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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.

CECA NW Routes to Market 2019
Want to know what's planned for the region, and who's doing what? Our Routes to Market research is an invaluable resource for CECA NW members:
https://www.ceca.co.uk/members-area/briefing/ceca-north-west-routes-to-market-september-2019/

CECA NW Flyer 2019
The 2019 flyer is now ready – hard copies are available upon request:
https://www.ceca.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/CECA-NW-Flyer-2019.pdf

CECA NW 2019 video
The new video, to promote careers in the industry, is now available on YouTube:
https://youtu.be/myeRhpZRsVM

Lakes College, Civil Engineering Training Centre proposals
Guy Lawson met Chris Nattress, Principal of Lakes College, to discuss their proposals to establish a civil engineering training facility in Workington.

CITB update, 30 September 2019
Guy Lawson met Wendy Osborn and Andrew Bridge for a quarterly catch-up on CITB and industry issues.

Guests of Honour at CECA NW annual awards dinner, Manchester, Friday 11 October 2019
Barry White, CEO of Transport for the North, Steve Bassett of the Environment Agency and Natalie Webster of Homes England will be attending the CECA NW annual awards dinner as guests of honour.
To book places at the dinner: https://www.aldercross.com/events.php?event_id=140

CECA NW/CITB meeting, Friday 22 November 2019
A meeting is being arranged for CECA NW members, to cover grandfather rights, an initiative to provide employment opportunities for ex-offenders, social value, and an update from CITB. Further details shortly.

In planning….
CECA NW will be holding a meeting this autumn for members on housing infrastructure opportunities in the region. Meetings are also being planned with Highways England and United Utilities/Costain. Interested parties should contact Guy Lawson.

Professional Indemnity Insurance
I am grateful to Cheetham Hill Construction for raising the following issue: The negotiations for our Professional Indemnity Insurance renewal have been more difficult this year, as we have been doing more design and build work that requires PI cover during last year and this year. This has impacted on our renewal cost – almost doubling what we paid last year. That raises the question: Do clients who insist on Design and Build realise that they are paying twice for the cover, because the contractor has to pay a premium and the consultant also has to pay?
CECA is due to produce a guidance note on changes to PI, and seek to influence Association of British Insurers, customers & Government on how this can work in the best interests of all parties. If any CECA NW member is willing to share any experiences of this, please 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 Legal Breakfast seminars, with Geraldine Fleming – autumn programme topics

- NEC4, 8 October, North Lakes Hotel, Penrith
  https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ceca-nw-seminar-nec-4-tickets-72426502619
- Legal update, 22 October, Park Royal Hotel, Stretton, Warrington
  https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ceca-nw-seminar-legal-update-tickets-72426823579
- Supply contracts, December tbc

CITB to make £17.8m of funds available for site-ready workers

CITB is promising to provide at least 18,000 new site-ready workers under its latest initiative. The skills body is pumping-in an extra £17.8m to support employers in training and retraining more workers. The CITB Onsite Experience Commission will be inviting contractors to apply for funding over the coming months.

CITB NW autumn 2019 update

https://spark.adobe.com/page/ATSnHZKJLuGil/

Construction employers' networking event, 15 October 2019

Greater Manchester Combined Authority & The Manchester College (Openshaw campus) are hosting a construction employers' networking event on 15 October from 16:30 – 19:00? More details: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/employer-and-education-networking-event-construction-and-infrastructure-tickets-69171099621

Ex-offenders – speed interviews with HMP Hindley

Inspiring Change award winners, CPUK C&R and its partners recently held speed interviews at HMP Hindley to recruit groundworkers. More are planned – firms keen to address the industry's skills shortage should contact Paul Pritchard of Novus: t: 0161 674 1300 e: ppritchard@novus.ac.uk

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

T Level engagement events

- Repertory Theatre and the Library of Birmingham – Thursday 10 October 2019
- Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium – Thursday 24 October 2019

To book your place: https://registration.livegroup.co.uk/tlevelsandips/login.aspx

