



City and County of Swansea

Notice of Meeting

You are invited to attend a Meeting of the

Scrutiny Performance Panel – Development & Regeneration

At: Committee Room 3A - Guildhall, Swansea

On: Wednesday, 31 July 2019

Time: 10.00 am

Convenor: Councillor Jeff Jones

Membership:

Councillors: P M Black, P Downing, E W Fitzgerald, S J Gallagher, J A Hale, D W Helliwell, T J Hennegan, C A Holley, P R Hood-Williams, L James, M H Jones, P K Jones, S M Jones, W G Thomas and T M White

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 - Cllr Mark Thomas – Cabinet Member for Environment and Infrastructure
 - Stuart Davies - Head of Highways and Transportation

Next Meeting: Monday, 9 September 2019 at 10.00 am



Huw Evans
Head of Democratic Services
Thursday, 25 July 2019
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Agenda Item 4



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the **Scrutiny Performance Panel – Development & Regeneration**

Committee Room 3A - Guildhall, Swansea

Thursday, 11 April 2019 at 11.00 am

Present: Councillor J W Jones (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

P M Black
D W Helliwell
L James
S M Jones

Councillor(s)

E W Fitzgerald
T J Hennegan
M H Jones
T M White

Councillor(s)

J A Hale
C A Holley
P K Jones

Co-opted Member(s)

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Other Attendees

Officer(s)

Phil Holmes
Bethan Hopkins
Huw Mowbray
Ben Smith

Head of Economic Regeneration and Planning
Scrutiny Officer
Property Development Manager
Chief Finance Officer / Section 151 Officer

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): S J Gallagher and P R Hood-Williams

Co-opted Member(s):

Other Attendees:

1 Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

- None

2 Notes

- Approved

3 Project Update Report

Phase 1

- Things are developing and Buckingham has been appointed
- Meet the buyer event was very successful

- Want local supply chain involved
- Green infrastructure consultants looking at green walls
- Ongoing right to light issues
- Shortlisting for hotel currently
- Discussing digital options with various providers
- Looking at relocating the church hall
- Business case not yet signed off
- Preparation work has cost about £16m
- Pobl creating 33 properties with a mix of tenure
- Want to encourage living in the City Centre
- Looking at quality apprenticeships
- Early July should see the fixed price from Buckingham
- New posts in department interviewing imminently
- Hoping for business case sign off in next month
- Will procure locally where possible

Kingsway

- Council are making the site safe
- Discussions with new body to take over the contract
- Commend Martin Nicholls and his team
- Discussions over where the compound could be
- Hoping to finish Kingsway at the end of November as scheduled, subject to discussions

Kingsway – Strategy and Digital

- Awaiting element of parking strategy
- Working with consultants on strategy

Kingsway – Digital Village

- Looking at designs to be submitted this year
- Somewhere for businesses to go
- Trying to keep students in Swansea, creating vibrant spaces
- Discussed connectivity between St Thomas and SA1/City Centre
- City Deal money makes projects viable ongoing

City Deal

- FPR7 to come to Cabinet with firm capital costs and Terms and Conditions
- Full income and expenditure report included

Strategic Sites

- All moving forward

Tawe Riverside Corridor

- Skyline ongoing
- Looking at park and ride in Swansea Bay

4 Exclusion of the Public

5 Business Case Update

- Panel discussed excluded items

6 Work Plan 2018/2019

- Next meeting will look at Wales Audit Report
- End of year review will be in next meeting

The meeting ended at 11.50 am

Chair

**To/
Councillor Rob Stewart
Cabinet Member for Economy and
Strategy**

*Please ask for:
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Overview & Scrutiny

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24th April 2019

BY EMAIL

Summary: This is a letter from the Development and Regeneration Scrutiny Performance Panel to the Cabinet Member for Economy and Strategy following the meeting of the Panel on 11th April 2019. We met with the Head of Planning and City Regeneration, the Development and Physical Regeneration Strategic Manager and the Section 151 and Chief Finance Officer. The meeting concerned the Dashboard Update and some discussions on the Business Case.

