

BICESTER STRATEGIC DELIVERY BOARD - NOTES – 31 OCTOBER 2019

MEETING: Bicester Strategic Delivery Board		Board Members: Cllr Barry Wood (CDC) (Chairman) Cllr Ian Hudspeth (OCC) Cllr Colin Clarke (CDC) Cllr Richard Mould (BTC) Cllr Lynn Pratt (CDC) Cllr Jason Slaymaker (BTC) Cllr Nick Mawer (BTC) Cllr Lawrie Stratford (OCC) Cllr Michael Waine (OCC)		Ian Collinson (Homes England) Peter Cox (Bicester Chamber of Commerce) Robert Jolley (Cherwell District Council (CDC)) Rosie Rowe (NHS Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)) Phil Shadbolt (Bicester Vision) Lesley Tims (Environment Agency (EA)) Attendance as required (MHCLG)	
DATE AND TIME: 31 October 2019 at 10:30am					
VENUE: Meeting Room, 1st Floor, Franklins House, Wesley Lane, Bicester, OX26 6JU					
	TOPIC	PURPOSE		RESP.	
1.	Apologies	Cllr Colin Clarke, Cllr Ian Hudspeth, Cllr Nick Mawer, Cllr Jason Slaymaker, Rosie Rowe, Lesley Tims. Ian Collinson sent apologies and advised due to a new operating model at Homes England, David Crook will be the representative for future meetings. The Chairman welcomed David Crook, Homes England, to the meeting. Cllr Sean Gaul attending future meetings in place of Cllr Nick Mawer.			
2.	Notes of previous meeting and matters arising	The notes of 25 July 2019 were agreed with updates in agenda items below. The Chairman advised he had received a video from Bicester Motion (formerly Bicester Heritage) and Motorsport UK re their collaboration and this was shown to the Board.			
3.	ERDF Funded Projects (European Regional Development Fund)	A presentation was given by Sam Thomas, Sustainability Projects Officer, on the two ERDF projects which the Bicester Delivery Team are involved in – (i) OxFutures (Oxfordshire Greentech) a low carbon business networking organisation to help grow the low carbon economy in Oxfordshire; and (ii) Innovation Support for Business (ISfB) - delivery of business support to Oxfordshire SMEs. Both projects are partnership working with other organisations. Actions			

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bicester Delivery Team (Sam Thomas) to check if BioRegional are included in the LEP Living Lab discussions. • Oxfordshire Greentech banners to be set up for promotion at the Cherwell Industrial Strategy on 12 November to promote the project to interested attendees. • End of project report to be added to the Forward Plan for July 2020. 	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Oxford Cambridge Expressway</p>	<p>Ben Smith, Senior Transport Planner, OCC, presented a statement written by James Gagg, OxCam Corridor Coordinator, OCC.</p> <p>In September 2018, central government decided on preferred corridors for the section of the proposed Oxford to Cambridge Expressway between the existing A34 in the Abingdon area, and the junction of the M1 to the south of Milton Keynes. Following this decision, and in partnership with other authorities on the Oxfordshire Growth Board, Oxfordshire agreed a set of principles to guide views on Expressway development in October 2018, including the need for any decisions to maximise the opportunities to develop sustainable transport.</p> <p>Since this time, Highway’s England, who are leading on the project, have been developing options for Expressway routes within the preferred corridors. It is understood that there will be public consultation on identified viable routes, but the timing for this has not yet been confirmed. A decision on a preferred route would then follow, prior to the start of the statutory planning process and associated public examination.</p> <p>Further information on the project and work undertaken to date is available at the Highways England Website at the following link: https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/oxford-to-cambridge-expressway/</p> <p>it is also noted Cherwell District Council agreed a motion on the Expressway at full council on 21st October.</p> <p>Action: Highways England website link to be circulated to Board members.</p>	

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<p>5.</p>	<p>London Road Level Crossing</p>	<p>Ben Smith, Senior Transport Planner, OCC, presented a statement written by James Gagg, OxCam Corridor Coordinator, OCC.</p> <p>Work has been undertaken over the last few years to review and develop proposals for an alternative to the level crossing at London Road, Bicester. At present, this is proposed to be either an underpass or bridge located close to the existing crossing, which could provide continuous transport access along this route. This would be an alternative route to having to wait at the level crossing, with crossing down time forecast to increase over time as new trains operate on the East West Rail route.</p> <p>It is proposed that further work is undertaken to progress the London Road crossing alternative, and specifically bringing together a Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) for the proposed scheme. This would help establish whether the proposal is likely to be able to secure government funding going forward, and hence whether more detailed work should be carried out to develop an Outline Business Case.</p> <p>Funding is required to undertake further technical work needed for the SOBC, including transport modelling. This funding is currently being sought from the East West Rail consortium, which has funds to support study work associated with development and delivery of the East West Rail project.</p> <p>A further update on the progress of this work will be given to the next Bicester Strategic Board.</p> <p>Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chairman to be contacted if action required at the rail boards that he is a member of. • Meeting to be arranged after the election to meet with the local MP to discuss the project. OCC (OxCam Corridor Coordinator) to be included in the meeting. • OCC’s OxCam Corridor Coordinator to attend next Board meeting. 	<p>OCC</p> <p>OCC</p> <p>OCC</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Task and Finish Panel – Town Centre</p>	<p>A short video was shown of the Grimsey event held on 25 June.</p> <p>Cllr Richard Mould updated the Board advising that following the Grimsey event, a group</p>	

