

P&E COVID-19 EMERGENCY PLANNING HIGHLIGHT REPORT

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KEY ACTIVITY HEADLINES

- Traffic levels continuing to increase across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough as lockdown is relaxed;
- The Household Recycling centre traffic management remains in place for at least another week across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough;
- School Crossing patrols will be back working again in line with school re-openings from 1st June;
- In Cambridgeshire, a Covid Testing centre has been proposed at Milton Park and Ride site;
- An initial grant of £575k, through the Combined Authority has been received as 'emergency active travel funding'. A completed pro forma is required and will be completed by 5 June. To drawdown the second tranche of funding later in the Summer, delivery of tranche one must have started within 4 weeks or be completed within 8 weeks;
- In Cambridgeshire, pop up cycle lanes were implemented at:
 - Cambridge Road Milton
 - Cambridge Road Girton
 - Chesterton Road
 - Cycle lane widening at Kings Hedges Road
 - Cycle Lane widening at Shelford Road
- In Cambridgeshire, the number of potholes repaired w/e 22 May 2020 was 1,726;
- Preparations have been completed for the return of vans and trailers to CCC and the PCC Fengate Household Recycling Centre from 3rd June;
- The first 'planning application decision making' virtual Planning and Environmental Protection Committee meeting since the lockdown is to be held in Peterborough on 9th June following the recently agreed two stage decision making process. This will include public participation/representation and will be live streamed on the Council's YouTube channel;
- In Peterborough, the Planning Service is going to expand the pre-application advice that it currently gives, reducing the threshold for advice from major developments only, to smaller sites for all types of developments in a bid to help and offer advice to smaller residential and commercial developers to start and move forward with planning applications and new developments;
- New Government guidance has been received in relation to rough sleepers. As a result, the service in Peterborough is not expecting to take any further guests into the hotels other than in very exceptional circumstances;
- A further 8 rough sleeper guests have moved onto new pathways from the hotels in Peterborough

RISKS / CHALLENGES (AND MITIGATION)

- Lower staff levels due to Covid 19 and redeployment, mean there will continue to be some prioritisation of highway works until teams are fully operational again. The phased return of redeployed staff during June will help address this.
- Skanska now back up to about 95% capacity
- The announcement of funding for cycling/pedestrian schemes will require the rapid turnaround in decision making to meet implementation requirements. The team will be required to deliver temporary schemes decisions very quickly while ensuring correct standards are met. The team will be supported in managing workloads.

WORKFORCE UPDATE

- 13 redeployed staff have returned to services in the last week

FINANCIAL IMPACT (increase in costs / reduction in income)

No new issues

RECOVERY ACTIVITY (plans being considered / future steps)

- 20 minute P&R service to start on 31st May for Trumpington, Madingley Road, Newmarket Road and Babraham in Cambridge;
- Stagecoach, with Government funding, aiming to get back to 80% of normal services from the 1st June;
- In Cambridgeshire, the teams are working with property colleagues on risk assessments to re-open Park and Ride sites, depots and other offices that have been closed;
- Risk assessments for PCC buildings are being carried out and Aragon are working to fulfil the requirements around sanitisers, wipes and cleaning etc. There continue to be issues with open space play areas being used and particular issues with the Werrington Skate Park;
- Aragon are bringing forward a proposal to start a form of Bulky Waste Collections on a Monday and this will be shared shortly;
- In Cambridgeshire, the teams are considering options for tables and chairs licensees who have been unable to trade, looking at offering credit for time lost;
- The Peterborough City Centre Recovery Plan is being finalised in time to support some retailers re-opening on 15th June. The plan will benefit from £181k of funding made available by Government for high streets.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A press release has been issued around pop-up cycle lanes;
- There are continuing media releases and social media around the Household Recycling Centres, which generally are performing well.