Dear Councillor Stewart,

We are grateful to officers for attending the meeting on 11th April 2019. The Panel received in depth updates and asked questions which the officers responded to.

We had the usual monitoring update in relation to the Dashboard Report and received a more in depth look at the Business Case and its progress.

We are pleased by the progress on these projects overall but do have some observations we would like to share with you.

We heard how progress on Phase 1 (the Arena and associated area) are moving along well with Buckingham having been appointed. We heard how the 'meet the buyer' event was very successful. As a Council we are keen to have the local supply chain involved to boost local economies, benefit from local knowledge and encourage local procurement of services. We were pleased to hear that quality apprenticeships are planned as this fits in with the some of aims of the long-term well-being objectives of the Council. Following on from this, we are encouraged that green infrastructure consultants are considering 'green walls' in the City Centre. Again this links in with well-being goals

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and the new natural environment corporate priority and will create a more desirable and eco-friendly place to live and work.

Ongoing 'right to light' issues relating to the Arenas location were highlighted which we hope will be resolved shortly, along with the issue of relocating the church hall. Regarding the housing aspect, we heard how Pobl will be creating 33 properties with a mix of tenure to encourage people to live and work within the City Centre.

We were told that shortlisting bidders for the hotel build is currently taking place and that digital options were being discussed with various providers to ensure Swansea is 5G ready. The 'resources' of the department have been flagged as a risk recently so we are happy that new staff should be starting imminently to fill the gaps in resources on the team.

Regarding the Kingsway, we were told how the site is being made safe by the Council since work by Dawnus ceased and there are discussions with a new body to take over the contract with all due diligence in place. We must commend the Director of Place and his teams for their hard work over this difficult period and we are told that the completion date of late November 2019, subject to discussions, is still the target.

We were told that the designs for the Digital Village on the Kingsway are hoping to be submitted this year. This hi-tech digital space will create somewhere for businesses to grow into, and encourage students to stay in Swansea and build their businesses creating a vibrant work centre. The issue of linking St Thomas and the new SA1 development was raised, as the residents there would benefit from improved connectivity. If you took a helicopter view of the ward you would see it is now cut off by road and river from the rest of Swansea. Officers said this is being considered as part of wider strategies and they will update us at future meetings.

We had updates on the strategic sites (Castle Square, Felindre, Swansea Vale etc) and were told that all of these were moving forward and discussions with Skyline regarding the Kilvey Hill scheme are still ongoing.

We heard how an FPR7 report will be coming to Cabinet in the summer with firm capital costs around the City Deal and a full income and expenditure report will be included. There will be scrutiny of any FPR7 report that coincides with the city deal.

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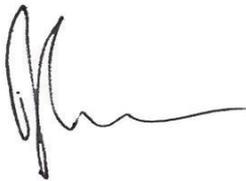
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We are concerned that the Business Case has still not been signed off as monies cannot be released until this has been done. We look forward to hearing the Business Case has been signed off and the money released imminently.

There is no requirement for you to respond to this letter but any thoughts you have are welcome.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Jeff Jones", written in a cursive style.

Councillor Jeff Jones
Convener, Development and Regeneration Performance Panel
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Agenda Item 5



Report of the Convener for the Development and Regeneration Performance Panel

Development and Regeneration Scrutiny Performance Panel – 31st July 2019

Project Update ‘Dashboard’ Cover Report

Purpose:	The Project Update Report will provide information and updates on regeneration projects in Swansea
Councillors are being asked to:	Review the departmental ‘Dashboard’ report and feedback any comments to the relevant Cabinet Member.
Lead Councillor:	Councillor Jeff Jones Convener of the Development and Regeneration Performance Panel
Lead Officer & Report Author:	Tel: 01792 636292 E-mail: Bethan.hopkins@swansea.gov.uk

1. Background

1.1 The Development and Regeneration Scrutiny Performance Panel meets bimonthly to review the ‘health’ of the City Centre and regeneration projects within Swansea.

2. As part of the monitoring aspect of the Panel, a departmental ‘Dashboard’ report is made available for review and scrutiny.

2.1 This report contains updates on various projects throughout Swansea and provides detail and timelines where relevant.

