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CECA North West

NEWS DIGEST FROM CECA NORTH WEST

Welcome to this round up of news from CECA North West. If there are any items you wish to include, please let me know. If you would like to contact me, or wish to arrange a meeting, I can be reached via email: guy.lawson@cecanw.co.uk or mobile 07703 585027.

Civil Engineering Contractors' Association North West news

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Free and discounted services for members - what can we do for you?

CECA NW always wants to make sure it delivers the services that members want. So, please tell us what your priorities are. We are always looking for ways to enhance the services CECA NW offers to members, which currently include:

- Legal services (see below)
- Training
- Tendering support
- Market intelligence
- Lobbying

But, please contact Guy Lawson if there are any specific areas where we can be of assistance.

CECA NW Legal Advice Service

Willow Contracts has provided very high quality advice to CECA NW members over the last year - and their support and expertise for legal and contractual matters is highly recommended. The email address exclusively for members is CECAsupport@willowcontracts.co.uk and this will automatically contact Chris Hutchinson and his colleague. For the telephone service, the dedicated number is 01924 919392. In the event that the call cannot be taken any voicemail left is automatically routed to Chris's mobile phone. Call costs I am advised are at standard rates.

Tendering workshops

Members are invited to contact Guy Lawson for 1-2-1 tendering workshops, where he will advise on PQQs and ITTs, eg on how to present socio-economic and CSR data as effectively as possible. This is a free service to CECA NW members. Please contact him at the above number or email.

BDB Special Projects

We are delighted that BDB Special Projects has joined CECA NW as an associate member.

Ex-Offender Plant Operatives Training Initiative

The objective of this joint venture is to encourage ex-offenders into the industry via the Plant Operative career path.

<https://www.ceca.co.uk/ex-offenders-initiative-2019/>

CECA North by NW Dinner, Penrith, Thursday 23 May 2019

All welcome (after dinner speaker is policeman turned stand-up comedian Alfie Moore, star of BBC Radio 4's 'A Fair Cop'). Still some tickets left. To book: http://www.aldercross.com/events.php?event_id=138

CECA NW Foundations Summer Seminar, Friday 31 May 2019

CECA North West Foundations Group would like to invite anyone relatively new to the industry, or starting their career, to attend an afternoon lunch and seminar, followed by a drinks event in Manchester. The seminar will be in two parts: on Design Innovation and Wellbeing within Civil Engineering. It is free to attend, and takes place from 13.00 to 17.00, at the Manchester Meeting House, Mount Street, Manchester M2 5NS. To book your place:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ceca-nw-foundations-summer-seminar-drinks-event-tickets-60458564193>

CECA NW Executive Committee, Wednesday 12 June 2019

The next meeting of the CECA NW Executive Committee takes place at Daresbury Park Hotel, Warrington, at 08.30 for 09.00. All are welcome to attend, whether committee members or not, but please book your place with Guy Lawson first.

CECA NW/ICES Annual Golf Day, Leigh Golf Club, Thursday 4 July 2019 (please note change of date)

Web: <https://www.ceca.co.uk/ceca-nw-ices-golf-day-4-july-2019/>

E: cecagolf@btinternet.com ; M: 07740 731445

CECA NW annual awards dinner, Manchester, Friday 11 October 2019

To see the awards categories (entry forms will be issued shortly) and to book places:

https://www.aldercross.com/events.php?event_id=140

CECA NW - your contributions needed

Please find a link to the 2018 CECA NW video - aimed at promoting careers in the industry. It is now available on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/r6ieFJ2LAPQ> There is also a shorter version we have just produced too: <https://youtu.be/4CiP7SE5lrw>

We will be producing a new video in 2019, so please send any video footage that you would be willing to let us include. Also, please send any case studies to appear in the annual flyer. Please see the attached which shows the format needed: <https://www.ceca.co.uk/ceca-north-west-flyer-2018/>

In planning....

CECA NW will be holding a meeting this spring for members on housing infrastructure opportunities in the region. A meeting for members with STAR Procurement will take place this summer. Also, following the CECA Payment Summit, a northern summit is being planned for later in the year. Now that planning for the west Cumbria colliery has been approved, a meeting will be arranged for CECA NW members later in the year - further details in due course. Interested parties should contact Guy Lawson.

Working Rule Agreement

Hard copies or a pdf version of the new edition of the Working Rule Agreement are available to CECA NW members free of charge. Please contact Guy Lawson to order your copy.

Training & Development

CECA NW 2019 legal and commercial seminar (free for CECA members)

Breakfast seminar: 8.30am - 10.30am

NEC compensation events 11 June, Penrith <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ceca-nw-breakfast-seminar-nec-compensation-events-tickets-53682207929>

NW Contractors' Training Group - free for all CECA NW members

The Group provides access to CITB funding to support training, and its members receive free or substantially discounted training. If you are interested in joining the Group, please let Gill Steele know: mgtpsteele@hotmail.co.uk Please could CECA NW members advise their Training Managers of this opportunity.

