by a single consultant, with a single modelling team involved in both studies.
- 1.6 The studies will soon reach a stage where Councillors need to be involved as views will be needed regarding schemes going forward and public engagement and consultation. Considering the joint working approach for the two studies, it is proposed that a single member steering group will be formed covering both areas. Consideration of the two separate funding bodies involved will be made clear and guidance on the decision making process for the Group will be clarified in the Terms of Reference that will be agreed when the Group meet. For information, a draft Terms of Reference is in Appendix 1.

2 MAIN ISSUES

A141 Huntingdon Transport Study

- 2.1 The study should consider a range of transport interventions including but not limited to junction improvements along the route, possible realignment of the current bypass and an opportunity to enable new transport modes.
- 2.2 The funding for the A141 section of the study will be provided by the CA, who have commissioned the study and allocated CCC as the delivery partner.

St Ives Area Transport Study

- 2.3 The Huntingdonshire Strategic Transport Study (2017) was conducted to evidence proposals in the Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036 which is being examined between May and September this year. This work identified a number of locations in St Ives where measures were required to mitigate Local Plan growth but no schemes were designed to address capacity problems.
- 2.4 With provision of money by CCC to fund a feasibility study, the desire is to expand the brief to:
 - a) Address capacity and congestion issues along the following key strategic routes
 - A1096 between A1123 and A14
 - A1123 between A1096 roundabout and B1090 junction
 - B1040 between Marley Road and A1123.
 - b) Address existing constraints of bus routing and access in St Ives town centre.

A Joint Member Steering Group

- 2.5 Both the A141 Huntingdon Study and St Ives Area Transport study are in the early stages of development. However, the project team wish to set up the A141 Huntingdon and St Ives Area Transport Study Steering Group in preparation for Councillor involvement being required. The proposal is for this advisory group to comprise of two Cambridgeshire County Councillors for each study, four in total, and the same number from Huntingdonshire District Council.
- 2.6 The details and Terms of Reference for the Steering Group will be agreed at the first meeting. It is envisaged that the Steering Group will make recommendations to the County Council's Economy and Environment Committee and to Huntingdonshire District Council's Cabinet. Ultimate responsibility for the St Ives Area Transport Study, as well as the A141 Huntingdon Study through delegated powers from the Combined Authority, resides with the County Council's Economy and Environment Committee.

3. ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3.1 Developing the local economy for the benefit of all

The following bullet points set out details of implications identified by officers:

- To enable growth in both study areas. This is both housing and employment growth which would be to the benefit of all local residents.
- To reduce congestion and improve safety across the areas which will result in economic benefits.

3.2 Helping people live healthy and independent lives

The following bullet points set out details of implications identified by officers:

- Improve access in both areas which will assist with providing better links to employment, health and education.
- Ensure that consideration is given to sustainable forms of transport which have health benefits.
- Investigating improvements to bus services and routing in St Ives which will help people live independent lives by improving access to bus services.

3.3 Supporting and protecting vulnerable people

There are no significant implications for this priority.

4. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Resource Implications

There are no significant implications for this priority.

4.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications

There are no significant implications for this priority.

4.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications

There are no significant implications for this priority.

4.4 Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no significant implications for this priority.

4.5 Engagement and Communications Implications

There are no significant implications for this priority.

4.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement

Local members from wards in the respective study areas are to be consulted for inclusion in

the Steering Groups.

Implications	Officer Clearance
Have the resource implications been cleared by Finance?	Yes Name of Financial Officer: Sarah Heywood
Have the procurement/contractual/ Council Contract Procedure Rules implications been cleared by the LGSS Head of Procurement?	Yes Name of Officer: Paul White
Has the impact on statutory, legal and risk implications been cleared by LGSS Law?	Yes Name of Legal Officer: Fiona McMillan
Have the equality and diversity implications been cleared by your Service Contact?	Yes Name of Officer: Tamar Oviatt-Ham
Have any engagement and communication implications been cleared by Communications?	Yes Name of Officer: Joanna Shilton
Have any localism and Local Member involvement issues been cleared by your Service Contact?	Yes Name of Officer: Tamar Oviatt-Ham
Have any Public Health implications been cleared by Public Health	Yes Name of Officer: Iain Green

