



Action Notes

Meeting	Ipswich Strategic Planning Area Board
Date	Thursday 11 th October 2018
Time	9.30am
Location	Orwell Room, Grafton House, Ipswich
Present	<p> Cllr Carole Jones (Ipswich Borough Council) (CJ) Cllr Tony Fryatt (Suffolk Coastal District Council) (TF) Cllr Nick Ridley (Babergh District Council) (NR) Cllr Glen Horn (Mid Suffolk District Council) (GH) Cllr Paul West (Suffolk County Council) (PW) - Chairman Robert Hobbs (Babergh/Mid Suffolk District Councils) (RH) Carlos Hone (Ipswich Borough Council) (CH) Sarah Barker (Ipswich Borough Council) (SB) Andrea McMillan (Suffolk Coastal District Council) (AM) Mark Edgerley (Suffolk Coastal District Council) (ME) James Cutting (Suffolk County Council) (JC) Graeme Mateer (Suffolk County Council) (GM) </p>
Apologies	<p> Desi Reed (Suffolk Coastal District Council) (DR) Martyn Fulcher (Ipswich Borough Council) (MF) Tom Barker (Babergh/Mid Suffolk District Councils) (TB) Philip Ridley (Suffolk Coastal District Council) (PR) </p>
Distribution	Attendees, Desi Reed, Martyn Fulcher, Tom Barker.
Action Notes Agreed	Agreed.

Items:

		Action	Attachments
1.0	Review action notes of meeting held on 11th July 2018 and matters arising.		
1.1	It was agreed that the action notes from the meeting held on 11 th July 2018 were an accurate record. IBC to publish on ISPA Board webpage.	SB to publish notes on website.	
2.0	Strategic Highways Update - Upper Orwell Crossing		
2.1	The report 'The Future of the Upper Orwell Crossing Project' was published on the 9 th October 2018. The report confirms that the current project costs exceed those that were set out in the outline business case (£96.649 million). The estimated maximum cost of delivering the project would be £146.7 million, giving a maximum additional capital requirement of £43.2 million.		
2.2	At present, there is not sufficient capital resource to fill the funding gap. The County Council is therefore exploring the availability of additional alternative funding streams and seeking support from other key parties. The County Council will report on efforts to secure additional funding and make the final decision on whether to proceed with the project in December this year.		
2.3	Any decision is likely to have implications for local transport plan modelling given that the Upper Orwell Crossing has been included in Local Plan Modelling Forecasting Report. It is recommended that the modelling is rerun at the earliest opportunity testing scenarios with and without the crossing, to avoid delays in the local plan timetables.	AM/RH/SB to liaise with SCC Highways regarding model reruns	
2.4	CJ indicated that IBC would wish the smaller crossing to go ahead to facilitate development of the Island Site.		
2.5	TF communicated that the potential transport impact on energy projects, including Sizewell C, needed to be considered.		
	Road Investment Strategy 2 (RIS2) for the Strategic Road Network		
2.6	GM updated the board on Suffolk County Council's bid to secure funding via the Road Investment	GM to circulate	

	<p>Strategy for junction improvements along the A14. Those junctions experiencing greatest capacity problems are the focus of the bid including junctions 54 (Sproughton Road), 55 (Copdock Interchange), 56 (Wherstead Nacton) and 57 (Nacton Road). All of the proposed junction improvements have a high benefit cost ratio. A decision on the outcome of the bid is due in summer 2019 and GM urged each authority to vocalise their support for the package of proposals through the appropriate channels.</p> <p>It was agreed that PW would coordinate the preparation of a letter in support of the package of proposals for leaders of the five authorities to sign.</p>	<p>RIS2 presentation.</p> <p>PW to coordinate a letter of support for RIS2 bid.</p>	
<p>3.0</p> <p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p>	<p>Implication of revised household projections</p> <p>AM advised that the new standard methodology informed by revised household projections, September 2018, represents more ambitious housing figures for Ipswich Borough Council (IBC), Mid Suffolk District Council (MSDC) and Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC), however not Babergh District Council (BDC) where a cap has been applied.</p> <p>The figure for SCDC has risen to 582 homes per year compared to the figure of 545 which was set out in the First Draft Local Plan and included a 10% uplift on the housing need figure. ME advised that whilst Suffolk Coastal continues to have ambitions to set out a strategy for uplifted growth through the local plan, given this latest increase it is likely to be more challenging for SCDC to uplift further.</p> <p>SB advised that Ipswich is finalising capacity calculations but continues to experience viability challenges.</p>		
<p>4.0</p> <p>4.1</p> <p>4.2</p>	<p>Update on draft Statement of Common Ground</p> <p>AM confirmed that SCDC continues to support joint/aligned working. AM advised that SCDC had publish a draft SoCG as a background document to the First Draft Local Plan consultation and although all representations have yet to be processed, the principle appeared to have received local support.</p> <p>SB advised that it is IBC's intention to include a chapter on joint working within the Ipswich Draft Local Plan. The chapter will confirm IBC's commitment to work with MSDC, BDC and SCDC through the Ipswich Policy Area Board.</p>		

4.3	It was agreed that the SoCG will be updated, officers to liaise and turn around a revised draft for the next meeting.	AM/RH/SB amend SoCG and circulate revised draft	
5.0	<p>Update on Local Plan Timetables</p> <p>5.1 Ipswich Local Plan - Executive on the 27th November 2018, with Reg 18 consultation January 2019 to March 2019.</p> <p>5.2 BDC, Council 20th November with plan published for consultation 7th January 2019.</p> <p>5.3 MSDC, Council 19th November with consultation starting 7th January 2019.</p> <p>5.4 SCDC, first draft consultation ended on the 14th September 2018, Proposed Submission Plan (Final Draft Local Plan) to Council 3rd January 2019, consultation January to February 2019 and submission in March.</p>		
6.0	<p>Any other business</p> <p>There was none</p>		
7.0	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>SB requested a date in early November, prior to Tuesday 6th. Location – Grafton House.</p>	Officers to agree suitable date.	

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