3. The Panel are asked to review the report and ask any questions which they may have on the information provided.

3.1 The Panel can then follow up the meeting with a letter to the relevant Cabinet Member to ask questions and make further comments.

4. Legal Implications

4.1 There are no legal implications.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications.

Background papers: None

Appendices: None

Scrutiny

Dashboard Report
July 2019



Swansea Central - Phase 1

RAG Status	Timescales	Budget	Resource
	Amber	Amber	GREEN

Progress highlights	Actions to be completed for next CRPB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City Deal – Sec of State and WG minister attended photo opportunity to launch city deal. ▪ Early Works to Wellington Street: Phase 2 - Tesco agreement (engrossment being prepared together with Valuation. Final Landlord approval still awaited. ▪ Main Contract/ PCSA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Return of tender packages awaited. ➢ Aecom our cost consultant attending tender interviews with Buckingham. ➢ Padstone and Aecom report that more time is require to receive and analyse full tender package in order to provide a robust recommendation on cost certainty. ▪ Design: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ stage 4 progressing ▪ Hotel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ shortlist of 4 developers to proceed onto next tender stage. ➢ Final tenders to be received on 12th September. ▪ Residential/ MSCP/ Commercial (North): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Pobl board agreement received. Awaiting WG grant confirmation. ▪ Arena: Final stage 4 design issued to ATG. Their sign-off is required prior to instructing Main works. ▪ Digital: BT negotiations to proceed on day one connectivity- CCTV and Wi-Fi. ▪ Church Hall Relocation: Options currently being investigated ▪ . ▪ Burrows place – 9 additional disabled spaces. scheme being costed by contractor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monitor and report main contract tender returns ▪ Continue to work up stage 3 North Block design. ▪ Progress Residential with Pobl. ▪ Tesco approval to agreement at Wellington Street ▪ Ongoing review of maintenance, running costs, events and lifecycle costs and management plan. ▪ Ongoing discussions with Church, LC and Waterfront Museum ▪ Progress negotiations with BT on digital and CCTV connectivity for day 1 ▪ Continue liaison with Residents.
	<div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px;">Risks</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ATG Variations & ATG Gateway 3 sign-off. ▪ Digital Strategy: wider strategy to inform 'Day-one' connection. ▪ City Deal approval. ▪ Not reaching agreement with Pobl for residential element. WG grant approval for residential. ▪ Design sign off. ▪ Tender cost exceeds estimates. ▪ Tesco agreement for access works.

Swansea Central – Phase 2

Timescales	Budget	Resource
Green	Amber	Amber

Progress highlights

Actions to be completed

Stage 0 – Strategic Definition, Scheme Update and Feasibility

1. Masterplan

- Brief agreed - continuation with existing masterplan and outline planning permission
- ACME Architects commissioned to develop the masterplan

2. Public Sector Office Hub

- High level occupation agreements reached with a number of Public sector partners, negotiation on draft heads of terms continue

3. Delivery Model

- Ongoing exploration and appraisal of potential delivery options.

1. Masterplan

- Testing of outline planning permission to identify if any amendments are required
- Leisure, retail and residential components to be reviewed in light of current market conditions

2. Public Sector Office Hub

Continue tenant discussions.

3. Delivery Model

- Defining delivery options and phasing of the Public Sector Office Hub

Key Risks

- 1. Delivery funding** – aside from work up costs, no capital funding is currently allocated for delivery of the programme.
 - 2. Mitigation:** Funding and delivery options to be explored.
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- 2. Occupier Commitment to Public Sector Office Hub** – until potential occupiers have committed there is uncertainty on the scale and viability of the hub.

Mitigation: Rivington Hark currently negotiating draft HoT with potential occupiers with clear timetable for commitment.

Kingsway – Infrastructure & Public Realm

Phase 2: Main Contract Works

Timescales

Budget

Resource

Amber

Amber

Amber

Progress highlights

- Stakeholder meeting held on 26/06/19 – feedback remains progress on site.
- SHP and Afan Landscape continue to progress works prior to formal contract award.
- Discussion with new contractor being finalised.