Schools & Colleges Liaison

CECA NW welcomes Jacqueline Vail, who will be co-ordinating schools and colleges liaison activity across the region, and supporting the work of CECA NW Foundations. Jacqueline will be making contact with members over the next few weeks to identify what is currently being done, and what CECA NW do can assist members in efforts to attract more young people into the industry.

Manchester College Plant & Civils Schools Awareness event, 26-27 June 2019

CPUK Civils and Remediation are leading a Plant & Civils Awareness Event - 26th and 27th June 2019 - sessions start at 09.30 and 14.15; Manchester College, Openshaw Campus, Ashton Old Road, Openshaw, Manchester M11 2WH. Come along and take advantage of this opportunity to promote our industry to students from Greater Manchester (please see flyer attached for more details).

GoConstruct

A campaign by CITB to attract more entrants to the industry: <https://www.goconstruct.org/en/>
GoConstruct has also produced a new infrastructure video which can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=98rc8Ac-mF4>

Groundforce training

Groundforce runs training courses for some other CECA regions, so I wanted to see if you would be interested in CECA NW running any of the courses they offer. Please see their latest training brochure <http://www.groundforcebrochures.com/training-services>

CITB Employer Update

<http://elink-eu.azure.send.com/m/023a3170cc3440b2b5de2b317aba2411/610813C4/A6E289F7/102018n>

Fairness, Inclusion and Respect Programme (FIR) update

More introduction to FIR workshops are being run, plus Ambassador training session, and Ambassador coaching sessions. If any of this is of interest and you want your organisation to get involved or build on its existing activity then please do get in touch: Tolu Oke, T: 020 7697 1985; M: 07469 159 788
FIR Training and Project Manager, E: Tolu@supplychainschool.co.uk
FIR Toolkit: <https://www.supplychainschool.co.uk/default/fairness-inclusion-and-respect/fir-toolkit.aspx>

Sponsoring the Civil Engineering Challenge

We are sponsoring resource packs to enable scouts and guides to achieve the Civil Engineering badge, developed by Pippa Higgins of Vinci. Please let me know if you would like more information. We are now funding over twenty groups to undertake the civil engineering challenge.

Policy & Industry Affairs

CECA Payment Summit, 5 September 2019 (please note the change of date)

An early date for your diary - further details shortly.

Environment Agency calls for new approach to flood and coastal resilience

Launching a major, long-term strategy to tackle flooding and coastal change, Environment Agency chair, Emma Howard Boyd has said “we cannot win a war against water” by building higher flood defences and called for a new approach to ensure communities are resilient to the threat of flooding posed by climate change. Opening an eight-week consultation on the new strategy, Howard Boyd said that the Environment Agency is preparing for a potential 4°C rise in global temperature and urgent action is needed to tackle more frequent, intense flooding and sea level rise.

Among the recommendations in the strategy, the Environment Agency has committed to working with partners to develop consistent standards for flood and coastal resilience across the country. To achieve these standards, communities should have access to a range of tools which give them control of how they prepare for and respond to flooding and coastal change, based on the challenges or flood risk any location may face.

These could include traditional defences, temporary barriers, natural flood management, sustainable drainage systems, effective flood warnings and emergency response, alongside designing and adapting existing properties and new development so they can recover quickly from a flood.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/environment-agency-chair-calls-for-new-approach-to-flood-and-coastal-resilience>

ONS: Output up 1% in Q1 despite March dip

Construction output decreased by 1.9 per cent in March but was slightly up overall for the first quarter of the year, new stats from the Office of National Statistics have revealed. The March drop was driven by falls in both new work and repair & maintenance, which by fell by 1.8 per cent and 2.2 per cent respectively. Despite the drop in March, overall construction output increased by one per cent in the first quarter of 2019.

Armitt demands Chancellor commits to funding infrastructure plan

National Infrastructure Commission Chair Sir John Armitt has called on the Chancellor to commit to a major programme of upgrades of transport, energy and technology networks. Sir John is concerned that the Government is set to only pay lip service in the forthcoming Autumn spending review to the country’s first National Infrastructure Assessment published last year. The government is required to consider the plan and formally respond with its own strategy, expected to be announced this autumn.

