

Update from the Chapelcross (CX) Site Transformation Programme (2095)

Introduction

We last met with the SSG in August 19. Since then, clear progress has been made to realise the aspirations of the CX site transformation plans and proposals discussed. This is encouraging.

Progress since the August 19 CX SSG Meeting

Key highlights, as listed:

1. Member CX Programme (2095) Workshop

We delivered Workshop to introduce Council Members to the proposal in early September. The workshop covered:

- Consideration of the site timeline to 2095 i.e. Looking backwards to site inception following in the 1950's. Looking forwards to deliver against defined high-level objectives.
- Lessons learned from our experience to date and how these could be deployed in support of the achievement of the objectives
- The CX Route-map (2095) as a tool to support the definition and delivery of Partner ambitions for the site
- The ASK of by Officers to Council for a go/no-go decision to approve the CX (2095) Mandate and set up the programme

2. Report to Full DGC Council – CX Programme (205) Mandate Approval

We presented the “Chapelcross (CX) Site Transformation - Approval to Start the Next Stage” Report to Full Council at the end of September. The headline objectives for the programme listed in the Report are to:

- Create a large-scale strategic mixed-use employment site for Borderlands with significant wider economic impact
- Support the development of green energy production, storage and distribution solutions
- Maintain 100% beneficial use of the site over the full decommissioning period to 2095 (in line with Energy Act 2004 requirements) and beyond.
- Make a significant contribution to the achievement of UK's 2050 net zero carbon target.

This Report is public (available through the Council web portal) and includes the CX Programme Mandate (2095), as Appendix 2.

Feedback from Members from both events was positive.

3. Mobilisation and Delivery

Directly following the Council decision, we set about deployment of the Report commitments. Key mobilisation plan tasks include:

- Establishing a fit for purpose process for Programme to engagement with Members and stakeholders
- Developing the CX SOBC to secure a go/no-go decision to proceed to the next stage
- Establishing the CX Programme Delivery Board capability in line with the approved Mandate (see attachment)

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4. Update Report to Resources and Economy Committee

We recently completed an Update Report to be presented to the Economy and Resources Committee on 30 January. The Report is currently passing through committee governance.

5. Forward View

On the basis of starting with the end in mind, the objective of this first stage is to secure a go/no-go decision from the Council to allow it to proceed to the next programme stage. This will require full delivery of the items referenced with item 3, above. This will not be an easy task for the Partnership.

The timing of review and scrutiny of the CX SOBC, once accepted by the CX Programme Delivery Board, the Borderlands Partnership, the Council, and the UK and Scottish Governments, has yet to be finalised. It is anticipated that this will be agreed within Q1.

The CX Programme Delivery Board is expected to be initiated in 2020 Q1, and the updated CX SOBC accepted by the CX Programme Delivery Board in 2020 Q2.

6. Actions from the previous meeting

We have attached an abstract from the CX Programme Mandate (2095) in response to the August 19 meeting action to provide an organisational chart for the programme.

This diagram provides structure as envisaged at the time and a mechanism to achieve it. The structure has since evolved through discussion with Partners. The current working draft Organisational structure is included within the Economy and Resources Committee Report.

We will develop the proposal to achieve an agreed workable structure and deploy this as a component within the mobilisation plan

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Action from the previous meeting.

Abstract from the CX Programme Mandate (2095)