Actions to be completed

- Formalise contract award and commence under AG banner, with new programme.
- Agree granite procurement.
- Next meeting of stakeholder group planned for Wed 24/07/19.

Key Risks

- Any change in the design of The Kingsway Infrastructure Project will have implications on programme. It would also impact on the WEFO funding for which an agreed scheme has been presented. WEFO fully briefed on position.
- Limited compound areas available in proximity to city centre, which needs addressing – Clarence Terrace has now become fully available and Oceana and St Thomas available for new contractor. No change
- The agreed budget contingency must be protected during the project lifetime to guard against compensation events and unforeseen costs

Kingsway – Strategy & Digital Village

Timescales	Budget	Resource
Green	Green	Amber

Progress highlights

Actions to be completed for next CRPB

Kingsway Strategy

- Parking model has been developed and awaiting final reports to inform the strategy.
- Hold review meeting with consultants to agree key milestones to complete the strategy.

Digital Village

- Revised procurement reports received from consultant adviser and circulated for approval.
- RIBA Stage 2 report completed.
- RIBA Stage 3 commenced.
- Pre-app consultation programmed for August.
- Private Sector development – ongoing dialogue between SC and private sector on development proposals. Private Sector have made IHG application to WG.
- Commence RIBA Stage 3.
- Commence pre-application consultation.
- Private Sector - progress District Valuer actions and review highway solutions.

232/233 Oxford Street

- Expected completion end August 2019 following ongoing subcontractor issues
- None.

Key Risks

Digital Village

- Terms and Conditions of City Deal currently unknown.
- **Implementation strategy for branding & identity development, and letting strategy to be agreed.**
- Governance and operational model yet to be defined. Model selected will influence timeline (for example procuring an operator), and supporting business case.
- Outcome of parking strategy and implications for development not yet known.

232/233 Oxford Street

- Unknown issues may present when in the ground at basement level.
- Budget increase likely due to structural design change, but within project budget.

Marketing of Strategic Sites JV Opportunity

RAG Status

Timescales

Budget

Resource

Green

Red

Green

Progress highlights

- PIN notice issued and a positive response received.
- Meetings held with parties who responded to the PIN to identify scope and interest.
- Ongoing collation of data relating to sites and legal titles.

Actions to be completed for next CRPB

- Ongoing - Collate site information including legal titles to be provided to prospective bidders.
- Ongoing - Arrange for site investigations, topographical surveys etc. where required
- Ongoing - Discussions with Legal colleagues to provide guidance on Competitive Dialogue process and nature of Vehicle
- Cabinet report to be prepared.

Risks

- Need a clear strategy for procuring a partner.
- Opportunity needs to be of a suitable scale and duration or bidders will lose interest

City Deal

RAG Status

Timescales

Budget

Resource

Green

Amber

Amber

Progress highlights

- Business plans signed off by government
- Announced by government on first two city deal projects 15/07/19 .
- Urgent need for T&C's to be confirmed.
- Meeting with Mike Galvin to be arranged to discuss the Digital Business and linkages within Swansea.

Actions to be completed for next CRPB

- Discussions with Mike Galvin on the Digital business case.
- T&C's to be received.

Key Risk

- T&C's for funding unknown.
- Timing of funding unknown. Regional discussions continue.

Strategic Sites and Projects Overview

Project	Update	Timescale	Budget	Resource
Castle Square	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programme and timescale confirmed with milestones for progress. Meetings in July and August programmed with consultant team to move towards a draft scheme/report. 	G	G	G
Felindre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DPP scheme progressing on site. Meeting with Agents to discuss marketing. 	G	G	G
City Centre Green Infrastructure Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultant team finalising draft of Green Infrastructure Strategy and Factor toolkit. 	G	G	G
Mariner Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Works on site. Ground breaking ceremony held 19th June. 	G	G	G
Swansea Vale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-profiled anticipated spend/income for the next 5 years awaiting WG approval. 	G	G	A
SPG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creation of SPG to support project delivery being progressed. 	G	G	A
Wind Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A report on the proposals set out within the Wind Street Feasibility Study together with funding options and next steps presented to Cabinet on 11 July. 	G	G	A