CITB Employer Update

http://elink-eu.azuresend.com/m/023a3170cc3440b2b5de2b317aba2411/610813C4/A6E289F7/102018n

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

Sajid Javid announces 'infrastructure revolution'
In his keynote speech to the Tory conference in Manchester, the Chancellor announced the first 14 new schemes and major improvements for existing routes from a £25 billion Government fund for the roads and motorways. He also promised £5billion for rolling out "full fibre" broadband and the 5G mobile phone network. New schemes will include work to complete the dualling of the A66 Trans-Pennine expressway from Scotch Corner to Penrith and the A46 Newark bypass. Among other schemes will be improvements to the M60 Simister Island interchange in Manchester and construction work on the A428 in Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire.

Department for Transport: 18 new roads move a step closer to completion
A first wave of funding announced has been which will enable 18 new road schemes to move on to the next stage of development. They include £31 million for the Preston western distributor scheme: a new dual carriageway link between the M55 and the A583 is designed to improve travel between the enterprise zone at Warton and the Springfields nuclear facility at Salwick, as well as reduce congestion in Preston and directly lead to the creation of 3,575 houses and the creation of over 500 jobs. Through the Lancashire County Council funded link road, a further 1,745 houses will also be built.
https://www.gov.uk/government/news/18-new-roads-move-a-step-closer-to-completion

Paul Maynard: Market-led rail scheme 'taking longer than anticipated'
A transport minister has admitted that the Department for Transport's (DfT) plan for rail market-led schemes has taken longer than first anticipated.
Speaking at a fringe event at the Conservative Party conference, rail minister Paul Maynard said that it was still working out the "numerous elements to take into account" including who takes on financial risk and what happens to the scheme once it is built.

Market Information Event for £500m power plant
North London Waste Authority will be holding a third Market Information Event for the construction sector outlining work opportunities on a £500m project. The event is for companies looking to get involved in construction of the North London Heat and Power Project (NLHPP) at Edmonton EcoPark.
The latest market event will be held on **Wednesday 9 October 2019** in central London.
To book your place:
http://www.northlondonheatandpower.london/market-information-day-application-form/

Network Rail unveils £10m university funding
Network Rail is investing £10m working with universities to help prepare a railway that can better cope with extreme weather and increased demand. The national rail body has agreed eight framework contracts with the universities of Southampton, Birmingham, Sheffield, Huddersfield, Newcastle, Nottingham, Heriot Watt and Loughborough to help the company deliver its R&D portfolio through the next five years of CP6.

Ports across England given £10m to prepare for Brexit
Sixteen ports across England (Heysham and Liverpool, in the North West) will receive a share of a £10m funding pot to help their preparations for Brexit on 31 October. The Department for Transport (DfT) has revealed the successful bidders of the £10m Port Infrastructure Resilience and Connectivity (PIRC) competition, which offers ports up to £1m each to deliver important infrastructure upgrades.
This could include creating more space for HGV parking and container storage as well as improving access for vehicles to help keep traffic and trade flowing smoothly across the border.

CECA: Crossrail 2 Planning Funds "Very Welcome"
CECA has said recent reports that HM Treasury's spending round for the next financial year contain £6 million allocated to the Department for Transport to develop plans for Crossrail 2 as "very welcome." This follows that Chancellor's Spending Round earlier this month, in which the Government promised an "infrastructure revolution" and "continued support for the development of major transport projects, including pushing on work on the Leeds to Manchester route of North Powerhouse R-ail, and driving forward East West rail links in the Oxford to Cambridge Arc."

