

Notes

OF A MEETING OF THE



The Future Oxfordshire Partnership Infrastructure Advisory Group

**HELD ON THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 11.30 AM
VIRTUAL VIA MS TEAMS**

Present:

Members: Councillors Liz Leffman (Chair), Pieter-Paul Barker, Ian Corkin, Duncan Enright, Alex Hollingsworth, Judy Roberts, Carl Rylett and Phil Southall

Officers: Owen Jenkins (Oxfordshire County Council), Babatunde Ogundele (Future Oxfordshire Partnership), Paul Staines and Beth Wilks (Future Oxfordshire Partnership)

50 Apologies for absence and notification of substitutions; declaration of interests; Chair's announcements

There were no apologies for absence and notification of substitutions.

The Chair confirmed the meeting was scheduled to go over the Housing and Growth Deal Homes from Infrastructure, (Hfi) budget due to significant cost pressures. The Chair also pointed out the need to manage the budget as effectively as possible as the purpose of these funds is to bring forward housing projects and support growth.

There were no declaration of interests.

51 Capital Programme - HFI Elements Update

The Advisory Group was provided with a presentation by John McLauchlan, Head of Service Infrastructure Programme Office, Oxfordshire County Council on the Housing and Growth Deal Infrastructure Scheme Review.

The presentation highlighted the following:

- Total capital allocation for Infrastructure is £142.7m
- Present Programme has allocated £149.2m

- This is a result of a short-term imbalance to the programme as endorsed by the Future Oxfordshire Partnership (FOP) on 30th June by agreeing the additional £5m for the NOC Cassington Scheme and £1.495m for Benson, and since approved by OCC
- The following scheme changes were endorsed by FOP in June, but paused (pending capital review)
 - Tramway
 - Access to Whitney
 - NOC Kidlington
 - Woodstock Road
 - Banbury Road
- To achieve a balanced programme an overall reduction of £6.495m must be achieved to cover the already implemented decision, in addition to the pressure in the programme of between £30m and £50m
- Plan to present for a decision to be made at FOP on 27th September 2022, followed by OCC Cabinet endorsement in October 2022.

John McLauchlan confirmed that any figures highlighted in the presentation were a snapshot in time due the changing nature of the programme and the cost pressures attached to it.

John McLauchlan pointed out that the Milton Heights Bridge which funding would be removed from is yet to be discussed at a political level by South Oxfordshire and Vale Of White Horse District Councils Officers.

Members queried why Woodstock Road and Banbury Road Corridors were included in the presentation as it was thought they would be better suited to Central Oxfordshire Travel Plan (COTP) It was pointed out that fundamentally they will still be moving into COTP and there was no actual funding for COTP now.

Members enquired if the £2m from North Oxford Corridor – Kidlington Roundabout would be reassigned to the design work as it will show that there are intentions to move on and get the development of Homes in A4095 Northwest Bicester. It was pointed out that the £2m from Kidlington had been reallocated across programmes and a further reduction in an existing scheme would need to be made to achieve this. It was also pointed out that a business case is currently in progress by Cherwell District Council Officers to understand the number of housings that will be unlocked for the design work going on.

Members queried why the Banbury Road Roundabout scheme was reintroduced and if there is an order of priority for these schemes. It was however pointed out that Banbury Road Roundabout had a good level of maturity, met Housing and Growth Deal criteria, and could be delivered in the time available. It was also confirmed that there was no order of priority with these schemes, however there is a scoring matrix which does not impact decision making.

Member agreed for this presentation to go forward to the Future Oxfordshire Partnership (FOP) meeting on 27 September 2022 for consideration and pointed out the need for more details in the presentation when it goes to the FOP.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the Chair thanked John McLauchlan for his presentation to the Advisory Group.

52 Dates of Future Meetings and Forward Programme

Meetings at 14.00 unless otherwise stated.

31/10/2022

09/01/2023

27/02/2023

17/04/2023 (10.00)

03/07/2023

The meeting closed at 12.15 pm