Tawe Riverside Corridor

Programme/ Project	Update	Actions to be completed by next CRPB	Timescale	Budget	Resource
Tawe Riverside Strategy/ Masterplan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy being reviewed in order to finalise for adoption. a leisure destination plan for Hafod prepared and to integrated into the strategy. 	Finalise draft.	G	G	G
Skyline Kilvey Hill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welsh Government funding offer made to Skyline. Skyline Board meeting on July 26th 		G	G	G

External Funding Overview

Programme/Project	Update	Timescale	Budget	Resource
01. Welsh Government external funding sources				
Targeted Regeneration and Investment Programme 2018 – 2021	<p>Year 1 schemes continue to progress well, all approved.</p> <p>Regional SLA for grant schemes circulated to other LAs.</p> <p>Copperopolis grant offer letter received; year 1 spend claim issued. Year 2 application to be progressed for September 2019, which may see the financial profile needing to be adjusted to allow for all the schemes that require investment.</p> <p>Review of budget allocation for TRI Copperopolis across projects required to provide resource where needed for key and existing schemes.</p> <p>Morrison Regeneration discussions ongoing</p>	G	A	G
Town Centre Loan Fund	Due diligence reviews underway for several applications.	A	G	G
02. ERDF Priority 4				
Building for the Future	Various schemes progressing through system BHS top priority following by Kings Building, Orchard House, Albert Hall, Palace	A	G	G
Kingsway Infrastructure	Regular monitoring ongoing, expenditure ahead of WEFO profile. Re-profile of expenditure forecast to be agreed with WEFO following appointment of new works contractor. Revised programme from AG under review.	G	G	G
Dyfatty/ Strand	Watching brief on further funding availability.	A	A	A
City Centre wider infrastructure (marina bridge etc.)	Watching brief on further funding availability.	A	A	A
03. Heritage Lottery Fund/Cadw				
Morrison Townscape Heritage Initiative (HLF)	Early planning for wider scheme.	G	G	G

Tawe Riverside Corridor (Hafod Copperworks)

Programme/ Project	Update	Timescale	Budget	Resource
01. Targeted Regeneration Investment Programme				
Musgrave Engine House	Works are effectively complete with scaffolding fully removed and ground remediation underway. Following removal of all ground ballast the rain water goods downpipes will be fully installed.. Following painting the windows will be delivered to CCS for safe storage with installation to be controlled by CCS at a future date tbc.	G	A	G
Weighbridge Office & Porters Lodge	Programme will run concurrently with the Powerhouse Redevelopment Project. Year One funding from TRI confirmed from Welsh Government. Tender of Principal Contractor now live. Budget remains Amber for cost certainty until tender returns received.	G	A	G
Vivian Engine House	Scaffolding fully installed and complete, final surveys for asbestos and ecology undertaken. No adverse finding from the ecology assessment.. The roof trusses have been removed and relocated for safe storage and assessment – early indications suggest that the condition of the trusses is better than expected but each will require some restoration work. The top 3 courses of copper slag brick along the eaves have been removed along with numbering and removal of the red feature band brickwork. Structural and architectural design is now complete with LBC submission expected early July. Cadw site visit took place on the 27 th June where progress was discussed and positive dialogue maintained.	A	G	G
Bascule Bridge	Monthly progress meeting held with Contractor and Lead Consultant to review progress. Lift completed. Budget to remain Amber until full review and conclusion of costs has been undertaken. Discussions on Phase 2 of the project underway with colleagues and it will be progressed to tender the next phase making use of the SWW Regional Framework.	A	A	G
White Rock Site	Smith's Canal – south of the tunnel: Black Mountain Archaeology have completed trench works to identify canal location and to record structure detail.	G	G	G
Powerhouse Re-development Penderyn/HLF/SU	Permission to Start (PTS) awaiting the signing the lease agreement. Tender for the Principal Contractor issued 24 th June 2019 and scheduled to close 2 nd August.	G	A	G
Laboratory Building	Mann Williams have been engaged to complete an initial assessment of the structural condition.	A	R	G
Hafod/ Morfa canal bridges	Black Mountain Archaeology have completed excavation of the Silverstack bridge area to determine presence and to inform what could be progressed in this area. Bridge and canal walls present and could be restored subject to budget being identified.	A	A	G

Digital Strategy & Scheme Progression

Timescales

Budget

Resource

Progress highlights

- Meetings continue with BT on WiFi through revised CCTV deployment.
- Digital Strategy for City Centre being prepared.