HS2: £3.5bn phase 2a bidders' day, 8 October 2019
HS2 will set out latest thinking for the contest to appoint a design and delivery partner worth £300m to £500m, and civils works packages for phase 2a of the project. The day will be held on 8 October by which time those attending could know the outcome of the Oakervee root and branch review of the project. Under the present programme tenders will be invited for the design and delivery partner in April with civils packages due out in March 2021. To book your place:
https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Phase2aIndustryDay/
For details of the Oakervee review:
https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-announces-independent-review-into-hs2-programme

Twelve renewable energy projects approved
The Government has agreed electricity supply deals for a dozen major renewable energy projects, including the world's largest wind farm off the Yorkshire coast. The projects will provide 6 gigawatts of electricity, enough to power over seven million homes. Schemes include major offshore wind, advanced waste to gas conversion technologies, and remote island onshore wind generation. Three new giant wind farms to be built on the Dogger Bank will involve erection of more than 630 turbines standing 190m high, each built by Siemens in Hull. Work is expected to start in January with three schemes alone triggering £9bn of capital investment between 2020-26 into low carbon infrastructure.
https://www.gov.uk/government/news/clean-energy-to-power-over-seven-million-homes-by-2025-at-record-low-prices

Green light for £90m gas-fired power station
An application to build a £90m gas-fired power station has been approved by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. Consent has been given for the plant, located on Abergelli Farm, north of Swansea, south Wales, and connected infrastructure with a generating capacity of up to 299 MW. Drax submitted an application to the Planning Inspectorate for consideration earlier this year, and after consideration of its assessment, the government has given it the go-ahead.

Network Rail route director appointments
Network Rail's regional directors have each confirmed a series of appointments to their senior management teams as the company's 14 new routes are now live. The 14 new routes each take responsibility for operations, maintenance and minor renewals in their respective areas, and managing the day-to-day delivery of train performance and relationships with their local train operating companies. In the NW, they are:
North West and Central region (led by Tim Shoveller, managing director):
James Dean: route director, West Coast Mainline South;
Phil James: route director, North West;
Dave Penney: route director, Central (Dave Penney will take up his position in the new year. David Golding will be acting route director for the Central route in the interim)

Guidance on forward tipping dumpers
https://www.cpa.uk.net/sfpsgpublications/

Pagabo major projects framework
Pagabo is opening for tender its Major Works framework, suitable for projects valued at over £5m. Around a dozen contractors will be battling to retain places on the framework, which now spans six regions and three project value bands. Submission deadline for the Major Works framework is **31 October**. More information is available from https://www.pagabo.co.uk

£62m released for 13 flood defence projects
Thirteen flood defence projects across Yorkshire, Cumbria, the North East and the South East will receive £62m of central Government funding. Many of the projects are located in communities that suffered from flooding during winter 2015, with over 9,000 homes due to benefit from improved defences. The extra funding is in addition the government's commitment to invest a record £2.6bn over six years up to 2021 to better protect 300,000 homes across the country.
Funding will support the development of 11 projects in the Northern Powerhouse, including seven in Yorkshire, four in Cumbria and Lancashire and two in the North East.
In the NW, the projects are at Egremont, Flimby, Kendal and Preston/South Ribble.

Common Challenges, Shared Response: new report on digital maturity in UK infrastructure sector
A new report by the Digital Transformation Task Group has been published, providing a data-driven snapshot of digital maturity from the UK's Infrastructure Client Group. Titled Common challenges, shared response, the report prepared by Mott MacDonald and sponsored by the Infrastructure Client Group and Institution of Civil Engineers, identifies best practice from the ICG and highlights areas where collective action is needed to remove blockers and accelerate progress across the energy, transport and water sector.
https://project13.mottmac.com/2019/

ICE Project 13 event, Manchester, 5 November 2019
Project 13 is an industry-led movement to improve the way high performance infrastructure is delivered. It is about moving from transactional business models to collaborative enterprise models to boost certainty and productivity in delivery, improve whole life outcomes in operation and support a more sustainable, innovative, highly skilled industry: http://www.p13.org.uk/
Light refreshments will be available from 08:00 with the event to start at 08:30.
This is a joint event with ACE, CECA, CICES, CIHT. To book:
https://www.ice.org.uk/events/ice-project-13-manchester

CSCS Launches New Website Design
The Construction Skills Certification Scheme is pleased to announce the relaunch of its website – www.cscs.uk.com
If you have ever applied for a CSCS card you probably visited the website to assist with your application. CSCS have completely redesigned the website's layout to make sure the information visitors need is easier to access.

