

HIF TASK GROUP UPDATE

Executive Summary

23 June 2022

Election of Chairman – Councillor Colin Kemp was elected as Chairman of the HIF Task Group for the year 2022-23.

Election of Vice-Chairman – Councillor Ian Johnson was elected as Vice-Chairman of the HIF Task Group for the year 2022-23.

The Task Group received a project update as well as information on the report to be proposed to be sent to the Executive in July concerning the project. The Executive report would highlight the key concerns with the project and include a proposal to 'pause and review' the project given the likely exposure and scale of risk of committing to further expenditure.

It was reported that work was still underway on the bridge closure plan, however it was anticipated that the pedestrian and cycle routes would remain open for longer than previously thought. It was anticipated that the bridge would close for 2.5 years for traffic and potentially only 7 months for pedestrians.

The Task Group reviewed the HIF Housing Update Task Group report which was due to be presented to the next Overview and Scrutiny meeting.

The Task Group also considered the outcomes of discussions related to the relocation of the aggregates yard. The Task Group asked that suggestions of potential sites be forwarded to Network Rail. It was noted that Network Rail had no plans to relocate the site which would require a process to find a new site and considerable development cost. Network Rail referred to the possibility in the future to modernise the yard and by doing so secure environmental improvements related to noise and dust.

25 July 2022

The Task Group received information on the proposed Day Aggregates planning applications which would see a) a temporary access created from York Road operational when the current access could not be used during the replacement bridge works and b) the redesign of the existing access from Guildford Road for permanent access. Note both of these can now be delivered without the use of CPO of any properties in York Road or Waverley Court. Members asked a number of detailed questions including how a HGV ban on York Road and Mount Hermon Road would be managed. It is likely that there would be a planning condition detailing the routing, limit the use of private roads and a Traffic Regulation Order that would only be granted after planning approval.

Information would be sent to residents and other parties on the HIF mailing list prior to the submission of the planning applications.

Recommendations

The Committee is requested to:

RESOLVE That the report was received.

The Committee has the authority to determine the recommendation(s) set out above.

- Background Papers:** None.
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