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		<p>of 17 people volunteered to form a Town Centre Task Group, Terms of Reference were tabled.</p> <p>The group have met weekly to draft a vision for the town centre and are planning a feedback event on 27 November for the original invitees.</p>	
7.	Task and Finish Panel – Healthy Bicester	<p>Cllr Lynn Pratt and Cllr Lawrie Stratford presented the report and Youth Survey Appendix.</p> <p>Go Active for Diabetes – education event well attended with 47 attendees.</p> <p>Activities for Bicester’s teenagers – survey results described in Appendix A. Key finding is although broadly 50% of young people are happy with the opportunities in Bicester, 50% are not and this is considered due to the fact that many activities are unaffordable to a proportion of families.</p> <p>Healthy Bicester Facebook page – regular Facebook posts reach more than 2,000 followers. An article was also featured on BBC 6pm news.</p> <p>Thrive at Work – the scheme was launched at Bicester Vision’s September meeting. Developed by West Midlands Combined Authority, the scheme is being piloted with Bicester employers to promote health and wellbeing amongst employees. If the pilot is successful, it will be rolled out across Cherwell and the rest of Oxfordshire.</p> <p>Healthy Kidlington – the first initial Kidlington meeting took place on 23 October with 70 attendees.</p> <p>Phil Shadbolt highlighted that he is involved in a study for MASCAV and autonomous vehicles and Public Health England (PHE) have asked for the study to be extended to include the Graven Hill site and an indication of the number of visits to the proposed surgery was requested.</p> <p>Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Fund bid (deadline 3 weeks time) – Bicester Town Council (SS) and Jenny to discuss. • Item on GP provision across the town to be bought to the next SDB. • Bicester Delivery Team (JB) to provide indication of number of surgery visits. 	

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8.	Garden Town Programme	<p>The Bicester Delivery Manager presented updates on key areas of work progressed in the last quarter:</p> <p>Cultural Festival - took place on 20-22 September which was very successful. Planning is taking place to grow the festival next year which will be the third year it has run.</p> <p>Heritage Trail – launched at the Cultural Festival. Developed with Bicester History Society and Bicester Village, it identifies important historic buildings primarily within the town centre. The leaflet is available at local outlets and the council’s website https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/237/walking/653/bicester-historic-town-guide.</p> <p>Improvement of highway design and connectivity – potential signing, by OCC, today of the Marginal Viability funding which will facilitate delivery of the rail bridge infrastructure at North West Bicester.</p> <p>Other Garden Town capital is being secured for funding to facilitate early delivery of Pioneer roundabout, Ploughley Junction and Banbury Road roundabout improvement.</p> <p>Work with OCC is taking place over the developer funded provision for improved walking and cycling provision. Bicester BUG (Bike Users Group) are pushing for high quality provision which will enable a better outcome.</p> <p>Linking the above work and funding is a project to use planting in air quality management areas. A report to be presented to a future Board meeting.</p> <p>Natural capital and working with the Environment Agency (EA) – at the last meeting an offer was made by the EA to work collaboratively on natural capital across the Oxford Cambridge Arc area. Conversations are taking place to second a member of the EA staff for this work.</p>	
9.	Development Update	<p>All major sites progressing.</p> <p>An Appeal decision was allowed, over turning the Council’s objections to the proposal for a gas fuelled power station, the Inspector did not consider the plant would be intrusive.</p>	
10.	Bicester Project update	<p>Burnehyll Community Woodland – land transfer due imminently. The Chairman highlighted the opportunity to work with private sector organisations looking to offset</p>	

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		<p>carbon footprints via planting trees.</p> <p>Eco Business Centre – opening took place 26 September. A query was raised on the external cedar cladding. This was erected to provide shading and prevent overheating in the building in the Summer. It is the first non-residential Passiv Haus Plus building in the UK.</p> <p>Heritage Trail – completed September and updated at item 8 Garden Town Programme</p> <p>Early Years projects – through close working with OCC, a providers network was launched in Bicester to encourage joint working and spread knowledge of Early Years activities and support.</p> <p>Bicester Voluntary Forum – CDC’s Community Services Team are unable to resource a locally based forum however they will continue to run the Cherwell Voluntary Forum. Bicester Town Council advised they would continue to run the forum.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chairman requested an update on the Inward Investment to Bicester. • Bicester Delivery Team to liaise with Bicester Town Council re Volunteer Forum. 	
11.	Project Bids	<p>Project bids made since the last meeting:</p> <p>Garden Town Capacity Funding of £370k – awaiting the outcome.</p>	
12.	Risk Log	<p>Updates shown in bold text at items 1a, 1b, 3a, 4b.</p> <p>Action: the Board requested a risk to be added on the level of inadequate funding for Howes Lane.</p>	Bicester Delivery Team
13.	Press release summary and agreed communication messages	<p>The Board noted the press release report and agreed the following key communication messages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint press release to welcome and promote Motorsport UK with Bicester Motion. • Promotion of Oxfordshire Greentech. • Continuing positive outcomes from HNT work including the Young People’s 	Bicester Delivery Team

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		survey.	
14.	Forward Plan	<p>The Board noted the Forward Plan with the following amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March - Update on air quality presentation given last January • January – CCG & Drs to present feedback on evaluation for Graven Hill site choice • January - LCWIP presentation • March - move Inward Investment report update to March if necessary (after AMR published) • March or later – updated on Queens Avenue air quality planting scheme project • July– ERDF project update after funding ended in March report 	Bicester Delivery Team
	Date of next meetings	2020 dates: 16 January, 19 March, 23 July, 29 October Venue: Franklins House, Bicester	All to note