Highways England to launch £400m resurfacing framework
Highways England will open a £400m framework for resurfacing concrete on its Strategic Road Network (SRN) after "critical failures" and safety concerns on roads over the last three years. The government body is looking for contractors to develop a "comprehensive response" to the safety risks on legacy concrete, which is exposed or worn down, according to the OJEU notice. The works will be divided across four lots for testing, design, repair and maintenance, and renewals, and will take place between 2020 and 2025. This phase of works is the second of five road investment periods in an overall £1bn resurfacing scheme, which is set to last until 2051.
https://ted.europa.eu/TED/notice/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:381217-2019:TEXT:EN:HTML&src=0

The Williams Rail Review
The Williams Rail Review was established in September 2018 to look at the structure of the whole rail industry and the way passenger rail services are delivered. The review will make recommendations for reform that prioritise passengers' and taxpayers' interests. The review's findings and recommendations will be published in a government white paper in autumn 2019. Reform will begin in 2020.
https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/the-williams-rail-review

RAIB calls for review of zero-hours contracts for rail workers
The Rail Accident Investigation Branch (RAIB) have released their findings into the fatal accident between London Victoria and Three Bridge in November 2018. The investigation found track worker was hit by a train in the earlier hours of the morning after they had placed equipment on the track. The report criticises Network Rail for their use of zero-hours contracts, which they claim contributes to fatigue and a higher risk of accidents.

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

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

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.

News from ICES
http://mailshot.cices.org/Chartered%20ICES%20Enewsletter%20Sept19.html

News from People's Health (from B&CE)
http://elinkeu.clickdimensions.com/m/1/11894794/p1-b19199-86c970b71f8342a7ab575381adf13f6b/1/117/589dc2f9-1b4f-4be4-aea3-6bfa89e3dd0b?_cldee=Z3V5Lmxhd3NvbkBjZWNhbncuY28udWs%3d&recipientid=contact-fe99174d73e0e111bc38101f742e5414-bc2383e7aa1e413882c50f9886c07abe&esid=0e3ef197-a3a7-e911-81e3-00155d713d09

News from ACAS
https://northwest.cmail20.com/t/ViewEmail/r/61D6FB2D38C29EE72540EF23F30FEDED/891408F34B56B4690367819F23434F99

North West – and the North

STAR Procurement: GM Streetscene Alliance update
Procurement for the Alliance contract is now scheduled to begin within 4-6 weeks, with the likelihood of further employer engagement. I will provide further updates as they become available.

Amey/McAlpine green light for M6 junction 19
A joint venture between Amey and Sir Robert McAlpine has got the green light to transform a key motorway junction in Cheshire. Work will get underway next year after the JV signed off a £35.5m design and build contract to remodel junction 19 of the M6, near Knutsford. The project involves building a new bridge through the existing roundabout and over the M6, creating a better flow between the motorway and the A556.

Peel progresses Protos plant
Working with energy provider Waste2Tricity, Peel Environmental has put forward a planning application for a plastics-to-hydrogen facility at the 133-acre site near Ellesmere Port. The £7m facility is said to be the first of its type in the UK to use advanced thermal treatment technology developed by PowerHouse Energy Group, which is based at Cheshire's Thornton Science Park.

TfGM Construction Logistics and Community Safety (CLOCS) strategy launch, Friday 18 October 2019
TfGM are launching their CLOCS strategy for Greater Manchester. Full details and registration details can be found here:
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tfgm-co-invest-in-construction-logistics-and-community-safety-clocs-tickets-72935643473

HS2: Supply Chain events in the North
- Sheffield Chamber HS2 & Network Rail event: 3 October in Sheffield:
https://www.scci.org.uk/event/hs2-network-rail-supply-chain-event/
- Doncaster Chamber HS2 event: 8 October in Doncaster:
https://www.doncaster-chamber.co.uk/events/details/hs2-supply-chain-event-915
- Supply Chain North East HS2 event: 24 October in Sunderland:
https://www.supplychainnortheast.co.uk/events/article/44/0

