

P&E COVID-19 EMERGENCY PLANNING HIGHLIGHT REPORT

JOINT CCC/PCC REPORT

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KEY ACTIVITY HEADLINES

- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Household Recycling centres were opened successfully on 11th May with traffic management and social distancing measures in place in all to manage impacts;
- A set of short term cycling and pedestrian schemes across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to aid recovery and help prevent significant increase in car use has been prepared and shared with CPCA on behalf of the Mayor. Next steps in the allocation of £250m still awaited. Teams in both Councils will in the meantime propose schemes for introduction this week;
- Guidance on Safer Public Spaces has been published. Plans are now being prepared to ensure guidance is adhered to in Peterborough such as signage on social distancing; extra cleaning of street furniture; hand washing facilities; and an increase in litter bin emptying in high footfall areas.
- Peterborough City Centre Task Force has been established to support businesses and retailers to open up safely if Government guidance allows restricted openings to start from 1 June. The TF will take full account of the Safer Public Spaces guidance in its ongoing city centre audit work and action planning.
- A City Centre recovery plan to allow for physical distancing in Cambridge has been developed with partners and the aim is to get all measures in place for 1st June, when retail could start to open;
- Following the publication of guidance for employers on reopening buildings safely where that is necessary, a review of working practices in the CCC/PCC depots, including risk assessments is being carried out to ensure they function safely;
- Most Cambridgeshire Highways work sites are now returning to site. All Peterborough major Highways works sites are working again and all other sites are either now operational or will be restarting shortly;
- In Cambridgeshire, the number of outstanding highway fault reports is down to 456;
- In Cambridgeshire, the number of potholes filled w/e 8 May was 1,575 – note this was only a 4 day week;
- Following the easing of some lockdown measures last week tennis courts in Peterborough have reopened and we are working with bowls clubs to support re-opening of bowls greens. Plans are in place to re-open 2 toilets in Central Park this week.

RISKS / CHALLENGES (AND MITIGATION)

- As work picks up, there are challenges managing fast paced work with teams working remotely;
- With Estate Agents reopening, there is likely to be a big increase in searches request while the team is depleted. Developer activity is also picking up which is increasing pressure on the service;

WORKFORCE UPDATE

- P&E Hub co-ordinators are working with the Volunteer Hub to enable the phased return of some redeployed staff to support the increase in service activity arising from the easing of the lockdown and Government guidance.

FINANCIAL IMPACT (increase in costs / reduction in income)

- Business cases for all additional COVID costs are being prepared. This week costs have arisen from extra resources required for the reopening of the HRCs across CCC/PCC. Additional resource has been put in place to support the PCC City Centre Recovery work.

RECOVERY ACTIVITY (plans being considered / future steps)

- A Cambridge Parking Enforcement recovery plan for remobilisation has been developed;
- New Towns Fund – further guidance is expected from Government at the end of May on how Investment Plans should address COVID recovery. PCC's New Towns team is anticipating the guidance by adapting the plan now ahead of the guidance being received.
- Stagecoach are developing plans to increase services. These have not yet been seen;
- PCC Rough Sleepers - Resettlement work is being carried out with each household in the hotels to look at future housing provision and appropriate pathways to ensure we have the minimal amount of households being accommodated in hotels, to prepare us for the lifting of the lockdown.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Compliments have been received for how the reopening of HRCs across both CCC and PCC were managed. The operation of the HRCs over the first weekend of opening will be monitored and steps taken if any issues arise.
- Compliments have also been received the work of the Cambridge Parking Operations team in assisting customers at this difficult time