Source Documents	Location
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board Paper 28th March 2018 – Transport Delivery 2018/19	http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/assets/Combined-Authority/180328-Agenda-Document-Pack2.pdf
Cambridgeshire County Council E&E Committee Paper (8 February 2018) – Transport Scheme Development	https://cmis.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/ccs_live/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/678/Committee/5/Default.aspx
Huntingdonshire Strategic Transport Study (2017)	https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/planning/new-local-plan-to-2036/monitoring-research-and-evidence-base/
Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036	https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/planning/new-local-plan-to-2036/monitoring-research-and-evidence-base/

Appendix 1: Draft Terms of Reference

A141 Huntingdon Transport Study and St Ives Area Transport Study

Member Steering Group

Terms of Reference – DRAFT

1. The Member Steering Group has been established to assist in the review and development of schemes identified by the A141 Huntingdon Transport Study and the St Ives Area Transport Study.
2. The aim of the A141 Huntingdon Transport Study and the St Ives Area Transport Study is to identify potential transport interventions in the vicinity of the A141 in Huntingdon and in St Ives to address existing capacity and safety problems as well as accommodating future growth in travel demand resulting from increases in housing and employment opportunities identified in the emerging Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036.
3. The A141 Huntingdon Transport Study will identify potential transport interventions on the A141 between the Spittals Way and Ermine Way junction across to the Sawtry Way (B1090) junction in Huntingdon. The study will consider a range of transport interventions including but not limited to junction improvements along the route, possible realignment of the current bypass and an opportunity to enable new transport modes.
4. The St Ives Area Transport Study will focus on investigating issues and developing possible solutions to the following key issues in St Ives:
 - a. Address capacity and congestion issues along the following key strategic routes:
 - i. A1096 between A1123 and A14
 - ii. A1123 between A1096 roundabout and B1090 junction
 - iii. B1040 between Marley Road and A1123.
 - b. Address existing constraints of bus routing and access in St Ives town centre:

- i. Alternative measures that will contribute to reduced congestion in this locality and improve reliability and attractiveness of bus services
 - ii. Identified streets to be considered as a minimum - East Street, Globe Place and North Road.
5. This note sets out the roles that the Member Steering Group will fulfil during the studies, with the main role of the Group to provide guidance regarding the general direction of the studies, while representing the concerns of Huntingdon and St Ives constituents within the limitations of the respective study remits. The group will be asked to comment on the schemes identified by the studies using their local knowledge of transport and other issues, including access to services within Huntingdon, St Ives and the surrounding area.
6. An A141 Huntingdon Transport Study and St Ives Area Transport Study Member Steering Group Communications Strategy will also support this Terms of Reference document. This Strategy sets out protocols for communication in respect of the two studies and Members have a role to adhere to the communications strategy to enable effective implementation of the studies.
7. To ensure that the County and District Councils are all involved in the studies, the Group will represent their respective authorities and play a role in disseminating information back to fellow Members where appropriate. Four nominated representatives for each authority will be able to attend the Member Steering Group meetings. Councillors will nominate a chairperson for the group from amongst its membership at the first meeting.
8. The A141 Huntingdon Transport Study is funded by the Cambridge and Peterborough Combined Authority, with power delegated to Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) to run and manage the study through the County Council's Economy and Environment Committee. It is envisaged that the Steering Group will make recommendations to the Economy and Environment Committee, which would in turn make recommendations to the Combined Authority.
9. The St Ives Area Transport Study is funded wholly by CCC. It is envisaged that the Steering Group will make recommendations to the CCC Economy and Environment Committee which is ultimately responsible for delivering the study.
10. In parallel the Steering Group will make recommendations to Huntingdonshire District Council's Cabinet to ensure that support is obtained from all authorities.