

AT A MEETING of the TRANSPORT FOR SOUTH HAMPSHIRE and the ISLE OF WIGHT (TfSHIoW) JOINT COMMITTEE of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL, ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL, SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL AND PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL HELD ON 7 JUNE 2013 at 10:00 in THE EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM, GUILDHALL, PORTSMOUTH.

PRESENT:

Voting Members Present:

Councillor Seán Woodward, Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment, Hampshire County Council

Councillor Ian Stephens, Leader, Isle of Wight Council

Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson, Leader, Portsmouth City Council

Anne-Marie Mountifield, Chief Executive, Solent Local Enterprise Partnership

Councillor Asa Thorpe, Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, Southampton City Council

Transport for South Hampshire Officers

Stuart Baker – TfSH Project Manager

Stephen Gee – Project Officer

John Rider – LSTF Programme Manager

Hampshire County Council Officers

Stuart Jarvis – Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

Keith Willcox – Head of Strategic Transport

Tim Turner – Accounting Manager

Isle of Wight Officer

Chris Wells – Principal Officer - Transport Policy and Strategy

Portsmouth City Council Officers

Simon Moon – Head of Transport & Street Management

Felicity Patrick – Transport Planning Manager

Southampton City Council Officers

Dawn Baxendale – Interim Chief Executive

Frank Baxter – Travel and Transport Policy Manager

Thomas King -

Mark Heath – Director of Corporate Services and Monitoring Officer for TfSH

Stakeholders

Phil Dominey – South West Trains

Andrew Dyer – Stagecoach South

Graham Ellis – Solent Business Alliance

Nick Farthing – Chamber of Commerce/SUSTRANS
John Preston – University of Southampton
Stuart Roberts – PUSH
Phil Stockley – Velvet Bus
Andrew Wickham – Go South Coast

Observers

Eastleigh Borough Council – Councillor David Airey and Ed Vokes
Federation of Small Business - Charles Burns
Gosport Borough Council - Councillor Peter Langdon
New Forest District Council – David Stannard
Test Valley Borough Council - Viv Messenger
Winchester City Council – Councillor Victoria Weston

The Monitoring Officer was in the Chair

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:

- Councillor Jason Fazackarley, Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation, Portsmouth City Council
- Councillor Keith Evans, Fareham Borough Council
- Cllr Paul Vickers, New Forest District Council
- Sarah Hobbs, East Hants District Council
- David Duckett, Gosport Borough Council
- Sue Lapham, Hampshire County Council
- Stuart Love, Director of Economy and Environment Isle of Wight Council
- Nick Hunt, New Forest District Council
- Russell Kew, Solent LEP
- Sally Lynskey, Business Solent
- Martin Heffer, Pieter Montyn and Ron Crank, Coast2Capital
- Maureen Pullen, DfT
- Matthew Callow, First Bus
- Marc Reddy, First Group
- Phil Sheppard, Highways Agency
- Yvonne Leslie, Southern Railways
- Cdre Jeremy Rigby, Ministry of Defence
- Josie Rogers, Network Rail

2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter considered at the meeting they must declare that interest at the time of the relevant debate and, having regard to the circumstances described in Part 3, Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council and other Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance

with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Non-Pecuniary interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 2 of the Code, considered whether it was appropriate to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

There were no declarations made by Members under this item.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman called for nominations for the role of Chairman of the Joint Committee (Item 3 in the Minute Book). Councillor Woodward nominated Councillor Asa Thorpe, and was seconded by Councillor Vernon Jackson. Members voted unanimously in favour of Councillor Thorpe.

Councillor Asa Thorpe took the Chair.

The Chairman called for nominations for the role of Vice Chairman of the Joint Committee (Item 3 in the Minute Book). Councillor Woodward was nominated by Councillor Vernon Jackson and was seconded by Councillor Stephens. Members voted unanimously in favour of Councillor Woodward.

RESOLVED:

- (a) Councillor Asa Thorpe, be appointed Chairman of the Joint Committee;
- (b) Councillor Seán Woodward, be appointed Vice Chairman of the Joint Committee; and
- (c) Terms of Office for Chairman and Vice Chairman to be two years from the date of election.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman updated the Joint Committee on a number of topics, including:

- (a) funding applications to the Local Pinch Point and Regional Growth Funds;
- (b) the establishment of the Solent Local Transport Body (Solent LTB); and
- (c) support of the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (Solent LEP)

The Chairman's Announcements can be found at: *[insert link]* and are appended to these Minutes.

