

SUNDERLAND STRATEGIC TRANSPORT CORRIDOR - PROGRESS REPORT

Report of the Chief Operating Officer - Place

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with a progress report on the Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor.

2. Background and Current Position

- 2.1 The Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor (SSTC) is a continuous dual carriageway link between the A19 and the Port of Sunderland.

- 2.2 The SSTC will be completed in a number of phases:-

- Phase 1 - Improvements to St Mary's Way (work complete)
- Phase 2 - New Wear Crossing (construction started spring 2015 anticipated opening spring 2018)
- Phase 3 - Dual-carriageway linking the south end of the proposed new Wear bridge with St Michael's Way in the city centre (construction start planned for spring 2018)
- Phases 4 and 5 – Improvements on Wessington Way and route to Port (future plans)

- 2.3 The anticipated benefits brought to the city by the scheme include:

- Improved connectivity to the city from Nissan, the Low Carbon Enterprise Zone and International Advanced Manufacturing Park
- Improved connectivity to the city centre, the Port of Sunderland and areas for regeneration
- Opening up high quality access to sites of former usage for regeneration
- Improvement of trip times and journey time reliability for all road users
- Enabling distribution of traffic between the Wear Crossings
- Reduction of congestion
- Improvements in public transport, cycle and pedestrian routes
- Improvement of the urban environment and road safety

- 2.4 Les Clark (Chief Operating Officer Place) and Mark Jackson (Head of Infrastructure and Transportation) will provide a presentation on the progress being made with the SSTC.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 The Committee is recommended to consider and comment on the progress being made with the Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor.
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