

Aberdeen City Council – LOCAL RAUC MEETING, 14th April 2021

TEAMS MEETING

Attendees: Terry Macleod, ACC (TM); Kevin Abercrombie, ACC (KA); Mike Dunn, CityFibre (MD); Andy Hay, SGN (AH); Duncan MacLennan, BT (DM); Lindsay Henderson (LH) OSRWC; Irvine Ellis, SSE (IE); Craig McQueen, SW (CMcQ).

Apologies: Hazel Moore, BEAR (HM); Gus McIntosh, CityFibre (GM); (CC).; Gordon Russell, SW (GR); Gordon McMillan, GTC (GMM), John Muir, GTC (JM); Carol Davidson (CD) ; Julie Greig, SGN (JG); Courtney Mitchell (CM), Darren Pointer, SW (DP); Jim Forbes, CityFibre (JF) Phillip Burnett (PB); Karyn Davidson, Vodafone (KD); Claire Callaghan, Scottish Water (CC).

Agenda

1. Introductions and Welcomes.
2. Aberdeen City Council's upcoming programme of events/works. ACC's upcoming Surface Dressing Programme has been circulated and all works have been noticed on Aurora. KA indicated that a major programme of surfacing works is planned to commence in mid-late August 2021, but at this time no confirmed dates can be provided. The redevelopment of the South College Street area, in conjunction with the upcoming Berryden Corridor project, is due to commence in late August. Again, at this time no confirmed dates have been provided, but these will be forwarded as soon as they are received. KA confirmed to CMcQ that the re-scheduled Merchant Quarter works will be given priority due to the delayed start date, and any ongoing works on the adjacent roads corridor, specifically the South College Street works, will be programmed around them to ensure that disruption to Union Square is minimised as much as possible.
3. KA confirmed that at present, the existing Spaces for People infrastructure within the City Centre is likely to remain until the end of September. Restrictions installed in outlying areas, such as George Street and Rosemount may be removed earlier.
4. General Updates: KA confirmed that following a meeting with the contractor on the 13th of April 2021, it is anticipated that the Haudagain redevelopment project will likely be extended until the end of 2021/ early 2022. The current contraflow on the A96 is likely to be removed at the end of April 2021 (22nd) and the contraflow on the A92, North Anderson Drive is likely to be removed at the end of July 2021. Lane restrictions will still be in place, but the level of overall disruption should be significantly reduced.
5. SW – CMcQ confirmed that the existing contractor (ABV) will be replaced by Caledonia for the upcoming Merchant Quarter Works. At this time no confirmed start date has been agreed. KA and TM confirmed that previous issues in relation to reinstatement works by KEIR were continuing and required further attention. CMcQ agreed to progress this internally. TM confirmed that Morrison's Construction have agreed to undertake the remedial works on King's Gate. No date has been set as yet, but TM confirmed it's likely to only take a couple of days.

6. SSE – Irvine Ellis confirmed that due to an issue at a sub-station on Bayview Road South, further works, including off site occupation would be required. No other planned works highlighted.
7. BT: DM forwarded the upcoming programme of works and KA confirmed that at first glance there were no issues with any of the proposed sites identified. TM will forward BT's programme along with the minutes following the meeting.
8. SGN – Andy Hay confirmed that there were no replacement works planned for the moment. There are two major jobs upcoming in September on Balnagask Road and Anderson Road and these will be discussed in more detail as and when plans are provided. KA to check SW's programme of works on Girdleness Road as part of the new harbour project to ensure that there is no conflict with the works on Balnagask Road.
9. CityFibre: MD confirmed that there are currently 12 GCU squads working across the City. Due to the upcoming major programme of resurfacing works, discussion with our in-house contractor was ongoing to ensure that all road crossings could be undertaken in advance of the resurfacing works. MD also confirmed that this would be his last meeting, and that contact details for his replacement would be forwarded as and when available.
10. Commissioner's Office: LH mentioned that it was essential that good communication continued between all parties due to the large volume of upcoming works in and around the City.
11. **General Discussion Items:** KA confirmed that several events were proposed from September onwards, albeit at this time, confirmation couldn't be given until early July. These include Offshore Europe (TECA, end September 21), Tour of Britain Cycle Race (A944 and City Centre), 12th September, Race for Life, Aberdeen Beach 26th September. More information would be provided at the next meeting.

12. **AOCB**

KA confirmed that following a meeting with the City Wardens, it has come to light that no vehicle uplifts will be possible for the near future and whilst this might impact on TTRO's, it is hoped that an increased level of support, specifically a higher presence at key locations, will hopefully address any rogue parking and minimise delays to works. KA also requested that in the interim period, more robust signage should be installed to support TTRO applications, along with a more concerted effort to letter drop affected residents/businesses.

No one had any other issues or queries to raise.

Date of next meeting: 10:00 am on the 14th of July 2021 (Teams meeting).