Sir John’s key tests set out in the letter to the Chancellor

- Long term perspective - the strategy must look beyond the immediate spending review period and set out the government’s expectations for infrastructure funding and policy up to 2050
- Clear goals and plans - where the government endorses NIA recommendation, this should be backed up with a specific plan, with clear deadlines and identified owners
- Firm funding commitment - the government should commit to providing funding of 1.2% of GDP a year in infrastructure
- Genuine commitment to change - recommendations such as devolving funding for urban transport to cities and a national standard for flood resilience are fundamental policy changes, and “the strategy needs to respond in the same spirit.”

FIDIC launches The Emerald Book

International engineering federation FIDIC (the International Federation of Consulting Engineers) and ITA-AITES (the International Tunnelling and Underground Space Association) have teamed up to publish a new form of contract for tunnelling and underground works, The Emerald Book.

<http://fidic.org/books/conditions-contract-underground-works-2019-emerald-book>

Construction industry blames auditors for Carillion's collapse, says new report

A survey of the supply chain conducted by public sector procurement specialists Scape Group has found that “93% of suppliers think the relationship between Carillion and KPMG enabled the outsourcer’s true financial position to be concealed.” Over half of suppliers polled think the accounting policies at Carillion were “not discharged in good faith” and that the subsequent collapse was “facilitated by poor management.” 64% of suppliers believe that Carillion’s downfall was due to “debt mismanagement, acquisitions and long payment terms, created by a focus on revenue rather than profit.” The survey also claims the construction industry would “support a shake-up of the ‘big four’ accounting firms, with 57% of suppliers polled saying they thought this was required.”

<https://www.scapegroup.co.uk/research/carillion>

Armitt: Government needs to get serious about infrastructure

National Infrastructure Commission chair Sir John Armit has called for the UK to build a shared vision for infrastructure’s role in the economy, to unite people, mend fractures in society and build a true sense of community for millions of people.

Speaking to the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Infrastructure, Armit said there was an urgent need for Britain to shape a new national and global identity based on optimism and confidence, with infrastructure at its heart.

Digital UK map of buried utilities

Work is starting on an ambitious project to draw up a digital map of all UK underground pipes and cables to end strikes and save workers lives. The government’s Geospatial Commission plans to collate existing data on underground pipes and cables to create an Underground Assets Register. Nearly £4m is being invested in London and Sunderland to test the feasibility of the project. There is currently no comprehensive underground map of the UK’s service network.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/map-of-underground-pipes-and-cables-designed-to-save-lives-and-prevent-major-disruption>

Network Rail £750 million signalling contract

Network Rail has announced five-year contracts worth an estimated £750m to deliver sign-alling and telecoms across the country in period CP6, between 2019-2024, with further contracts set to be awarded in June 2019 and January 2020.

The signalling and telecoms (S&T) frameworks, which are split into six geographical lots, have been awarded to VolkerRail Special Businesses Ltd (London North West), Atkins Ltd (Anglia, South East and Wessex), Linbrooke Services Ltd (London North East), Babcock Rail Ltd (Scotland), Colas Rail Ltd (Western) and Siemens Mobility Ltd (Wales).

The frameworks will deliver projects of varying value, including stand-alone level crossings, stand-alone major telecoms and related civils works.

Rail firms call for independent body to oversee Britain's rail network

Rail companies have today called for a new independent non-government body to oversee Britain’s rail network. The Rail Delivery Group (RDG) has described its proposals as a golden opportunity to “call time on short term fixes and set out the once-in-a-generation system upgrade the railway needs if it is to help the country prosper over the next 25 years.” They also claim their plans would “better join up the railway, improve accountability for passengers and result in easier, better value fares for all.”

<https://www.raildeliverygroup.com/media-centre/press-releases/2019/469773861-2019-04-30.html>

£400m Eastern Highways Framework up for renewal

An alliance of 11 local highways authorities in the East of England is set to invite bids for their third generation Eastern Highways Alliance Framework. Essex County Council is leading the procurement for the local authorities and plans to formally start the tender race in June. For more information email Dawn Gower at the council team: procurement.team@essex.gov.uk

CITB Business Plan reveals spending proposals for £614m of levy cash

The Construction Industry Training Board is planning a new “big, bold” careers campaign in a bid to attract a new generation of workers into construction.

The move is part of the board’s latest three-year plan which highlights how it will spend the £614m of levy income collected between 2019/20 to 2021/22.

