

Item 9 - Question Time

To the Leader of the Council

“With regard to Inverness and Highland City-Region Deal commitments to major infrastructure delivery, can you provide full details of the current position regarding the much needed provision of grade separation of the Longman Interchange and the date by which this is expected to progress?”

Response to Mr A Graham

The inclusion in the Inverness and Highland City Region Deal has helped elevate the profile of the Longman interchange scheme and currently the project is going through the Planning stages with Transport Scotland.

A meeting is to be held on 31st October including the lead for Transport Scotland, the Head of Planning & Environment Building Standards, the Head of Development and Regeneration and the City Region Deal Programme Manager.

This meeting will discuss not only the Longman interchange, traffic volumes and planning considerations but also the interrelationship with the Longman land remediation project to ensure the work is co-ordinated and to help deliver benefits in the future.

As in any large infrastructure project there is significant planning work and lead in times but progress against plans including specific dates will be reported to future Planning, Development & Infrastructure Committees meetings as part of the City Region Deal reporting.