

**Infrastructure Development Working Group  
Monday 22 July 2019 at Cumbria House**

**Present**

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| Councillor Cyril Weber | Chair of Carlisle Local Committee |
| Councillor Paul Nedved | Carlisle City Council             |
| Rhian Davies           | Cumbria County Council            |
| Michael Barry          | Cumbria County Council            |
| Helen Renyard          | Cumbria County Council            |
| Keith Poole            | Carlisle City Council             |
| Anthony Stalker        | Consultant Engineer AECOM         |

**1. Welcome, Introduction & Apologies – Cyril Weber Chair**

Apologies were received from Councillor Lawrence Fisher (Cumbria County Council) Councillor John Mallinson (Carlisle City Council) Councillor Reg Watson, (Cumbria County Council) Councillor Nigel Christian (Carlisle City Council) Paul Musgrave (Cumbria County Council) Garry Legg (Carlisle City Council).

**2. Notes of the last meeting**

The notes of the last meeting held on 14 June 2019 were noted and approved.

**3. Transport Improvement Studies**

Anthony Stalker Consultant Engineer from AECOM gave a presentation on the proposed Transport improvements.

The Group received an update from AECOM who are currently commissioned by the County Council to look at a wide range of transport improvement projects in the County. In the Carlisle District there were three junctions being taken forward as a priority; Hardwick Circus, Georgian Way at the junction with Victoria Place, Scotland Road at the Junction of Brampton Road. One cycling improvement scheme to provide a crossing on London Road near to Mallyclose Drive is also being reviewed. The consultant brief is to work on the feasibility of each of the proposed improvements in order to support the production of an outline business case. All work is subject to future funding being available.

**Carlisle Infrastructure Delivery Plan** Michael Barry (MB) has met with Garry Legg (GL) from the city council and will be reporting back to the next meeting in October on the sustainable transport proposals, the table of improvements and the links between the Infrastructure Development Plan and the Carlisle Local Plan.

#### **4. Carlisle Southern Link Road**

MB gave an update on the recent developments regarding the Carlisle Southern Link Road. The documentation for Planning Application will be going in October with the funding agreement to be signed off.

The procurement design stage would not be completed until funding was in place, MB was confident the Carlisle Southern Link road would be completed in 2023.

#### **5. St Cuthbert Garden Village**

MB reported that Stage 2 of the Master Plan will be finalised in August and reported to the next meeting of this group in October 2019.

#### **6. Borderlands**

MB referred to the Heads of Terms announcement earlier in July which confirmed that Carlisle Station Gateway is one of the key projects which will now be given priority. There is a separate strategic outline business case relating to the Citadels aspect of the project which is still awaiting an outcome. Before any formal investment is made, all the business cases will need to be further developed and scrutinised prior to any final deal with UK and Scottish Governments.

#### **7. Cycle Route Extension**

Keith Poole (KP) outlined details of a bid the City Council is to submit for ERDF funding to promote the introduction of Low Carbon initiatives into Carlisle. The bid is due to be submitted by the end of July and it is hoped information on whether it has been successful are expected to be announced in mid-September. A plan was circulated showing a series of 10 proposed cycleway extensions which form the major elements of the bid. Many of the routes are on City Council land or follow routes along quiet housing estate roads. There are several locations where crossings of major roads are required where Toucan crossings or other appropriate facilities are required. The issue of future maintenance was discussed and KP explained that due to the tight timescale for submitting the bid there had not been time to discuss this issue, it was hoped that future discussions would establish an equitable way ahead for all partners.

KP also outlined other elements of the bid which include the introduction of Electric Vehicle charge points in 4 car parks and the provision of a number of Cycle Hubs where cycles could be stored, recharged and repaired.

## **8. High Street Fund and Heritage High Street Bid**

The bid to the Department of Communities and Local Government Fund was unsuccessful, the advice was to reapply again in the new year. MB suggested a meeting between the city and county should take place to conduct a mapping exercise to address where the bid had failed and what improvements could be made to strengthen the bid.

Cyril Weber (CW) asked if Devonshire Street would be still included in the next bid. Gareth Scott thought that the issues of lighting and drainage on Devonshire street would be a challenge , he would look at the proposal again and report it back to the next meeting.