The plan outlines the ‘Big Six’ skills challenges identified by CITB research. They include:

- making construction an attractive career to a broader range of recruits
- developing a ‘site-ready’ workforce
- getting more construction learners to join the industry
- growing the number and diversity of apprentices
- helping smaller firms invest in the training that can transform their business
- boosting the number of assessors for vocational qualifications

<https://www.citb.co.uk/documents/businessplan/citb-business-plan-2019-uk.pdf>

CMA guidance on competition law for the construction industry

The Competition and Markets Authority has recently been investigating a number of cases of potential competition law breaches by firms in the construction sector. Most recently, their investigations resulted in the disqualification of two company directors of CPM group due to their involvement in a cartel. To raise the level of awareness within firms about competition law and the rules with which firms have to comply, the CMA has launched a package of materials to help business. This includes:

- a [quick guide on how to avoid disqualification](#)
- a [checklist on how to comply with competition law](#)
- our #StopCartels campaign page <https://stopcartels.campaign.gov.uk/> that houses:
 - an interactive quiz to test knowledge of the law and what is/ isn’t permitted
 - case studies with lessons learnt and information
 - reporting form + info on immunity from fines under our leniency programme.

CECA: Infrastructure Finance Review

The Government is keen to facilitate further private investment and involvement in infrastructure delivery. As we leave the European Union, the UK’s relationship with the European Investment Bank will change, and while Government will explore the options for a future relationship with the EIB, it wants to be prepared for all scenarios.

A Government review of the infrastructure finance market is underway and CECA is keen to respond with members’ views. As such, we would be grateful if you could fill in the short survey below.

CECA is also planning to hold a workshop to discuss and finalise its response to the consultation. An option for members to be further involved can also be found below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/InfrastructureFinanceReview>

ICG lead drive to eliminate site accidents

Major clients are joining forces to push for a step change in the safety, health and wellbeing of everyone involved in big UK infrastructure projects.

Over the next 12 months representatives from the industry’s major clients, contractors and supply chain have agreed to work together to tackle the causes of illness and injury in the sector.

The initiative has been driven by the Infrastructure Client Group (ICG), which represents some of the country’s largest client organisations.

ICG members include EDF Energy, Environment Agency, Heathrow, Highways England, HS2, National Grid, Sellafeld Ltd, Tideway and Transport for London.

Contractors told to pay on time or face public works ban

Contractors are being warned to pay their supply chains on time or face being banned from winning further government contracts. Officials from the Cabinet Office have written to firms to remind them of the new rules on prompt payment, which come into force this autumn.

Social value model developed for UK government procurements

Potential social benefits that can be derived from UK government contracts will need to be considered by departments when they set criteria for the award of those contracts, under new proposals outlined by the government. The government's draft new social value delivery model sets out policy outcomes based on broad 'social value' themes that departments can strive for when developing award criteria for their contracts.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/social-value-in-government-procurement>

£1.6 billion Stronger Towns Fund launched

The Stronger Towns Fund will be targeted at places that have not shared in the proceeds of growth in the same way as more prosperous parts of the country. It will be used to create new jobs, help train local people and boost economic activity - with communities having a say on how the money is spent.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/16-billion-stronger-towns-fund-launched>

Network Rail to keep retentions ban after restructure

Network Rail will retain its ban on retentions and enforcement of 28-day payments among suppliers after its restructure, the rail body has said. Chief executive Andrew Haines said that most contractors won't have to duplicate their work five times under the new structure.

International Women in Engineering Day (#INWED19), 23 June 2019

The global awareness campaign, coordinated by the Women's Engineering Society (WES), aims to increase the profile of women in engineering worldwide and focus attention on the career opportunities available to girls in engineering and related industries. In 2019, WES's own centenary year, INWED will aim to inspire even greater participation across the globe, both online and through physical activities, by individuals, schools, colleges, groups and organisations. The theme will be supported by the hashtags #INWED19 and #TransformTheFuture. For more information: <http://www.inwed.org.uk/>

CITB forecast: 168,500 new jobs to be created over next 5 years (15,250 in the North West)

A five-year forecast into the industry's skills needs published by the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) has shortened expectations for growth with infrastructure predicted to grow by 1.9%, down from 3.1% in last year's forecast.

<https://www.citb.co.uk/research-insight/construction-skills-network/industry-insights/>

And for details of the North West forecast:

https://www.citb.co.uk/documents/research/csn_reports_2019-2023/csk-csn-info-nwest_lo_crop.pdf

Safe use of forward tipping dumpers

Please find details of the current Construction Plant-hire Association consultation on forward tipping dumper guidance. A link for the guidance can be found at: www.cpa.uk.net/sfpsgdumpers/

Doing business with Sellafield (LINC and CTM update)

LINC with Sellafield Ltd has now transitioned over to the CTM system. In order to qualify for LINC in CTM please either login with your existing details or if you are new to CTM register as a 'new supplier' and navigate to RFQ 10536 - LINC Qualification.

