

Isles of Scilly Link Project

Minutes of the Route Partnership Meeting Friday 13 November 2009,

Chief Executive's Office, Town Hall, St Mary's, Isles of Scilly

Attended by:

Philip Hygate – RP Chairman, Council of the Isles of Scilly

Cllr Dudley Mumford - Council of the Isles of Scilly

Craig Dryden – Planning & Development, Council of the Isles of Scilly

Adrian Smith – Assistant Land Steward, Duchy of Cornwall

Graeme Hicks – Cabinet Member for Transport, Cornwall Council

Tim Wood – Project Director, Cornwall Council

Nicola Yeates - Project Manager, Cornwall Council

1. **Apologies** – Nigel Blackler (CC), Tom Flanagan (CC) and Chris Gregory (DoC)
2. **Minutes of RP on 18th September 2009** were accepted as a true record
3. **Meetings update:**
 - a. **Political sub-group:** GH reported that the political sub-group had visited Trinity House on 18th September. GH added that he had brought the exhibits to the attention of the National Maritime Museum, Falmouth to avoid them being dispersed and lost from Cornwall when the building is sold;
 - b. **DfT / RFA:** latest costings for Option A have been provided to DfT for consideration at the Investment Decision Committee on 17/11/09. CC due to meet with DfT on the 18th November. The Regional Transport Advisory Board have accepted the recommendations of SW Councils of increased/reprofiled funding and will be confirming this to DfT. Value engineering proposals are still essential to delivery;
 - c. **Convergence / SWRDA:** CC have submitted a bid for £450K preparatory funding support to developing options A and C in parallel.
4. **Penzance HRO challenge** - A claim was lodged on 13th October 2009 by a member of the Friends of Penzance Harbour on the basis of:
 - a concise description was not included in the advert (this is not correct as there was a description);
 - the notice was misleading as it stated that works were within the harbour jurisdiction.

CC legal and Counsel will be joining with Treasury Solicitors and Counsel to defend. There are implications on programme as DfT will not give funding approval whilst the challenge is unresolved. The HRO challenge threatens delivery of both option A and option C so if successful no Penzance option could be secured.

Other challenges – CC has received a complaint of maladministration from John Maggs which he has publically advertised.

5. **Penzance option A:** planning and LBC applications were submitted on 16th October 2009 and there is ongoing liaison between the project team and planners. Photomontages were shown to the meeting. These will be included as part of the information to planners. Penzance Conservation Officer is seeking mitigation beyond the scope of project budget and is in consultation with project team and planners. FOPH have issued a leaflet to guide people on objecting.
6. **Penzance option C:** design for Trinity House underway. Current figures show that option C is only marginally cheaper than option A in capital costs. CC seeking operator input to review operating costs. Rock placement to Penzance quay extension is being costed as a marine operation. Protection of the beach denies the possibility of a land based operation. Placing of the rock is now a higher risk operation to allow for seasons/tidal conditions.
7. **Falmouth review:** CD reported that the CIOS had developed a scope for a study to include consideration of available facilities, linkages to other transport modes, journey time, freight costs and any added value (eg link in to cruises). A consultant has been appointed. TW/NB will be meeting the consultant on 24th November. A&P Falmouth have matched the funding so the budget is now £7K. The study is to be completed by mid-December 2009.
8. **Vessel build update:** tenders are open until 31st January 2010. The preferred yard has recently been seeking additional cost and change of payment from Sterling to Euros but have now confirmed they will stand by their tendered price.
9. **Vessel operator update:** 2 financial bids were received on 20th October and confirm the proposed £10m prudential borrowing can be repaid and allow a reserve to be established towards a future replacement vessel. No announcement will be made in respect of the operator tender until after the CC Cabinet Meeting on 16th December 2009.

10. **financial update** : statement of budget and expenditure for stage 4 issued

