

Cambridge City Council



Planning Policy and Transport Portfolio Plan 2015 - 16

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Strategic Objectives 2015-2016

Vision Statement:	All vision statements apply
Strategic Objective PPT1:	CAMBRIDGE LOCAL PLAN 2014: To have made progress towards delivering the new Local Plan for Cambridge specifically through the examination and adoption stages
By March 2016 we will have:	<p>1.1 Completed the joint Local Plans examination by the Secretary of State's Inspector. To have successfully presented the council's submissions on the joint Local Plan and CIL strategy through the examination in public. To have undertaken any further work required by the Planning Inspector to received positive confirmation of a sound plan. This will be followed by formal adoption of the plan and implementation of the Cambridge Community Infrastructure Levy at the earliest opportunity.</p> <p>1.2 To take a lead role in supporting any strategic planning work at the sub-regional level and in the ongoing working arrangements with the Local Enterprise Partnership and other strategic planning bodies, so that the special interests of Cambridge are fully articulated and taken account of.</p> <p>1.3 To continue to worked jointly with the County and South Cambridgeshire on the implementation of local plans and the Transport Strategy for Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire (TSC&SC) and in any activities supporting the implementation of the Cambridge City Deal</p> <p>1.4 To maintain and deliver sustained improvements to performance and efficiency, especially in the area of planning application processing. Continue to secure the quality of new development across the city that contributes to the city's ongoing economic success, quality of life and quality of place.</p> <p>1.5 Continued to improve the visibility and responsiveness (meeting reasonable expectations of those making complaints) of the planning enforcement function</p>

Lead Officer:	Patsy Dell, Head of Planning Services.
Performance Measures:	<p>1.1 - Local plan review carried out in accordance with agreed milestones and timetable, as covered in the council's 'Annual Monitoring Report' (AMR) every December.</p> <p>1.2 Partnership working meets timescales for any joint working activities.</p> <p>1.3 City Deal projects are implemented as necessary to time, budget and governance requirements.</p> <p>1.4 Planning Application Performance remains above government targets. The achievement of design awards for new development such as the Stirling Prize, National Housing Design Awards or other commendations will also be used as an indicator of delivery of quality new development. This will also be reviewed by post hoc assessment by the planning committees (Main Planning Committee and Joint Development Control Committee) on an annual inspection of new development</p> <p>1.5 Planning enforcement performance reported to planning committee annually and improving in responsiveness against performance standards over the year.</p>
Delivery Risks:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Availability of resources 2. Shared Service implementation changes 3. Uncertainty around legislative changes

Vision Statement:	All vision statements apply
Strategic Objective PPT2:	CITY DEAL AND SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT: Drive the delivery of transport solutions needed to reduce congestion and enable growth, giving priority to safe movement by pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users
By March 2016 we will have:	<p>2.1 - Supported the ongoing implementation of the City Deal Agreement, working with City Deal partners, businesses and transport operators to improve accessibility within and to and from Cambridge, including the new neighbourhoods.</p> <p>2.2 - Delivered further new transport measures, to help reduce congestion and actions to improve facilities for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users, including in the new developments through (for instance) provision of guidance and advice to developers on cycling.</p> <p>2.3 - Support reviews of area transport plans and proposed projects for investment, supporting the local process of bidding for new and implementing relevant funding sources including the City Deal funding model, the A14 Mitigation Fund, Regional Growth Fund, Local Growth Fund, Local Sustainable Transport and Better Bus Area Funds.</p> <p>2.4 - Increased road safety for all users and facilitated increased use of alternative modes of travel by implementing the South and West Quadrant final 20mph project phases (subject to the outcome of consultation).</p> <p>2.5 - Established a business case for a preferred option for the redevelopment of the Park Street car park site and started implementing the agreed course of action.</p> <p>2.7 – Increased the number of cycle parking spaces available in the centre of Cambridge.</p>

Lead Officer:	Patsy Dell, Head of Planning Services (2.1, 2.3) Joel Carre, Head of Streets and Open Spaces (2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.6) Paul Necus, Head of Specialist Services (2.5)
Performance Measures:	2.1 & 2.3 – Implementation of the City Deal Joint Agreement and list of priority schemes and implementation programme. 2.2 - Supported increased number of people cycling or walking to work in the City against base figure (From Travel to Work Survey 2011) and through measures in new development 2.5 - Subject to outcome of positive consultation, implementation of the 20 mph phase and other phases on schedule. 2.6 - Action Plan completed and agreed for the redevelopment of the Park Street car park site 2.7 - Delivered additional cycle parking spaces in line with agreed timescales and within agreed budget for the project
Delivery Risks:	1. Risk of lack of agreement with partners 1. Lack of funding to deliver schemes. 2. Delays due to complexity of project procurement and delivery

Strategic Objective PPT3:	SHARED SERVICES: To develop new models of service delivery with partners, for Planning and Building Control Services.
By March 2016 we will have:	3.1 - Supported the successful implementation of a new shared Building Control Service 3.2- Agreed a plan and timetable for implementing a new business model for shared planning services.
Lead Officer	Patsy Dell, Head of Planning Services
Performance Measures	3.1 - Outline Business Case (OBC) for Building Control completed and approved 3.1 - OBC and Full Business Case (FBC) agreed with new service model for Building Control Shared Service implemented in accordance with agreed timetable 3.2 - OBC for Shared Planning Service developed and agreed 3.2 – FBC and Implementation timetable for Shared Planning Service agreed
Performance Risks	1. Lack of agreement with partners or delays in reaching agreement at key stages 2. Delays due to unanticipated technical issues or problems – e.g. Local Plan adoption timetable stalling or changes in Government Policy with major implications that need to be addressed as a priority