<https://sharedsystems.eu-supply.com/login.asp?B=SELLAFIELD>

Homes England launches Strategic Plan 2018/19 - 2022/23

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/752686/Homes_England_Strategic_Plan_AW_REV_150dpi_REV.pdf

News from ACAS

<https://northwest.cmail20.com/t/ViewEmail/r/18D11288D503AC942540EF23F30FEDED/02B2B0EDB68E38FF2A1BF84ACBDD178B>

North West - and the North

Sellafield awards 20-year contracts worth up to £7bn

Sellafield has awarded contracts to four firms to carry out decommissioning work at its Cumbria site over the next two decades. According to Sellafield, the total programme and project procurement value has an expected range of £3bn-4bn but could end up being worth as much as £7bn.

Morgan Sindall has been named civils construction management partner and said its deal was worth an expected £1.6bn. Doosan Babcock has been appointed as the process construction management partner. Wood was awarded the design and engineering partner role with KBR appointed as the integration partner. The decommissioning programme is expected to last for 100 years at the Cumbria site, which ranges over two square miles and contains more than one thousand buildings.

Economic and green boost for Peak District as £14m rail freight scheme unveiled

Network Rail has transformed a disused council tip at Buxton into 430 metres of railway sidings so longer freight trains can serve local quarries.

STAR Procurement: GM Streetscene Alliance update

STAR have now had firm commitment from the following authorities to be part of the new GM Streetscene Alliance for Civil and Highways Works:

- Stockport - Full Alliance Partner
- Rochdale - Full Alliance Partner
- Bury - Full Alliance Partner
 - Trafford - Customer
 - Tameside - Customer

A revised procurement programme has now been established which includes the following key milestones:

- Technical/procurement kick off meeting 1st May 2019.
- Market Engagement Event - June 2019
- Issue of OJEU Notice and Stage 1 (SQ) - August 2019
- Issue of Shortlist Stage 2 (ITT) - October 2019
- Award of Alliance Contracts - February 2020
- Start of GM Streetscene Alliance April 2020

Based on the current value of Stockport's alliance contract (£9m for 2019), it is expected that, overall, the proposed new contract will have a total value of £600-700 million.

Current proposal to have separate Alliances for full partners above (instead of sub-geographical lots).

Each one having a single contractor for each Lot (with ten lots per Alliance). It is currently proposed that there will be three bandings for the Highways Structures Maintenance lots, for example.

Customers (as listed above) will then be able to enter into any of the above Alliance contracts when the need arises (we will specify an indicative value for those Authorities).

Each Full Alliance Partner will also be able to call upon the services of other contractors from other Alliances when capacity issues arise.

They are intending to have a Memorandum of Understanding developed across all 5 GM Authorities to define how the relationship will work.

STAR have now introduced the Social Value Portal for all procurements above £50K. This will be introduced on the GM Streetscene Alliance procurement.

Warrington Local Transport Plan update

Please find a link to the latest version of the Warrington Local Transport Plan LTP4.

<https://www.warrington.gov.uk/info/201080/streets-and-transport/2383/local-transport-plan>

Carlisle flood defence works to get under way

The first phase of the scheme, designed to avoid a repeat of the devastating floods caused by Storm Desmond, is set to be signed off by Carlisle Council. The Environment Agency is proposing the works to protect large areas of the city from flooding; Storm Desmond in 2015 caused the rivers Caldew, Eden, and Petteril to overflow, damaging nearly 2,000 properties across Carlisle in the process.

The first phase of the works primarily covers a 19-acre area within Melbourne Park and at the entrance of Carlisle's Tesco superstore. There are plans for a further three phases; one covering the Sands Centre, Bitts Park, and the bridge over the river Eden; another covering Willowhome, Maltings, and the river Caldew downstream of the A595; and a final phase following the Caldew upstream of the A595.

Rotherham argues case for Mersey tidal power project

The Metro Mayor has chosen a team of consultants including Arup, ABPmer, BECG, and Grant Thornton to draw up an outline business case for a tidal power scheme on the Mersey, one of the key elements of the city region's plan to be zero-carbon by 2040.

£2.9bn funding package for Sirius potash mine

Potash mine developer Sirius Minerals has launched a funding deal for one of the country's largest construction projects. The debt and equity deal will raise £2.9bn and guarantee the progress of infrastructure work at the giant site in Yorkshire. The initial construction phase of the project is expected to see the first potash extracted from mines by 2021. Construction is underway at all main sites for phase one with Austrian specialist Strabag on board for the three main 23-mile tunnel drives to transport excavated material to the coast.

£300m Lincolnshire power station gets green light

North East Lincolnshire Council has given approval to a £300m energy from waste power station near Stallingborough. The plant will be built next to the existing South Humber Bank power station and produce electricity for around 500,000 homes. Construction is anticipated to start later this year and the facility will support 600 construction jobs. South Humber Bank Energy Centre will generate 50MW from 620,000 tonnes of domestic waste per annum. Developer EP UK Investments is a subsidiary of Europe's sixth largest power generator EPH.