Actions to be completed

- Digital Strategy for City Centre

Key Risks

- Capacity in Digital Services.
- Funding and expected workload for ongoing maintenance of ducting is unknown

Decisions required

None

Culture & Tourism Strategy/ City Art Strategy & Scheme Progression

Timescales	Budget	Resource
G	A	A

Progress highlights

- Outline strategy drafted
- Site discussions underway for immediate projects i.e.. hoarding/ bridge works;
- Timescale, fees and process outlined by team to move forward with immediate opportunities

Actions to be completed

- Artists to be appointed for hoarding phase 1;
- Heritage panels to be fully explored and understood
- Briefs to be translated and published

Key Risks

- Welsh translation of project briefs has been delayed we are now outsourcing
- Relocation / reinstatement of historic artworks



Transportation & Highways Schemes		Timescales	Budget	Resource
		Green	Red	Amber
Progress highlights				
Fabian Way Innovation Corridor	Fabian way corridor land negotiations continue. Budget awaited for works.	G	G	G
Mumbles Coastal Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design commission for Wales support the concept of a broad approach toward regeneration benefits. Met with developer of Oystermouth square site to discuss the project and wider aspiration Ground investigation works and radar surveys ongoing. 	A	G	G
South Wales Metro Programme	Continuation of Regional metro concept, support by the following commissions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project coordination Rail business case Bus business case Walking and cycling strategy Regional Travel Pattern surveys Development of new Electric Vehicle infrastructure and	G	G	G
Electric Vehicle Infrastructure	Grant to introduce new Electric vehicle charging infrastructure progressing. Additional central government funding being investigated.	G	G	G
Active Travel Programme 19/20	Grant allocation awarded to develop sites for forthcoming years and construct the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kingsbridge Link Gors Avenue shared use path Townhill Northern Link Design development structured to support potential end of year additional funding	G	G	A
Broadway Junction Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Works scheduled to commence from October. Significant effort made to limit disruption on key arterial route. 	G	G	G
Fabian Way Park and Ride Relocation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ecological translocation works ongoing. Remaining works scheduled to start from August.. 	A	G	G
Dyfatty Junction Improvements	Designing additional active travel facilities to support a revised funding bid.	G	G	G

Agenda Item 6



**Report of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Infrastructure Management
To the Development & Regeneration Scrutiny Performance Panel – 31 July 2019
Transportation Infrastructure – how is it supporting the development of the city
centre - Scoping Report**

Purpose:	To brief the Development & Regeneration Scrutiny Performance Panel on transportation elements of the City Regeneration process.
Content:	A briefing on recent and planned improvements.
Councillors are being asked to:	Consider the information provided and to forward views to the Cabinet Member via a letter from the Panel Convener.
Lead Councillor:	Councillor Mark Thomas, Cabinet Member for Environment & Infrastructure Management.
Lead Officer & Report Author:	Stuart Davies Head of Highways & Transportation Tel: 01792 636315 E-mail: stuart.davies@swansea.gov.uk

1. Background

- 1.1 The Wales Transport Strategy places a duty on local authorities to have a transport strategy in place. This is realised through the Local Transport Plan (LTP) for each authority, which provides transport policy and infrastructure programme.
- 1.2 The current LTP for Swansea Council was adopted by Council in January 2015 and subsequently accepted by the Welsh Government in May 2015. The LTP was developed jointly across South West Wales, through collaborative working with Carmarthenshire County Council, Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council, Pembrokeshire County Council, and Swansea Council.
- 1.3 The LTP vision is 'To improve transport and access within and beyond the region to facilitate economic regeneration, reduce deprivation and support the development and use of more sustainable and healthier modes of transport'.
- 1.4 The LTP objectives are:

- To improve the efficiency and reliability of the movement of people and freight within and beyond South West Wales to support the economic growth in the City Region.
- To improve access for all to a wide range of services and facilities including employment and business, education and training, health care, tourism and leisure activities.
- To improve the sustainability of transport by improving the range and quality of, and awareness about, transport options, including those which improve health and well-being.
- To improve the integration between policies, service provision and modes of transport in South West Wales.
- To implement measures which will protect and enhance the natural and built environment and reduce the adverse impact of transport on health and climate change.
- To improve road safety and personal security in South West Wales.