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FINANCIAL REPORT – STAGE 4 TO END OCTOBER 2009
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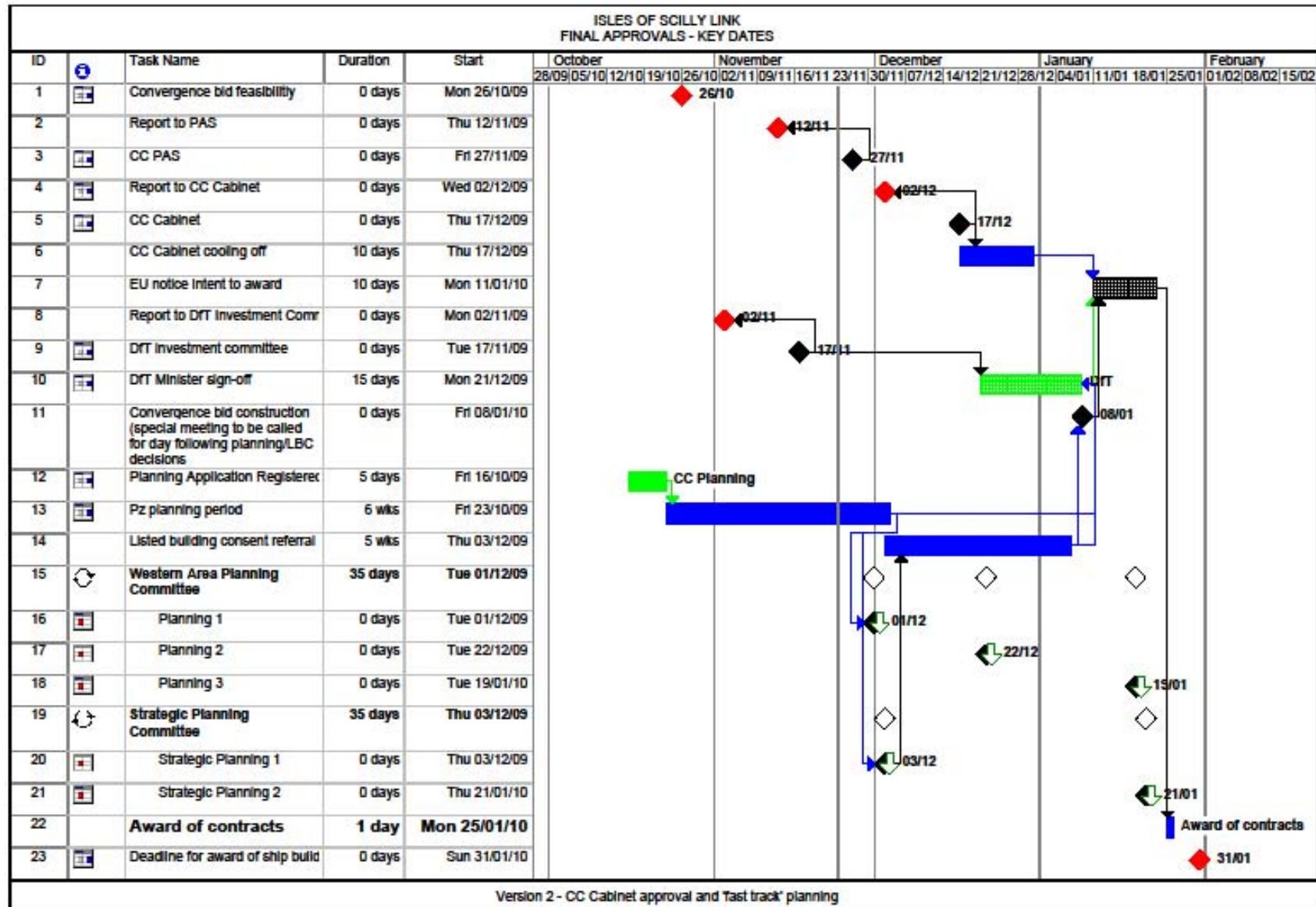
Expenditure incurred and forecast to the end of October 2009 compared to budget

Expenditure to end Oct 09	Budget	Activity
Stage 4: Detailed Harbour Design Development		
	500,000	Duchy of Cornwall
	100,000	Penwith DC
	150,000	CCC
	750,000	Department for Transport (recovered on Full Approval)
1,471,395	1,500,000	
Dft Marine and Business Case Reviews		
44,197	50,000	SWRDA
Penzance Alternative Options		
43,430	50,000	CDC – not yet confirmed
Stage 4: Penzance Option A		
35,723	200,000	ERDF grant – Convergence - Application to be considered at EAG on 25 th Nov
Stage 4: Penzance Option C		
23,404	250,000	ERDF grant – Convergence - Application to be considered at EAG on 25 th Nov
1,618,149	2,050,000	Total Stage 4 Harbours
Stage 4: Detailed Vessel Design Development and Operator Tender		
	82,500	CCC LTP Supported Borrowing
	160,000	SWRDA
	40,000	RDA additional Convergence
281,184	£282,500	Total Stage 4 Vessel
1,899,333	2,332,500	Total Stage 4 – Harbours and Vessel

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11. programme and key dates - programme for final approvals issued. CC has not yet decided which planning committee will consider the LBC and sea wall planning applications so programme implications cannot be confirmed yet.



12. AOB
 - a. English Heritage are meeting with the Penzance Harbour Master and Conservation Officer today to discuss application for increasing South Pier listing to Grade II *
 - b. CC and DoC are in discussion about cost sharing for changes to the Harbourside building to ensure that it is in accordance with funding rules

13. date of next meeting Friday 18th December, Trelawney Room, New County Hall, Truro starting at 2.30pm (after 16th December Cabinet)

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18th December 2009