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 FEBRUARY 2013

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5 February 2013 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6. BUDGET REPORT

The Joint Committee considered a report from the Finance Officer for TfSH together with the 2012/2013 Statement of Accounts to be submitted to The National Audit Office (Item 6 of the Minute Book).

Members noted the final year-end position for 2012/2013 and the carry-forward under-spending to 2013/2014 together with the draft form of Statement of Accounts.

RESOLVED:

The Joint Committee noted and approved:

- (a) the 2012/2013 revenue and capital budget positions;
- (b) the carry forward of revenue and capital funding as detailed in the report;
- (c) the proposed 2013/2014 revenue and capital budgets; and
- (d) authorised the Chairman and Monitoring Officer to sign the 2012/2013 Statement of Account for submission to The National Audit Office.

7. BUSINESS PLAN 2013-2015

The Joint Committee received a report proposing a business plan for 2013-2015 taking account of evolving transport policy and funding (Item 7 of the Minute Book).

Members were told the Business Plan reflected the increased role of LEPs which were seen by Central Government as the route through which economic growth would be kick-started throughout the regions. £18m of a £31m programme was allotted to transport in the Solent area.

Referring to the local transport development plan, Cllr Airey (Eastleigh Borough Council) highlighted the importance of its implementation in full as integral to the Joint Committee's plan.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Joint Committee adopt the annexed Business Plan; and
- (b) Member organisations ratify the Business Plan through their own decision-making process.

8. SINGLE GROWTH FUND AND EU INVESTMENT FUND UPDATE

The Joint Committee received a presentation from Anne-marie Mountifield, Chief Executive of the Solent LEP (Solent Local Enterprise Partnership) on UK (Single Growth Fund) and EU investment funding (Structural and Investment Funds).

It was explained that the thrust of the 89 recommendations that had emerged from Lord Heseltine's review was that of devolving responsibility and resources. However, the original £80billion for the 2015 Single Growth Fund size may be reduced to £49billion or less when the CSR announcement is made on 26 June 2013.

It was noted that Central Government would also be offering attractive low rates to borrowers for infrastructure projects. The LEP's role was not one of replicating the work of Regional Development Agencies, rather focussed on high level strategic collaboration with partners to realise regional economic growth.

Central Government would manage the EU Investment funding, taking the liability for financial exposure. Over a seven year period £6BN would be available for projects that included innovation and research for sustainable transport and low carbon ideas.

Matched funding requirements were 50% from the Fund and 50% to be found by the LEP from other investment sources. Were the Solent to have Assisted Area Status (AAS) then the proportions would be 80:20. Less stringent rules on State Aid being introduced in 2014 would help with capital and revenue funding.

Members were told that AASs needed to demonstrate they had economic opportunities for development and not facing severe economic challenges alone and that the LEP would strongly support Member Authorities where the whole regional economy could benefit. Both PUSH and SLEP said they would send letters of endorsement of the Isle of Wight's application to the Fund.

9. SMART TICKETING

The Joint Committee considered a report of the Project Manager (Item 9 in the Minute Book) which updated Members on establishing smart ticketing facilities with SHBOA (South Hampshire Bus Operators Association) with additional flexibility to incorporate ferry services between the Isle of Wight and the mainland as part of the larger "A Better Connected South Hampshire" project.

Members noted specific progress on procurement, grant funding and Scheme rules drafting with SHBOA and other interested parties.

RESOLVED:

That the Joint Committee note the progress made with regard to the Smart Ticketing Project.

10. LOCAL SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT FUND (LSTF) UPDATE

The Joint Committee considered a report of the Project Manager (Item 10 in the Minute Book), which updated Members on delivery of the LSTF project “A Better Connected South Hampshire” across Southampton, Portsmouth and South Hampshire.

Members noted the progress with “My Journey” a campaign and website tool aimed at multi-modal journey planning; the involvement of the University of Southampton in the monitoring and evaluation of the Fund’s programme and feedback from the DfT.

The report to Members also included a budget and finance report that set out the budget and spend in 2012/2013 and a revised funding distribution for 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 resulting from recent DfT advice.

RESOLVED:

- (a) to note and support the progress and future work of the LTSF programme;
- (b) to endorse the need to maintain programme delivery through timely recruitment into vacancies and procurement of resources.

11. AOB AND CLOSE OF MEETING

Meeting closed at 11.15 am.