....and £700m Teesside gas power station

The government has given the green light to build a £700m gas-fired power station in Middlesbrough. Sembcorp Utilities is behind plans to build the 1.7GW Tees combined cycle power plant on land at the Wilton International manufacturing site on Teesside. The project will utilise existing gas and national grid connections on the site of the former Teesside Power Station, which was demolished six years ago. Taking more than three years to build, the new gas-fired power station will employ up to 1,000 during the construction phase.

Northern Powerhouse Rail set for autumn decision

Chancellor Philip Hammond told the House of Commons treasury committee that the next Spending Review - expected in the autumn - would have a "laser focus" on improving regional productivity, with the modern industrial strategy "at the heart" of the plan.

Cheshire East to green light £59m Middlewich bypass

The 1.7-mile road, designed to unlock major employment sites to the south of the town centre, could get under way in 2020 with Cheshire East Council to sign off the latest stage of the project.

The proposed road, valued at around £58.5m, will run from the Salt Cellar roundabout on the A54, to Booth Lane, south of Middlewich. The single carriageway road is expected to unlock significant amounts of housing and employment land south of the town.

New £2bn civils framework for Yorkshire & the Humber

A new £2bn civils framework covering Yorkshire and the Humber has launched a call for tenders. Local authorities in the region have committed to procuring major civil engineering projects worth more than £10m each through the new framework.

The launch was prompted by the success of the £1bn YORcivil 2 framework, which went live in 2017. A spokesman for East Riding council, which is procuring the new framework, said lots on YORcivil 2 for schemes worth more than £10m had already hit their value limits, which created the need for an additional framework covering major projects.

Schemes expected to be procured through the new deal include maintenance and construction of roads, bridges, flood alleviation schemes and public realm.

The framework will run for an initial four years with the possibility of extension for a further two years. The deadline for tenders is early June and eight contractors will be appointed in September.

Go-ahead given to acquire land for important Lancashire road scheme

The proposed scheme, which will link the west side of the city to the M55 motorway, is the biggest new road programme in the Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal.

Plans revealed for huge Lancashire site plan

Plans for a major £250m development scheme in South Ribble which would create more than 3,000 jobs have been revealed. Dubbed Lancashire Central, the 160-acre site sits alongside the M6 and M65.

University of Liverpool set to unveil £1bn estate plan

The University of Liverpool is to unveil a £1bn vision to expand its estate over the next 15 years. A masterplan drawn up by Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios will be unveiled for public consultation at the end of the month. The masterplan sets out a new central green on the Liverpool campus, together with plans to revitalise existing courtyards. The University also plans to remove small, car parks in the centre of the Liverpool campus and replace these with three multi-storey car parks towards its perimeter.

Thousands of jobs to be created at £180m logistics scheme in Warrington

Langtree and Panattoni have submitted a planning application to develop a major new employment site in south Warrington that will create around 4,100 new high-quality logistics jobs.

The £180m development would provide 288,000 square metres of new employment space if approved by Warrington Borough Council and generate £7.1m a year in new rates for investment in local services. Six 56 Warrington is on land bounded by junction 20 of the M6 and junction 9 of the M56 motorways. The submission follows a series of well-attended public consultation events and the recent approval by Warrington Borough Council of its Draft Local Plan which has identified the land for employment uses.

<https://www.langtreepp.co.uk/planning-application-submitted-for-major-employment-scheme/>

New Bus Depot planned for Warrington

A planning application has been submitted for the construction of a new state-of-the-art bus depot on Dallam Lane in Warrington. If passed, the new depot would replace the existing operation on Wilderspool Causeway, which is run by Warrington's Own Buses, the council-owned bus company.

<https://www.langtreepp.co.uk/planning-application-submitted-for-new-bus-depot-for-warrington/>

Volker Stevin HSEQ Expo at Brockholes Nature Reserve, Preston on Tuesday 11th June 2019

The event will be open from 09:00 until 16:00, with a series of presentations throughout the day (schedule to be confirmed nearer the date). You can drop in at any time, for as long as you like, to browse the exhibitors' stalls or listen to one of the talks.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=uq94GI2EHkyr_ADOwCFI32gDRrUHc4FCj1UB_t9i56xUOFoxWTBJMfdZRFNTOFc5T045M0s3V1pZNi4u

Developer chosen for £100m Deansgate station overhaul

Henry Boot Developments has been selected by Network Rail as the preferred partner for a £100m transformation of Manchester's Deansgate railway station.

The redevelopment will see the existing grade two-listed station building retained, with works undertaken to enhance the entrance, refresh the layout and improve accessibility. There is also a wider commercial scheme planned alongside the station, although details are yet to be revealed.