Yorkshire Water: AMP7 framework
Yorkshire Water has named 18 winners of £1bn worth of civils frameworks from 2020-2025.
Complex Civils – Design, build and refurbishment of treatment assets including reservoirs and pumping stations. Partners appointed: Barhale Ltd & Doosan Enpure Ltd, Eric Wright Water Ltd, Galliford Try Infrastructure Ltd, Interserve Construction Ltd, Kier Integrated Services Ltd, Mott MacDonald Bentley Ltd and Peter Duffy Ltd.
Minor Civils Lot 1 – New build and upgrading works to treatment assets with limited design. Partners appointed: Amey Utility Services Ltd, Barhale Ltd, Clugston Construction Ltd, Interserve Construction Ltd, JN Bentley Ltd, Morrison Utility Services, Peter Duffy Ltd and Seymour Ltd.
Minor Civils Lot 2 – Specialist works to water retaining structures. Partners appointed: nmcn PLC, Seymour Ltd and Stonbury Ltd.

Sirius Minerals: Slowdown for Woodsmith Potash mine
North York moors potash mine developer Sirius Minerals is scaling back construction on the project. Sirius chief executive Chris Frasers said the project had around £180m or six months of cash left under the reduced programme before construction would have to halt. "Due to the ongoing poor bond market conditions for an issuer like Sirius we have not been able to deliver our stage 2 financing plan," he said.

Infrastructure investment opportunity to get Northern Powerhouse back on track
A period of "transformative investment" in the North could finally give the Northern Powerhouse the opportunity to fulfil its purpose, according to a new report. The report, by academics from Alliance Manchester Business School and sponsored by Barclays, highlights that a core weakness in the North is the lack of investment in transformative infrastructure, which has the potential to improve the region's economic growth.
https://www.alliancembs.manchester.ac.uk/news/infrastructure-investment-opportunity-to-get-northern-powerhouse-back-on-track/

GMSF delay confirmed
Another delay to Greater Manchester's 201,000-home spatial framework has been confirmed by the Combined Authority with another round of public consultation expected in the New Year. The latest delay rules out any final form of the framework coming forward before next year's Mayoral elections, taking place in May 2020; the GMCA's revised timescale points to a further round of public consultation in summer 2020.

Eden outlines visitor attractions at £85m Morecambe site
A detailed public and stakeholder consultation is due to start soon and Eden aims to submit a planning application for the project in spring 2020. Eden began the planning process in June this year by submitting its environmental impact assessment scoping report to Lancaster City Council.
The project is due to open in spring 2023, following a two-year construction period.
Eden Project International is working with Lancashire Enterprise Partnership, Lancaster University, Lancashire County Council and Lancaster City Council to deliver Eden Project North. Each of these has contributed £250,000 towards the cost of designing and planning. This is in addition to £100,000 pledged by the Government.
https://www.edenproject.com/media/2018/11/new-vision-morecambes-eden-project-revealed

Chorlton cycleways due on site by end of 2019
Work on the first phase of a £13.5m walking and cycling route from Manchester city centre to Chorlton is set to start later this year, although there have been some changes to the wider plan following responses to a public consultation.

Shortlist revealed for £800m Salford masterplan
The search for a development partner to deliver the 240-acre Salford Crescent masterplan has narrowed to four parties, including partnerships between some of the region's biggest players.
Bruntwood with Capital & Centric; Peel with Urban Splash; English Cities Fund, made up of Muse Developments, L&G and Homes England; and Robertson have been shortlisted, with the preferred development partner due to be selected by the end of the year.
The 240-acre site covers much of the University of Salford's existing campus, areas around the Crescent, Peel Park, and Frederic Road North.

