

Appendix A: Junction 18 (Rhubarb Bridge) Cross Party Working Group
DRAFT - Terms of Reference
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Purpose: The purpose of the Cross Party Working Group is to examine fully costed options for improvements to Junction 18 (Rhubarb Bridge), the purpose of which would be to ensure that priority is given to pedestrians and cyclists in line with the transport user hierarchy in the fourth Local Transport Plan.

Role: The role of the Cross Party Working Group is to:

- a. Examine whether it is technically and financially feasible to reassign the proportion of the overall budget allocated to demolish the footbridges to instead make significant repairs to the bridge structures.
- b. Examine the long term solutions for a replacement bridge and determine the preferred option to recommend to Cabinet.

Responsibilities of the Task and Finish Group: Members of the Cross Party Working Group will be responsible for reviewing the structural reports to ascertain whether repairs to the existing bridges at Junction 18 are technically and financially feasible. The Group will also be responsible for determining which long term solution for a replacement bridge should be fully designed and costed. The Cross Party Working Group will make a recommendation to Cabinet for both tasks, ensuring that priority is given to pedestrians and cyclists.

Frequency: A minimum of three meetings of the Cross Party Working Group are required to: explore options; evaluate the options; and agree recommendations. The first meeting will occur in 2017 with the frequency of subsequent meetings determined by the group.

Membership of the Cross Party Working Group: Membership of the group will consist of one elected Member from each of the political groups to ensure cross party representation. One member should be nominated to act as chair. Substitution arrangements will apply and Group Leaders will nominate through Group Secretaries.

Officer representation will include Charlotte Palmer, Group Manager - Transport and Environment as Lead Officer; Amy Petrie, Principal Project and Programme Officer and Lewis Banks, Principal Transport Planning Officer as the officers with day-to-day responsibility for the coordination of the scheme; and Simon Machen as a key internal stakeholder. Other specialists will attend as and when required by the group.

Meetings of the group will be supported and administered by a senior officer within the Governance team.

The Cross Party Working Group will be disbanded once a recommendation has been made to Cabinet.

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