Hydrogen-from-plastics deal signed at Protos

Waste2Tricity has signed an agreement with Peel Environmental for a 54-acre site at the Ellesmere Port energy hub to develop a hydrogen-from-waste facility.

New trans-Pennine roads study announced

Highways England is to lead a £300,000 study looking at major improvements to road links between the M65 in East Lancashire and parts of Yorkshire. The study - due to start in April - will consider what enhancements could be made to road connections between the end of the M65 at Colne and communities like Skipton in North Yorkshire and Keighley and Bradford in West Yorkshire.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-trans-pennine-roads-study-announced>

Network Rail: five year £5.7bn investment in LNW

Just days before Network Rail enters its next five-year funding cycle, its London-to-Carlisle region has unveiled a £5.7bn plan to keep services running smoothly along Europe's busiest mixed-used railway. The London North Western (LNW) region runs the railway infrastructure in the Chilterns, West Midlands, North West, Merseyside, Lancashire and Cumbria - accounting for 24% of the country's railway network. The West Coast main line which features prominently in the network connects main cities like London, Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool and Glasgow.

In its funding package for the five years to 2024, government has given LNW, otherwise known as the "backbone of Britain", £5.7bn for its vital operations, maintenance and renewals activities supporting the region's business vision of "one team delivering brilliant service for customers and taxpayers." Money within that funding pot will go towards railway renewals (replacing track, bridges, points, embankments and structures), major resignalling and track remodelling at Crewe on the West Coast main line and the delivery of HS2.

Planning consent for £120m Stockport bus station

Plans to transform Stockport bus station into a modern transport interchange with a roof top park above the bus station have gained planning. The £120m scheme also includes a 17-storey tower of flats and offices and a new cycle and pedestrian bridge to link the interchange with Stockport rail station.

Construction of the new interchange scheme could start by spring next year, with completion estimated for 2023. Located alongside the A6 and Mersey Square, the interchange will be funded by Transport for Greater Manchester, Stockport Council and the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.

One NW site shortlisted for regional Heathrow construction hub

Heathrow Airport has revealed 18 sites left in the running to become construction hubs for the third runway project, one of which is in the North West: Mckeating (East Coast West Cumbria Ltd), Lillyhall Industrial Estate, Workington.

£15m station improvement work

Stations across Greater Manchester and Merseyside will see improvements this year as part of a £15m investment by Network Rail. Between now and late spring 2019, £1.38m of upgrades will be delivered at Wilmslow, Wigan Wallgate, St Helens Central, Glossop, Cheadle Hulme and Heaton Chapel stations. The upgrades will include improved seating and waiting areas, new customer information screens and refurbished toilet facilities. The stations being upgraded are on lines that have suffered poor reliability and are serviced by trains in dire need of replacement.

North West coastal communities share in £9.8m funding boost

People living in coastal communities across the North West will benefit from almost £10m from Government funds awarded to 11 projects to help develop and improve tourist attractions, create jobs and promote socio-economic growth.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/james-brokenshire-announces-over-36-million-for-the-great-british-coast>

United Utilities opens starting blocks for £750m Manchester and Pennines Resilience scheme

United Utilities has kicked off the procurement process for its major £750 million-plus Manchester and Pennines Resilience scheme with the announcement of an Early Contractor Involvement requirement to support project development. The water company is proposing to use the direct procurement model to deliver replacement tunnels in AMP7 and 8 for the Haweswater Aqueduct to ensure the resilience of potable water supplies to populations in Manchester and the Pennines.

United Utilities is expecting to publish a formal contract notice next month.

<https://www.waterbriefing.org/home/contracts/item/15915-united-utilities-opens-starting-blocks-for-%C2%A3750m-manchester-and-pennines-resilience-scheme>

Sunderland road upgrade

Roads Minister Jesse Norman has announced that a stretch of A1231 road between the new Northern Spire bridge and the city centre, will be upgraded to a dual carriageway. The £70.2 million project is the third phase of improving journeys along the Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor and will support regeneration of sites both sides of the river as well as 1,000 new homes.

Heathrow Business Summit: North West, Blackburn - 23 May

The Heathrow Business Summits provide a great platform for SMEs to get a foot in the door and capitalise on the business opportunities available at Heathrow. Promote your business to Heathrow's supply chain through face-to-face appointments on the day. Meet and network with other businesses visiting the event. Meet and network with exhibitor partners including chambers of commerce, business organisations and the Department for International Trade.

To register: heathrowbusinesssummits.admin@prospects.co.uk Tel: 01823 362800

Summer start for £25m Carlisle flood defence plan

The Environment Agency has committed to start work next summer on improving flood defences in Carlisle. Detail of a flood risk management scheme for the town will be revealed in January with the Government having set aside £25m for the project. Since flooding in early December 2015 caused by storm Desmond, the Environment Agency has been exploring ways to protect the area in the future.