£300m A1 widening around Gateshead goes in for planning
Plans for up to £300m of improvements to the A1 around Gateshead have been submitted to the planning inspectorate. Highways England is planning to widen a 2.5 mile stretch of the A1 dual carriageway between Birtley (junction 65) and Coal House (junction 67). The project will involve widening of the A1 south of Gateshead to four lanes on the southbound carriageway and three lanes with lane gain on northbound carriageway to provide additional capacity. Works will include replacing the Allerdene railway bridge, which carries the A1 over the East Coast Mainline.

Baltic Triangle station leads £173m transport investment
The Liverpool City Region Combined Authority is to invest nearly £173m in 18 transport and infrastructure schemes, including the creation of new train stations in the Baltic Triangle and at Headbolt Lane, along with major interventions in the region's cycling network.

Leaders across the North demand a 'Northern Budget' to deliver infrastructure boost
Leaders from across the North of England have called on the Government to commit to a 'Northern Budget' in order to deliver a boost to the region's economic fortunes. It includes:

- Commitment to a £7 billion Northern Infrastructure Pipeline – a list of shovel-ready road and rail projects to be delivered by the mid-2020s
- Commitment to build the full £39 billion Northern Powerhouse Rail (NPR) network by 2040
- Commitment to £1 billion for Transport for the North over the next three years to deliver on its vision, including funding for the development of Northern Powerhouse Rail and other road and rail schemes

For more information on the Northern Budget, please visit:
www.transportforthenorth.com/northernbudget
To view the campaign video, please visit:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6FqYaFRWjU&feature=youtu.be

Knowsley to invest £2m in cycling routes
The council is to sign off a cycling and walking project to link Prescot to Cronton via the planned Halsnead Garden Village. The route will Cronton and Prescot via Stadt Moers Park, and will tie into out routes being brought forward by Halton Council, continuing into Widnes and the Trans Pennine Trail. The major interventions include an on-road cycleway from the junction of Liverpool Road and Manchester Road through to Carr Lane in Prescot; a newly-constructed off-road cycle link between Carr Lane and Stadt Moers Park; and a cycle link between the park and Pottery Lane.

TfN: £700m funding bid for 16 northern road projects
Transport for the North has submitted a bid for a £700m investment in the region's roads over the next five years. The schemes are:
Major Road Network schemes

- A595 Improvement Scheme (Bothel) – Cumbria County Council
- A1079 Improvement Scheme – East Riding Council
- A582 Dualling – Lancashire County Council
- Blyth Relief Road – North of Tyne Combined Authority/North East Combined Authority
- Durham Northern Relief Road – North of Tyne Combined Authority/NECA
- Sunderland Transport Corridor – North of Tyne Combined Authority/NECA
- Tyne Bridge & Central M'way – North of Tyne Combined Authority/NECA
- Shalesmoor Gateway – Sheffield City Region
- A689 Corridor Improvements – Tees Valley Combined Authority
- A34 Cheadle – Greater Manchester Combined Authority
- A650 Tong Street – West Yorkshire Combined Authority
- Dawsons Corner Jct & Stanningley Bypass – West Yorkshire Combined Authority

Large Local Major schemes

- Kendal Northern Access Route – Cumbria County Council
- The Rocket Junction – Liverpool City Council
- Wigan East-West – Greater Manchester Combined Authority
- A1237 Dualling (Phase 2) – City of York Council

Plans progress for new waste-to-energy plant in Preston
Plans for a £200 million waste-to-energy plant on the outskirts of Preston, UK, have moved one step closer to fruition. Preston City Council's planning committee voted not to object to the proposals put forward by infrastructure development, asset management and investment company Miller Turner. The firm plans to build the plant at Red Scar industrial estate. Lancashire County Council's development control committee will make the final decision on whether the facility can be built.

£120m plan to replace Liverpool flyover with tunnel
A £120m plan to radically redesign Liverpool's Rocket junction at the M62 has been submitted to the Department for Transport. Transport for the North has included Liverpool City Council's scheme as one of four major projects within a £700m programme of works identified as critical to growth in the north of England. The major upgrade to the Rocket Junction would see the existing Queens Drive Flyover demolished and replaced with a new roundabout and dual-lane underpass.