2.0 Recent actions as part of the LTP

2.1 Strategic Transport Model - Swansea Council commissioned Arup in 2014 to develop a strategic transport model to undertake an assessment of the transport impact of Local Development Plan proposals. The strategic transport model covers the whole county including both private vehicle and public transport trips. The strategic transport assessment provides key background technical evidence and is an important element in demonstrating the impact of proposals upon the transport network and demonstrating the suitability of proposed sites. Crucially, the model tests the cumulative impact of proposed developments, far more accurately than individual transport assessments together with overall effects of any improvements. Currently the model is being used as the basis of TFWs South and Mid Wales model, and is being substantially refreshed and upgraded to ensure it is fit for testing transport impacts into the future.

2.2 Telematics Infrastructure

2.2.1 Traffic Management System (TMS) – Telematics operates TMS a system that integrates all traffic signal infrastructure into a central database enabling coordination, control and monitoring of signalised traffic junctions.

2.2.2 MESH network - previous capital projects have supported investment in digital communications, rolling out a dedicated communications network across the whole of the city centre area, Carmarthen Road, Fabian Way and the key M4 corridor interchanges. This system enables a multitude of sustainable technologies to link together in a common database and TMS systems including CCTV monitoring, Journey time analysis, pollution monitoring and remote access to traffic signal installations. This technology has also delivered a significant annual saving compared to the previous BT private wire system.

2.2.3 SCOOT (Split Cycle Offset Optimisation Technique)

The city centre series of traffic signal junctions is operated under the SCOOT computer programme as part of the Telematics TMS system, which uses vehicle counts measured via vehicle detectors buried in the road surface which are automatically and continually fed into a validated traffic model, this automatically adjusts green times, cycle times and offsets between junctions in a coordinated network of traffic signal junctions. Typically, SCOOT control offers around a twenty percent improvement in terms of vehicle capacity.

- 2.3 **Late Bus Strategy** - Late bus strategies are currently being implementing using First Cymru's GPS system called 'Ticketer', installed as part of their new ticket machines. This GPS system uses data to monitor real time bus locations.

The Ticketer data is shared with the Swansea Council's common database creating the ability to compare the location of buses against existing timetables. This data can be used to optimise signal timings to create more accurate and reliable bus journey times, across a network, route or single junction.

This technology is a softer approach compared to existing forms of bus priority, which interrupted traffic signal junctions providing buses with priority at junctions whether it was required or not. The new system, only assists those buses that need it, whilst still maintaining coordination between adjacent junctions as a whole, and minimising unnecessary interruption to the traffic signal region.

This system is in the final stages of implementation.

- 2.4 **Strategic Car Parking model** - This work is currently underway to assess the provision of car parking within the city centre and further work is planned to assess the wider county area. The model will allow council officers to test various development scenarios in terms of predicting future demand for car parking.
- 2.5 **Sustainable and Active travel forms** – The existing cycle network is being expanded to support the Active travel Act and making sustainable travel networks between residential areas and centres of employment. Making our communities more accessible through Safe Routes in Communities projects.

3.0 **Considerations and challenges**

The strategic traffic model has allowed transport planners to predict where future pressures will occur, within the highway network. This enables a targeted approach to bids for Capital Funding from the Welsh Government to promote sustainable forms of travel, (in compliance with the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act and the Active Travel Act.). It encourages a modal shift onto public transport, and also the recognition that key elements of the existing highway infrastructure has to be improved, or alternatively understanding the impact of Doing Nothing.

Development Plans along the Fabian Way corridor could generate additional traffic to extend journey times along the route four fold, posing a challenge

to the city's economic regeneration plans, being the prime link between the city and the M4 eastwards. It is essential that these issues are addressed as projects are developed.