Department of Transport to invest £53m in North West roads

The Department of Transport have revealed that some £53m is set to be invested in the North West's roads, with Lancashire to receive the fourth-highest amount of funding per 1,000 people in the region. Following the announcement of the Budget, drivers and cyclists will be encouraged to see that the extra £53m from the DfT will be committed to road repairs across the North West.

Jobs

H&S Advisor

Location: Head office based in Middleton, but extensive travel to sites will be required.

Bemus Construction Services Limited provide bespoke groundworks and civil engineering solutions for a range of clients. We operate as both a Principal Contractor and a Tier One Contractor working in partnership with some of the UK's largest construction companies and developers. The general scope of our service includes earthworks, remediation, demolition, foundations, reinforced concrete, highways, drainage, hard landscape works and Multi Utility installations.

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- Monitoring & ensuring completion of all health & safety paperwork generated from site (RAMS, plant & equipment inspections, temporary works etc.)
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Tenders

United Utilities: Services Framework-Early Contractor Involvement (ECI)

https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/publicpurchase_frameset.asp?PID=28121&B=UNITEDUTILITIES&PS=1&PP=

Cumbria: Capital Works Framework 2020-2024 - Supplier Engagement Day

Expressions of interest close on 28/05/2019.

Contact: Clare Redpath, Cumbria County Council, Email: clare.redpath@cumbria.gov.uk

Register via The Chest: <https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

Bolton: Framework for Highways Work

Expressions of interest close on 03/06/2019.

Contact: Irfan Oomer, Bolton Council, Email: irfan.oomer@bolton.gov.uk

Register via The Chest: <https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

Fairhaven: Lake & Gardens Restoration

Expressions of interest close on 28/05/2019.

Contact: Ben McCabe, Fylde Borough Council, Email: benm@fylde.gov.uk

Register via The Chest: <https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

Manchester: Road Lining & Associated Works

Expressions of interest close on 27/05/2019.

Contact: Stephen Polese, Manchester City Council, Email: s.polese@manchester.gov.uk

Register via The Chest: <https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

Leicester: Mansfield Street Link Road and Improvement Scheme

Expressions of interest close on 13/05/2019.

Contact: Jigna Dhorajia, Leicester City Council, Email: jigna.dhorajia@leicester.gov.uk

Register via East Mids Tenders: <https://www.eastmidstenders.org/>

Whaley Bridge: Earth Reinforcement and Wall Repair Buxton Rd

Expressions of interest close on 28/05/2019.

Contact: High Peak BC and Staffordshire Moorlands DC, Email: procurement@staffsmoorlands.gov.uk

Rotherham: Forge Island Flood Defence Works

Expressions of interest close on 14/06/2019.

Contact: Joanne Kirk, Rotherham MBC, Email: joanne.kirk@rotherham.gov.uk

Register via YORtender: <https://www.yortender.co.uk/>

YORcivil Major Works Contractors Framework Agreement

Expressions of interest close on 03/06/2019.

Contact: Mark Ives, East Riding of Yorkshire, Email: mark.ives@eastriding.gov.uk

Register via YORtender: <https://www.yortender.co.uk/>

Darlington: Highways Surfacing Framework - Pre Procurement Soft Market Testing

Expressions of interest close on 24/05/2019.

Contact: Claire Weatherburn, Darlington Borough Council, Email: claire.weatherburn@darlington.gov.uk

Register via NEPO: <https://www.nepo.org/>

Newcastle: Loadman Street Earthworks

Expressions of interest close on 24/05/2019.

Contact: Chris Rush, Newcastle City Council, Email: Chris.Rush@newcastle.gov.uk

Register via NEPO: <https://www.nepo.org/>

Also - more details for the following can be provided upon request:

- Douglas: Peel Food Park Drainage Maintenance Contract
- Bury: Highways Investment Strategy - Year Two
- Wythenshawe Community Housing: Groundworks - Repairs & Maintenance
- Great Places Housing: Drainage, Groundworks & Surfacing contracts
1: Liverpool, Manchester, Blackpool; 2: Sheffield, Stoke
- Spennymoor: Merrington Lane infrastructure works
- Cumbria: Construction of a Minewater Treatment Facility at Nent Hags

....and finally

Army bomb barriers keep Kier road workers safe

Two giant 70ft-long crash barrier lorries originally designed for military use to protect against roadside bombs are now keeping Kier highways workers safe. The 16-tonne mobile barriers are being used by Kier in the West Midlands after being brought over from the USA.

<https://www.sciencetells.co.uk/army-bomb-barriers-keep-kier-road-workers-safe/>