

COVID-19 EMERGENCY PLANNING HIGHLIGHT REPORT

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KEY ACTIVITY HEADLINES

- P and E and other colleagues have worked hard to allow the Covid Testing centre at Milton Park and Ride site this weekend;
- Park & Ride services have now returned and all except Milton are running 20 min service. Officers have also been working with Stagecoach as they plan the return on about 80% of normal bus service levels from 15th June;
- CCC Officers have worked closely with colleagues in the District and City Councils to plan and implement road space reallocation as part of the Combined Authority work on recovery and in anticipation of shops opening on 15th June. Measures will be in place in Peterborough and across the county
- An additional pop up cycle scheme has been implemented in Kings Hedges Road Cambridge and the Shelford Road pop-up cycle scheme will be completed Monday night (lines have been burnt off and traffic island removed. Just the new lines to go back in);
- £575k to be spent over 8 weeks has been secured for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to implement further pop up cycle schemes and measures to allow people to travel safely without needing to use public transport;
- Officers from the two councils have prepared lists of schemes for implementation and in Cambridgeshire, have formed a virtual team pulling in resource from a range of areas to ensure delivery can happen swiftly;
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough officers prepared the return requested by DfT of how the £575k will be spent. This is vital in opening up access to further funding of c£2.3m in the future across Peterborough and Cambridgeshire;
- Traffic levels increasing as lockdown is relaxed, and have now reached 50% of pre Covid levels
- The majority of drive through restaurants have now reopened. There is in close liaison with police to manage the impact on the highway;
- Covid 19 regulations for making Traffic Regulation Orders, Temporary Orders and Experimental Orders have removed the need for advertising in newspapers to digital media, making the process quicker and easier;
- In Cambridgeshire, 1,284 potholes were repaired this week;
- Concessionary bus fares will return to their normal conditions from 15th June, with passes only being accepted after 9.30am from that point onwards, a communications plan has been developed working closely with bus operators;
- Planning is underway to reduce traffic management at 4 of Cambridgeshire's HRCs from 8th June. At the other Cambridgeshire and the Peterborough sites, the current arrangements remain;
- The re-introduction of the Van and Tractor permits at the HRC's went very well and this has further extended the services being offered to residents;
- Peterborough Rough Sleeper Resettlement – 12 households have moved from hotel settings this week;
 - 4 households have been moved to self-contained TA as we owe them a main duty.
 - 4 households have moved into PRS properties
 - 4 households have moved to supported placement at The New Haven
- The Rough Sleeper Next Steps and Recovery: Initial Plan was submitted to Government as required on 4 June with a covering letter to Luke Hall MP seeking funding to acquire new accommodation and the offer to host a meeting of Dame Louise Casey's Task Force in the City. The Plan is designed to assist with next steps planning for those who have been accommodated in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

RISKS / CHALLENGES (AND MITIGATION)

- Streetworks resources will be under pressure to deliver Covid 19 Traffic Regulation Orders to allow for City Centre recovery and pop up cycle lane work, but officers are looking to prioritise where necessary to ensure these projects can be delivered swiftly;
- To enable services to get back to “business as usual” recruitment to a range of vacancies has commenced to ensure there is capacity when needed;

WORKFORCE UPDATE

- Staff continue to return from the hub to provide additional capacity as workload on City Centre recovery work and pop up cycle lane work increases;

FINANCIAL IMPACT (increase in costs / reduction in income)

No new reports

RECOVERY ACTIVITY (plans being considered / future steps)

- There has been a huge amount of work to prepare for the reopening of shops from 15th June. Highways colleagues have worked in Cambridgeshire with the five District/City Councils to ensure that there will be safe conditions and the ability to physically distance by the time shops start to reopen.
- The Peterborough City Centre Task Force has completed its audit and action plan and will start implementation and widespread communication of the plan during w/b 8 June ahead of non-essential retail units opening in the City on 15th June.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications have been active this week covering:

- The re-introduction of van and trailer permits at HRCs. This has been through all channels and has ensured the smooth launch of the new arrangements;
- Working with Stagecoach to ensure messages on the new park and ride services are well publicised;
- Working with the Combined Authority to publicise the award of £575k to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough for pop up cycle and pedestrian schemes;
- Preparing communications on the measures to be put in place in town and city centres that will be issued w/b 8 June as those measures are being implemented