

CCC - COVID-19 EMERGENCY PLANNING HIGHLIGHT REPORT

SERVICE AREA:	Place and Economy
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KEY ACTIVITY HEADLINES

- Kings Dyke Tender Assessments have been completed to programme and Committee papers published for Committee on 23rd April;
- A letter sent to all active telecoms companies in the area asking them to consider how they can expedite fibre rollout where they can ensure they can do so in a safe manner;
- 230 FFP3 face masks have been given by Skanska to PHE / NHS for the front line COVID response. This will require revised policies for highway maintenance which are being drafted;
- Outstanding customer reports of highway works needed continue to be dealt faster than they are being logged - a further 500 outstanding notifications dealt with this week.
- Some Public Rights of Way routes shut by landowners are being opened by teams;
- The Governments wrote to the Combined Authority this week outlining plans for significant extra funding to support local bus companies.

RISKS / CHALLENGES (AND MITIGATION)

- There is a significant re-deployment of P&E staff from non-critical activities. As some teams move closer to skeleton services there will be some changes to how works are undertaken and service standards, particularly in highways and transport work areas. Ways of minimising the changes are being developed, including bringing in extra consultant resource.

WORKFORCE UPDATE

- Redeployment of staff is now ramping up, with significant numbers from P and E moving into social care activities to support vulnerable members of the community – 60+ staff so far from P and E;

FINANCIAL IMPACT (increase in costs / reduction in income)

- Additional costs associated with Skanska's stand down on the Fendon Rd, Cambridge scheme are being discussed, including those that would facilitate an early return to work on site;

RECOVERY ACTIVITY (plans being considered / future steps)

- Work continues with Skanska and their supply chain to ensure that work can commence wherever possible, but if not measures are in place to ensure a speedy mobilisation period following relaxation of the restrictions. This includes advanced ordering of long lead time materials where possible.

COMMUNICATIONS

- The web site will be amended in the light of the revised Highways maintenance policies.