£22m upgrade for A64 in North Yorkshire
Highways England has outlined more than £22m investment on the 55-mile A64 Yorkshire coastal route over the next 12 months. Resurfacing, drainage, junction upgrades as well as major safety improvements are being planned for the A64 between the A1(M) at Bramham and Seamer in Scarborough. Around 25 schemes are being carried out along the 55-mile route including safety improvements at Crambeck and Rillington between now and the end of March next year.

Highways England: A66 update
We are not yet at the stage where we can release full package information. However, we can confirm that there will be a range of values across the four proposed packages. The values will range from £100 million to £275 million including PCF stage 5 design costs. Please note these figures are outturn costs and include inflation. At 2019 prices the value range is £75 million to £200 million.

…. and set for £3.5m environmentally friendly upgrade
Highways England claims that safer, smoother journeys as well as environmental benefits are on the way along the A66 in Cumbria, thanks to a £3.5m package of improvements. Work along the A66 in west Cumbria includes junction improvements between Workington and Cockermouth and an extension of ground-breaking partnership work with Cumbria Wildlife Trust to enhance wildlife habitats, especially for pollinators like bees, along the route.

EA: £220m marine and coastal defence framework
The Environment Agency has named the contractors it will use to deliver a £220m programme of marine and coastal flood defence work. Work has been split into two lots on the new framework, one covering major projects valued from £5m-£50m and the other smaller jobs worth less than £5m. The new arrangement will run until March 2023.

- £5m-£50m projects (total value £185m over four years)
  BAM New Wave Solutions JV, Van Oord UK, VBA (VolkerStevin/Boskalis Westminster/Atkins)
- Projects up to £5m (total value £35m over 4 years)
  JN Bentley, BAM Nuttall, Van Oord UK, VBA JV

Labour announces major £3.5bn investment in Mersey tidal power project
Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn has backed major plans for a £3.5bn investment in the Mersey tidal power project as part of Labour's 'green industrial revolution' proposals to address the climate emergency and boost investment in the north of England. The project will harness the power of the River Mersey and Liverpool Bay to produce clean, renewable energy to power up to a million homes, create thousands of jobs and contribute towards the UK's zero-carbon economy. Labour has previously committed to net zero UK carbon emissions before 2050.

Crewe HS2 hub consultation gets under way
Cheshire East has launched two consultations for the future of Crewe station, including options for a road bridge and the potential to bring forward up to 3.8m sq ft of commercial space along with 3,700 homes. The first consultation focusses on the area action plan, an area which stretches from Basford Hall sidings, across Weston Road to Second Avenue; along Gresty Road, South Street and Mill Street; and as far as Manchester Bridge along the A532.

£500m Sellafield DDP framework extended to 2026
Sellafield has extended contracts to 2026 with seventeen firms it selected three years ago to deliver its £500m clean-up programme in Cumbria. So far the six alliances and joint ventures on the Decommissioning Delivery Partnership have delivered £385m worth of work and recorded 4.5m hours without a lost-time accident. The future pipeline projects include completing demolition of the infamous 110m tall Windscale pile chimney, scene of Britain's worst nuclear accident, and clearing land and removing the heat exchangers around the redundant Calder Hall reactors and turbine halls.
The firms will help to plan the dewatering of the pile fuel storage pond and clean up the large Thorp and Magnox reprocessing plants.
DDP framework

- Lot 1 (Remediation, Pile Fuel Cladding Silo, Pile Fuel Storage Pond, other major projects)

Integrated Decommissioning Solutions (comprising Atkins, Altrad Hertel, North West Projects and Westlakes Engineering)
Nexus Decommissioning Alliance (Costain, Mott Macdonald, Nuvia, Squibb Group)
ADAPT (Orano, Doosan, Atkins)
Cumbria Nuclear Solutions (Jacobs, React, James Fisher Nuclear, Shepley Engineers, Westinghouse, WYG Engineering).

