

# CABINET REPORT

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John Fairclough	Cabinet Member for Technical Services	January 2010

## 1 Thornton Switch Island Link

The partnership delivering the project, ie Balfour Beatty Contracting, Jacob Consulting, Capita Symonds and the Planning and Economic Regeneration Department held a detailed partnering workshop in early January 2010. This recognised progress to date and confirmed delivery of the next key milestone of submission of the Planning Application by the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010, and publication of the Statutory Orders later in April 2010.

In preparation of the Planning Application an awareness exercise is to be undertaken in early February 2010. This will comprise a leaflet distributed widely to residents in the vicinity of the proposed route and two public exhibitions have been arranged to allow members of the public to seek more information. The aim is to give more information of the proposals now more detailed work has been completed and attempt to identify potential issues that can be addressed before submission.

Costs are being reviewed on a regular basis and currently indicate that they can be contained within approved budgets.

## 2 Local Transport Plan 3

Developing an evidence base for the transport needs to be tackled during the period 2011/12 to 2016/17 is ongoing. This has included initial consultation with Strategic Partnerships, Members and key stakeholders. Wider consultation will be carried out during March 2010.

On completion, having identified all key transport needs and fit with local, regional and national transport priorities work will commence to develop a range of interventions that could deliver the necessary improvements. After detailed assessment and analysis of the benefits priorities and programmes can start to be developed. These will be reported to Members in due course.

### 3 **Winter Maintenance Service**

Members will be aware that the recent very cold and snowy weather placed major demands on the Winter Maintenance Service.

I am pleased to report that the approved plan worked very well and all prioritised routes were treated as required during the period. Staff and contractors must be congratulated for their work during this period of intense activity and particularly as matters outside of our control with regard to the availability of salt supplies etc made management and delivery more difficult to control.

As would be expected many issues and additional requests have been raised that will form part of the annual review of the service to ensure resources are used effectively to benefit the majority of highway users.