

# Infrastructure Advisory Sub-Group

Monday 5 November 2018, 2pm

Members Board Room, County Hall, Oxfordshire County Council

**Present:**

Cllr Ian Hudspeth	Oxfordshire Growth Board (Chair of Sub-Group)
Cllr Barry Wood	Cherwell District Council (arrived 3.20pm)
Cllr Linda Smith	Oxford City Council
Cllr David Nimmo-Smith	South Oxfordshire District Council
Cllr Mike Badcock	Vale of the White Horse District Council

**In attendance:**

Sue Halliwell	Oxfordshire County Council
Simon McEneny	Oxfordshire County Council
John McLauchlan	Oxfordshire County Council
Caroline Green	Oxford City Council

**Apologies:**

Cllr Yvonne Constance	Oxfordshire County Council
Cllr Jeff Haine	West Oxfordshire District Council

**1. Declarations of Interest**

None raised.

**2. Agree notes of last meeting**

Agreed

**3.**

**a. Q2 2018/19 Infrastructure Delivery Programme – progress update**

Discussed the challenges of mobilising the programme at the same time as delivering Yr1 schemes. An early (Q1) assurance exercise flagged the potential Yr1 underspend with many of the issues being 3<sup>rd</sup> party delays. Focus continues to be on what can be delivered in-year.

Sub Group **NOTED** the 2018/19 Q2 monitoring reporting and **NOTED** the 2018/19 infrastructure delivery monitoring report and progress made to date, recommending the Growth Board note progress.

**b. Reprofile approach**

Discussed that the slippage to Yr1 delivery and associated underspend has now been discussed with Homes England / MHGLG and an agreement in principles is being developed using additional infrastructure schemes. Once agreed the Sub Group will be up dated on the approach.

The Growth Deal funds are separate budgets to the rest of OCC's budgets and spend will be coded separately. A more detailed note on this process will be developed for this Group and Growth Board but it is a similar approach to City Deal funding.

Sub Group **NOTED** the Yr1 reprofiling exercise and the agreement in principle with MHGLC to allow forward funding of substitute schemes that are already being delivered across the county – subject to written confirmation of acceptability from MHCLG.

**ACTION:** Deal Director and OCC to produce note outlining how the forward funding process will work.

### c. Proposed Yr2-5 Infrastructure Delivery Programme

Discussed that AECOM were commissioned to help us develop a ranking of schemes – they had previously worked on OXIS. Proposal is for 29 schemes across Yr2-5 with 19 commencing in Yr2 and 10 in Yr4.

In Q3 – subject to approval – the schemes will be phased with other known work (HIF and BAU) to ensure we can keep the network moving. The Yr2-5 programme will allow for flex within approved schemes and so gives increased confidence that future spending targets will be met. It also allows for the mobilisation phase we weren't afforded in Yr1 to happen to ensure a fast start to delivery.

HIF 1 and 2 schemes are not included in this programme.

Discussion about the need to build confidence in Growth Deal partners collective ability to deliver the programme without significant further variation, and the potential need for further resources..

Papers will become public when Growth Board papers are published – level of disclosure dependent on commercial and site specific sensitivities.

Agreement it would be useful for this Group to have a list of schemes when available for wider discussion.

Indirect benefits (e.g. hospitals) are recognised but the delivery of housing numbers is the key metric and so that has played the highest role in ranking these schemes. There is still an absence of an agreed methodology so we are basing our approach on local knowledge but this is an iterative process.

Plan is for the programme to go to Growth Board in Q3 and, if agreed, onto Government in Q4.

Sub Group **AGREED** the Yr2-5 Infrastructure Delivery Programme list and recommend it to Growth Board for endorsement.

**ACTION:** SM to circulate the list of schemes to the Sub Group

when publicly available.

**ACTION:** SH to provide Cllr Badcock with an update on A34 slips

#### **4. Expressway – Highways England Engagement Plan**

Discussion emphasised that these are Highways England events so they are leading on the handling of invitations and logistics etc. On the 16<sup>th</sup> Nov there is an all Authorities session (invitation only) with Parish & Town council sessions on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. All Sub Group members have received their invitations. Purpose of the session is to gather local intelligence and provide overview of current process.

There is a clear interdependency between the Expressway corridor decision around Oxford and the JSSP. This has been flagged to MHCLG and discussions are on-going but this may require a more prominent lobbying position in time.

Clarification that Culham Bridge with HIF 1 and Expressway are not linked as they are independent funding streams.

#### **5. Date of next meeting**

Still to be confirmed but will be in 2019 and will ideally be slightly closer to the subsequent Growth Board.

**AGREED** Future meetings will be scheduled to finish by 2.30pm.