

**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 17 OCTOBER 2013 at 10am in THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, SOUTHAMPTON.**

**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 Jason Fazackarley, Executive Member for Economy and Transport, Portsmouth City Council

Councillor Jacqui Rayment, 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**

James Strachan – Assistant Director, Economy, Transport and Environment

Dominic McGrath – Strategic Transport Manager

**Isle of Wight Officer**

Chris Wells – Principal Officer, Transport Policy and Strategy

**Portsmouth City Council Officers**

Simon Moon – Head of Transport & Street Management

Kathy Wadsworth – Strategic Director for Regeneration

**Southampton City Council Officers**

Frank Baxter - Travel and Transport Policy Manager

Phil Marshall - Strategic Transport Planner

**Interested Parties**

*Justin Bend – SUSTRANS*

*Bobby Lock – The Isle of Wight Community Rail Partnership*

*Marc Reddy – First Group*

*Stuart Roberts – Havant Borough Council*

*Steve Thurston – Southampton Airport*

*Mark Turner – Stagecoach*

*Andrew Wickham – Go South Coast*

## **Observers**

***Eastleigh Borough Council – Councillor David Airey and Ed Vokes***

***Federation of Small Business - Charles Burns***

***Havant Borough Council – Stuart Wood***

***Fareham Borough Council – Rosemary Fletcher***

***Test Valley Borough Council - Viv Messenger***

**The Vice Chairman, Councillor Sean Woodward was in the Chair.**

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

### **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. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- (a) The Joint Committee's Chairmanship in light of the proposed merger with the Solent Local Transport Body
- (b) Award of £3.7M Local Pinch Point Funds to the Asda Roundabout south of Dunsbury Hill Farm Business Park, Havant
- (c) LSTF Opportunity
- (d) Freight Study to support and develop the Freight Sector in the local economy
- (e) Public Transport Delivery Plan
- (f) National Transport Awards – nominations for Southampton City Council and Hampshire County Council

The Chairman's Announcements are appended to these Minutes.

#### **4. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations.

#### **5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 JUNE 2013**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 June 2013 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Vice Chairman.

#### **6. FUTURE GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR STRATEGIC TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP WORKING**

The Joint Committee considered a report from the Monitoring Officer and Project Manager (Item 6 in the Minute Book).

Members noted the developments in how funding would be made available from Central Government through Local Enterprise Partnerships and the overlapping and complementary work of this Committee and the Solent Local Transport Body in projects to underpin regional economic regeneration. There was a consensus that formal closure and establishment of a new entity should take place subject to ratification by the parent Local Authorities.

Members voted unanimously in favour of the proposal to close the Joint Committee and for its work programmes to be continued by the new entity.

RESOLVED:

The Joint Committee noted and approved:

(a) its agreement to close the Joint Committee and transfer the work programme to a new body named Solent Transport at a future meeting; and

(b) the invitation to the parent Local Authorities (Hampshire County Council, Isle of Wight Council, Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council) to ratify this decision through their own decision-making process.

#### **7. LOCAL SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT FUND (LSTF) UPDATE**

The Joint Committee considered a report from the LSTF Project Manager (Item 7 in the Minute Book).

Members noted the progress of the Fund's programme of work and the invitation to join the Solent Travelcard Board. The Baseline Monitoring Report would be compiled and, in conjunction with the University of Southampton, a series of workshop events to share the outcomes of the work programme and discuss issues around delivery of its key elements.

As well as the soft launch of the My Journey multi-modal journey planning website, work is continuing on the delivery of cycling/walking networks outside the cities through the Bikeability and Cycle Ambition funding schemes.

Members were told that Central Government had announced further funding for the work programme (capital and revenue) with distribution through the Local Enterprise Partnerships and funding being sought from the EU.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee note and:

- (a) Support the progress of the Local Sustainable Transport Fund programme and its future work.
- (b) Accept the invitation from the South Hampshire Bus Operators to join the Solent Travelcard Board.
- (c) Approve the delegation to the Smart Ticketing Monitoring Officer to finalise the Board Agreement
- (d) Approve the delegation to approve the Baseline Monitoring Report to the Joint Committee's Senior Management Board
- (e) Encourage Officers to maximise the opportunities made available through the Cycle Ambition funding to improve strategic cycle links between the New Forest and Southampton.

## **8. LONG TERM PLANNING – RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE**

The Joint Committee received a presentation on long term regional planning of rail infrastructure from National Rail (Mr Andrew Peberdy) (Item 8 in the Minute Book).

Members were told that National Rail's recent consultation had been to create and inform the view of the rail infrastructure for passenger and freight markets over the next 30 years and in the context of the HS2 project.

Following initial responses, National Rail had held meetings with stakeholders to inform the strategy development.

Enhanced preference for improvement schemes between the Isle of Wight and the mainland would be feasible where there was a demonstrable demand and economic case for delivery in much the same way as for any other region.

Growing the passenger market sector in this region would be limited by the few opportunities to reduce journey times because of the region's geography. The representative of the Isle of Wight Community Rail Partnership indicated that the quoted passenger numbers from the Isle of Wight were considerably higher than that given in the Consultation and Network Rail agreed to check and revise the figure used if appropriate.

Topics raised by Members, Officers and Stakeholder representatives extended across car parking at railway stations; passenger comfort; routes around Southampton Airport and the revival of dormant minor stations close to

major development schemes such as Welborne near Fareham. Network Rail reiterated that in all instances the relevant business cases needed to demonstrate wider economic benefits and in many instances a trade-off with train and track capacity meant that some service improvement ambitions would remain unsatisfied.

## **9. AOB AND CLOSE OF MEETING**

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 11.10 am.