

Projects Update – Five Year Plan ‘8 Big Projects’

Quarter 3 2018/19

Project	Update	RAG Status
Provide a new Cultural and Learning Hub in Royal Tunbridge Wells (the Amelia Scot Centre)	<p>Completed RIBA Stage 4 (Technical Design) design review and issued formal 'sign off' covering the Architectural and Engineering proposals.</p> <p>First stage construction tender returned on 14th December 2018. Tender process continues with site visits and further questions.</p> <p>Continued to progress the Services decant - Libraries - issued tenders for alteration/ refurbishment works;</p> <p>Museum - completed tender assessment for the Collections packaging/ transportation and storing contract, finalising appointment prior to the end of the year. CLS - confirmed various locations.</p> <p>The project is reporting Amber due to the delay in decanting library and Adult Education that will have an impact on the 'on-site' start date.</p> <p>UPDATE 26/02:</p> <p>The tender procurement is progressing and the preferred contractor is about to be appointed to commence the pre-construction service agreement works. Following further advice to both KCC and TWBC on VAT liability as we progress through the project, we are now in ongoing discussions with KCC in order to streamline the project governance arrangements post PSCA protecting both parties' VAT position. The streamlining option being considered is that TWBC contracts directly with the construction contractor and with the fit out contractor to give TWBC greater direct control over the build and fit out phases of the project, reducing the potential risk of time delay and cost which could occur from the dual approval process which is currently proposed. The streamlined option will continue to deliver the scheme as presented and accepted by the Councils, by HLF and ACE. The streamlined scheme, reflected in an updated collaboration agreement will be presented to the CLH Board for approval once discussions with KCC are completed.</p>	AMBER
Explore the delivery of a new theatre in Royal Tunbridge Wells (the Calverley Square development)	<p>The theatre project is progressing in accordance with Programme 7.01. Detailed design is progressing through RIBA Stage 4 process. Regular design meetings are held to ensure the end user is fully engaged in the decision making and approval as the design progresses. Areas being discussed include Auditorium balcony design, Waste recycling, and Catering layout.</p>	GREEN

Explore the delivery of new civic centre and office space in Royal Tunbridge Wells (the Calverley Square development)	The Office is progressing on programme. Detailed design progressing through RIBA Stage 4 process. Key decisions have been made with end user in relation to AV, office layout, CCTV and finishes and flooring.	GREEN
Provide additional off-street car parking in Royal Tunbridge Wells	The proposed extension has received cabinet and budget approval to proceed through the planning and procurement stages, with subsequent formal review stages planned during 2018/19. The proposed extensions is a new steel frame structure proposed for the north eastern side of the existing 1960s car park, located towards the Crescent Road end of the building.	GREEN
Create a new Local Plan for the borough	Revised timetable agreed by the TWBC Planning Policy Working Group in late October 2018. This reflected delays associated with commissioning transport consultants as a result of lack of interest/responses to procurement exercises and conflicts of interest. Work is now progressing rapidly on this transport assessment. The wording of many of the "development management", strategic and site allocation policies to be included in the draft Local Plan has been prepared and reviewed by the Planning Policy Working Group. There has been significant and positive collaborative working with Parish and Town Councils and Neighbourhood Plan Groups on the emerging plan. Progress is on track with the revised timetable: the draft Local Plan is scheduled to enter the Cabinet committee cycle in late May 2019. Outlook: Green.	AMBER
Create new sports facilities across the borough	The Playing Pitch Strategy, incorporating the Playing Pitch Survey, and Open Spaces & Indoor facilities have been completed and incorporated into the Local Plan preparation. Progress has been made with the three sites identified and allocated in current Local Plan for recreation/sport at Pembury, Rusthall and Hawkenbury with planning applications for change of use being made. The Rusthall and Hawkenbury sites have been approved. The project is reporting as Amber as the Pembury site is now no longer viable following objections from KCC and Highways England.	AMBER
Support the development of community centres in the borough	Southborough Work on the Southborough Hub development is progressing with the planning application now submitted and validated. Aim to determine the planning application at the planning committee meeting in either January or February. Infrastructure works overseen by Baxall have started on site with Crest Nicholson who are delivering the housing, having also started to install the road and utilities for the hub development.	GREEN

	<p>Paddock Wood</p> <p>PWTC are approaching RIBA stage 3 sign off in January 2019. PWTC Full Council were updated in November with regard to the cost and the progress on the development to date with the finances being made public.</p> <p>The parish are working towards successfully securing a sustainable loan from One Public Estate with final outcome known in February 2019.</p> <p>The Project is reporting Amber as financial agreement on TWBC contribution is not concluded.</p>	AMBER
	<p>Cranbrook</p> <p>Cranbrook Hub Board meeting held in late November with progress being made on the legal requirements.</p> <p>A sum is being sought from OPE towards Project Management costs with outcome known in February 2019.</p> <p>Governance for the project has been set out and agreed by the Parish Council on 11.10.18.</p> <p>The Project is reporting Amber due to delays in legal agreements with the Co-op.</p>	AMBER
Enhance the public realm in the borough	<p>The detailed design nears completion with the step design being modified. The Traffic Regulation Orders have been published and a Joint Transportation Board meeting will be held on 21 January with any objections being heard at this point. If approved the scheme will start work on site before the end of January.</p>	GREEN