Links in terms of vehicular, public transport and Active Travel between the city centre and the Carmarthen Road corridor (ultimately up to J47 of the M4) are compromised by the current layout of Dyfatty interchange. This must be addressed to provide good linkages with the west of the region. In addition, the areas of Plasmarl and Hafod are subjected to significant amounts of unnecessary through traffic, as a result of a Dyfatty interchange, resulting in increased vehicle movements, risk to vulnerable sections of the community and increase exhaust pollution within this densely populated residential area.

Funding is a key challenge in that the Local Transport Grant has been drastically reduced over recent years, to a point where it is no longer a suitable or reliable mechanism to address the transportation related issues that underpin a successful delivery of the region's economic regeneration ambitions. Further the City Deal lacked any significant transportation improvements.

Welsh Government have now mooted the possibility of a South West Wales Metro, however, given the limited rail infrastructure within the region, it will differ from the Cardiff model. It is envisaged that the region's existing rail, bus routes, car parking, active travel and highway networks should be better connected via hubs or interchanges to encourage greater travel choice and connectivity of journey. It is envisaged that this approach will support the economic regeneration of the region, however, significant investment by the Welsh Government is required.

4.0 Conclusions

- 4.1 The LTP provides a strategic link between transport improvements and economic regeneration ambitions.
- 4.2 Considerable advancements have been made in recent years, in Transport provision.
- 4.3 In order to continue providing sustainable transport networks, plus improvement of key infrastructure interchanges, across the South West Wales Region it is essential that a planned and resourced programme, receives Welsh Government support and funding, over a five year period,

5. Legal implications

none

6. Finance

Delivery of capital infrastructure improvements has traditionally relied upon Welsh Government Capital Grant funding and any further capital programmes are predicated on continued funding from the Welsh Government.

Background papers: *none*

Appendices: none

Agenda Item 7

Development and Regeneration Work Plan 2019-20

Meeting 1 17 th July 2019	Election of Panel Convener <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bethan Hopkins – Scrutiny Officer
	Terms of Reference <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Panel Convener
	Services to Rural Communities – Wales Audit Office Report and Action Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Robert Francis Davies – Cabinet Member for Investment, Regeneration and Tourism• Paul Relf – Economic Development and External Funding Manager• Paul Jones – European Unit
	End of Year Panel Review <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Panel Convener
Meeting 2 31 st July 2019	Dashboard Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phil Holmes – Head of Planning and City Regeneration• Huw Mowbray - Property Development Manager
	Highways and Transportation Update – City Centre Work <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Mark Thomas - Cabinet Member for Environment and Infrastructure Management• Stuart Davies – Head of Highways and Transportation
	Work Plan 2019/20
Meeting 3 9 th September 2019	Dashboard Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phil Holmes – Head of Planning and City Regeneration• Huw Mowbray - Property Development Manager

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Meeting 4 18 th November 2019	Dashboard Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phil Holmes – Head of Planning and City Regeneration • Huw Mowbray - Property Development Manager
	Digital Village – Designs and Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Rob Stewart – Cabinet Member for Economy and Strategy (Leader) • Phil Holmes – Head of Planning and City Regeneration
Meeting 5 27 th January 2020	Dashboard Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phil Holmes – Head of Planning and City Regeneration • Huw Mowbray - Property Development Manager
	TRIP – Residential Units above Shops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Robert Francis-Davies – Cabinet Member for Investment, Regeneration and Tourism • Phil Holmes – Head of Planning and City Regeneration
Budget Meeting	TBC
Meeting 6 23 rd March 2020	Dashboard Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phil Holmes – Head of Planning and City Regeneration • Huw Mowbray - Property Development Manager
	Swansea Vale Development Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr David Hopkins – Cabinet Member for Delivery • Phil Holmes – Head of Planning and City Regeneration
Meeting 6 18 th May 2020	Dashboard Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phil Holmes – Head of Planning and City Regeneration • Huw Mowbray - Property Development Manager
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To be scheduled

- FPR7 Report regarding City Deal
- Commercial Opportunities in Rural Areas Item
- Disposal of Land Item