

COVID-19 HIGHLIGHT REPORT

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NEW GUIDANCE AND IMPACT

- A new Statutory Instrument for Camera Enforcement in mandatory cycle lanes has been published. A briefing note has been produced. To enact this will need more investment in mobile cameras.
- Government guidance in relation to new emergency Temporary Accommodation requests meaning that only those who are priority need, shielding, COVID19 positive and homeless categories are covered, has reduced new bookings into the Peterborough rest centre. There have been no new COVID19 bookings into rest centre settings since 18th June 2020.

NEW CHALLENGES AND ACTIVITY

- The temporary infrastructure list for reallocation of road space was approved by the CCC committee on the 16th June and PCC Cabinet members. Works will start immediately to meet the 8 week delivery deadline. In Cambridgeshire, link officers for each district will immediately start to discuss priorities to ensure local members are fully informed and involved in prioritisation and the works. This will be a challenging project given the number of individual schemes and their complexity and so adequate resources will be in place at an early stage.
- In CCC, a 'task and finish' team will be created immediately to move these temporary infrastructure schemes forward and in PCC, officers are working closely with Skanska to enable delivery.
- In CCC, many Traffic Regulation Orders and Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders will be published in the next few weeks and there will be very significant public interest in these.
- Traffic levels continue to increase further following the opening of all non-essential retail.
- The Mill Road, Cambridge closure project now has an ETRO published and works to implement it will start 24th June.
- In PCC, the plan is to reduce to just one rest centre for the homeless – the target is to close the Queensgate Hotel by the end of June 2020 leaving only Park Inn in operation (with maximum amount of residents at 55 to ensure proper management of site). Responsibilities for cleaning of rooms, repairing damage, replacing damaged good, etc. are being discussed.
- In PCC, there is a trial of an 'assessment' centre where housing clients are initially placed prior to moving into the main hostel setting. This is working well, with six clients initially being placed.
- Staffing levels impacts in the waste and recycling team within Aragon have been significant with 19 employees off. This resulted in cancelling garden waste collections last week. The teams have been trying to induct new members of staff and are working hard to try and bring back a normal garden waste service from next week.
- Officers have worked hard to manage the continuing need for traffic management at HRCs in the face of the increased pressure on the road network whilst reducing the expenditure on this wherever possible.

RECOVERY ACTIVITY

- In CCC, the City Centre & Market Towns recovery measures were all implemented for shops re-opening on 15th June. This showed really successful working with City Council and District councils.
- In Peterborough the City Centre Task Force successfully implemented the first phase of the recovery plan by supporting retailers to open safely and welcome shoppers and visitors back to the City Centre.
- Resident's parking enforcement and bus lane enforcement was reinstated in Cambridge on 15 June to tie in with retail sector reopening.
- There have been 15 expressions of interest for the 'School Streets' to date within Cambridgeshire and interest from two schools in Peterborough as of 17 June.
- A Covid risk assessment has been completed at the CCC and PCC Highway depots and measures put in place resulting in reduced capacity, but social distancing compliant for Skanska operatives.

- Resettlement of those in Temporary Accommodation continues at a steady pace in Peterborough - current residency numbers at rest centres – Park Inn – 36 households, Queensgate – 22 Households, Charnwood – 4 households (used for self-isolating or symptomatic households).
- Move on's from rest centres this week have been good – 2 moves to YMCA, 1 move to Amnicus supported housing, 4 moves to The New Haven, 4 moves to Crosskeys Temporary Accommodation, 2 moves into private rented sector. Officers are also assisting supported schemes to move current clients to free up space for clients from hotels, 2 moves from New Haven into private rented and one into YMCA.
- Current scheduled move on's for next week include – 4 into Amnicus Trust, 2 moves into sheltered accommodation and 2 move ons into Fairview Court.
- PCC officers have been working with the BMX club to do a recovery template to open this Peterborough facility and have opened discussion with a football club that utilise PCC open space for their training, to look at how potentially this could be restarted.

DECISIONS MADE SINCE LAST REPORTING PERIOD

- Reinstatement of Parking Enforcement in Residents Parking areas in Cambridge and bus lane enforcement all started on 15th June.
- The Pay and Display parking enforcement will resume on 29 June in Cambridge.
- CCC's Highways & Transport committee approved the list of road space reallocation schemes and ETRO process on 16 June.
- In CCC, a new temporary process for table and chair licences has been agreed to support local businesses.
- In CCC, a new streamlined road safety assessment process to support assessment of risks and review of temporary interventions has been agreed.
- Garden waste collections have been put back a week for PCC given the lost activity from infected and self-isolating operatives
- Traffic management has been removed from CCC's HRCs at Wisbech, Whittlesey, March and Witchford.
- In CCC, the van and trailer permit system for booked vehicles has been re-instated.
- In CCC, in order to plan for the removal of traffic management on busy roads (Alconbury, Thriplow and Bluntisham) we are moving these three to a booking system, and reviewing for Milton and St Neots; these latter two are too busy to lift TM at the moment.

NEW FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS SINCE LAST REPORTING PERIOD

- All Covid related expenditure and loss of income is recorded on business cases.
- End of contract costs associated with move from Travelodge and Queensgate Hotel are being calculated.
- There will be a reduction in security costs from 1st July for the PCC rest centres as the numbers of sites are reduced.

WORKFORCE CHANGES

- Most CCC and PCC staff have now returned to their service from the hub.
- In CCC, current re-deployees are as follows:
 - 17 staff across P&E (CCC) redeployed of which:
 - 8 are highways;
 - 4 are Infrastructure and Growth;
 - 1 are Passenger Transport.
 - 3 are Environment and Commercial Services.
 - 1 is Connecting Cambridgeshire
- One CCC staff member completed 14 day self-isolation following contact with confirmed positive case on A14 works.

COMMUNICATIONS

- There has been strong media focus in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough on the temporary cycle and pedestrian measures.
- There was widespread coverage of the Peterborough City Centre opening on 15 June and progress throughout the week
- The success in reducing the number of rest centre clients in Peterborough was covered in the press last week with a particular case study included which illustrated the positive outcomes from the support given to rough sleepers through the lockdown
- In Cambridgeshire, there was significant media activity after the Committee approval of the schemes on 16th June;
- There was a CCC media release explaining the changes in parking enforcement on 11th June.
- A letter has been sent to CCC schools (via Jonathan Lewis) to ask for expressions of interest in school streets as part of the road space reallocation programme.
- There were Cambridgeshire media release regarding City Centre / Market Town recovery work on 11th June.