



UPDATE REPORT FOR CHAPELCROSS SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP

15 DECEMBER 2017

CX Project 2011-2016

The Year 6 annual report including a project life summary of achievements is being prepared and should be signed off in January 2018. Once accepted, the report will be circulated to SSG members for information. The Project will then be officially complete.

CX Succession Project 2017-2022

It has been agreed that the new programme will keep the name ‘CX Project’ as the brand has achieved recognition in the area and across the NDA socio-economic network. A refreshed website is however in preparation and this will indicate the new project will target a different set of challenges. The project will focus on unlocking the NDA non-licensed land for employment development and energy. It will retain the two remaining funded posts in DGC’s Strategic Projects Team.

Reporting Protocol

Once the full business case and its KPIs are processed through the NDA funding regime, a comprehensive milestones schedule will be created. This will be used as a basis for performance management throughout the lifetime of the project and will be reported internally, through the council’s EEI directorate and separately through the ‘CX Project Team’ and upwards through the ‘CX Project Joint Partnership Group’. These two groups are being formed by refreshing two current bodies – the BCX Project Delivery Group and the Corridor Regeneration Steering Group.

For now, the table below indicates progress from the silent launch of the new project on 1 September to the end of November 2017.

Activities Update

ACTIVITY	UPDATE AT 31 November 2017
Costings for site access improvements from A74(M) and A75 trunk road	Initial estimates prepared and now enshrined in Borderlands Initiative proposal.
Zoning layout for the site and internal access costings	Working with Magnox and Infrastructure colleagues, around 12 distinct zones within the site have been identified which range in size from 6.24 to 16.62 hectares. Costings options for basic roads system have been prepared and are included in the Borderlands Initiative proposal.

Advocacy work with a Solar PV developer	Work is ongoing with the proposed investor.
Feasibility study into creation of Geothermal Power on the site	Work is ongoing with the proposed investor including a bid to LCITP under the 'Catalyst Programme'
Exploring governance models for the project going forward	The new governance model sees CoReS with a fresh overview brief becoming the CX Joint Co-ordination Group which will offer strategic guidance. The current BCX Project Delivery Group will be modified and become the 'CX Project Team'
Making a case for Chapelcross to be recognised by central government as a future site of national employment significance	Work on inclusion with 'Borderlands Initiative' and 'South of Scotland Enterprise Agency' continues. Government DIT officers visited the area for potential inclusion in their pipeline list of potential inward investment sites. Targeted editorial has been inserted in appropriate trade press.
Asset transfer	As a contribution the NDA sites disposal strategy, DGC officers have begun exploring the implications of receiving the non-licensed land and its associated commercial income as an asset transfer either to the council itself or a council led new company.

RECOMMENDATION:

- That member of the CX SSG note the content of this update report.

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