- Lot 2 (First Generation Magnox Storage Pond)

The Decommissioning Alliance (Jacobs, Atkins, Westinghouse)

- Lot 3 (Magnox Swarf Storage Silo)

I3 Decommissioning Partners (Wood, Altrad Hertel, Shepley Engineers)

Merseyrail chooses three for framework
The transport organisation has named the successful bidders for its five-year £10m framework, for construction works across its estate. Projects being delivered, or set to be delivered, across the network range from large schemes, station enhancements and rebuilds, car park projects, lift installations and booking office refurbishments. Merseyrail had started the tender process by asking for bids on three lots, with bidders invited to aim for lots covering values up to £100,000; between £100,000 and £1m, and £1m-plus. However, the organisation, which trades as Merseyrail Electrics 2002 Ltd, a joint venture between Serco and Abellio, decided not to award lot one. Instead, it has awarded places on both other lots of the framework to Morgan Sindall, Styles & Wood and Amalgamated Construction.

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

Tenders

Manchester: Surfacing of Carriageways & Framework for Proprietary Surface Treatments to Carriageways and Footways
Expressions of interest close on 07/10/2019.
Contact: Stephen Polese, Manchester City Council, Email: s.polese@manchester.gov.uk
Register via The Chest: https://www.the-chest.org.uk/

Bury: Preventative Maintenance 2020/21 - 2022/23 (Highways)
Expressions of interest close on 11/10/2019.
Contact: Catherine Kenworthy, Bury Council, Email: c.kenworthy@bury.gov.uk
Register via The Chest: https://www.the-chest.org.uk/

Carlisle: St James's Park Refurbishment
Expressions of interest close on 04/10/2019.
Contact: Dawn Reid, Carlisle City Council, Email: dawn.reid@carlisle.gov.uk
Register via The Chest: https://www.the-chest.org.uk/

Ashbourne: Business Park Link Road
Expressions of interest close on 10/10/2019.
Contact: Stuart Etchells, Derbyshire County Council, Email: stuart.etchells@derbyshire.gov.uk
Register via East Mids Tenders: https://www.eastmidstenders.org/

Bradford: Forster Square Station Redevelopment
Expressions of interest close on 28/10/2019.
Contact: Alan Parsons, Bradford Metropolitan District Council, Email: alan.parsons@bradford.gov.uk
Register via YORtender: https://www.yortender.co.uk/

Hull: Townscape Heritage Scheme Boundary Treatments
Expressions of interest close on 18/10/2019.
Contact: Mark Homersham Hull City Council, Email: mark.homersham@hullcc.gov.uk
Register via YORtender: https://www.yortender.co.uk/

Also, further details can be provided of the following upon request:

Oldham: Accessible Oldham
Bakewell: Dam construction work
Mansfield: Ground Stabilisation Works by Drilling and Grouting
Bolton: Preventative Maintenance 2020/21 - 2022/23
Douglas: Construction of a Replacement Sewage Treatment Works in Ballaugh
Manchester: Highways Maintenance Defect Repairs
Preston: Application of Traditional Surfacing, Surface Patching, Hand Patching and Hot Rolled Asphalt
Manchester, Great Places Housing: Groundwork Contractors, Drainage Subcontractor & Tarmac Work Contractor

….and finally

Route selected for new River Dee Bridge

A route has been confirmed for the new plans to the River Dee's new A494 bridge between North Wales and the North West of England after 12 weeks of deliberation.

The Welsh Transport Minister, Ken Skates, announced that the upgraded bridge would take the new route in a statement which detailed a new river crossing for westbound traffic and the partial reuse of the existing River Dee Bridge for eastbound traffic.

The new bridge will consist of a new offline carriageway for westbound traffic which will be composed of three lanes and a hard shoulder, which will extend from the River Dee to the Queensferry junction, minimising any disruption during the construction process through maintaining a steady flow of traffic. Furthermore, the new bridge will include cycle paths and pedestrian paths so as to encourage alternative, and environmentally conscious, modes of transport while also improving links within business zones.

Construction is predicted to commence in 2021 after the finalisation of designs and following a public exhibition process.