



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE SOLENT LOCAL TRANSPORT BODY

**Wednesday 8 October 2014 at 9.30am
Mitchell Room, Elizabeth II Court, Hampshire County Council,
Winchester SO23 8UJ**

Voting Members Present:

Councillor Tony Briggs, Member, Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH)

Councillor Ken Ellcome, Executive Member for Traffic and Transport, Portsmouth City Council

Councillor Jacqui Rayment, Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, Southampton City Council

Councillor Shirley Smart, Executive Member for Economy and Tourism, Isle of Wight Council

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

Councillor Jacqui Rayment, Vice Chairman, took the Chair.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Russell Kew and Anne-Marie Mountifield of Solent Local Enterprise Partnership.

2. Disclosure of Interests

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 6 of the City 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 6(4) 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 4, Paragraph 13 of the Code, considered whether it was appropriate to leave the meeting whilst the

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matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting on 27 February 2014 and Matters Arising

The Minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Vice Chairman.

4. Deputations

There were no deputations.

5. Chairman's Announcements

There were no announcements.

6. Closure of Solent Local Transport Body and Update on Status of Prioritised Schemes

The Board received a joint report on the proposed closure of the Body and the Status of the Prioritised Schemes from the Head of Local Growth and the Monitoring Officer (Item 6 in the Minute Book).

Members recalled the basis on which the Body had been established and that following this, DfT/HM Treasury had indicated funding for future transport projects would be integral to the Growth Funds managed by the Local Enterprise Partnerships. As such, following its initial work of prioritising schemes for inclusion in the Solent LEP Local Growth Deal Proposal, the need for the LTB had fallen away.

Cllr Ellcome sought clarification on the handling/management of bids for future schemes being concerned that transport remain a high priority in the region's economic growth. It was confirmed that funding from Solent LEP would be partly contingent on the funding guidance issued by Government at the time bidding rounds were open. However, it had to be recognised that Solent LEP's assessment of any bid would take account of how a submission fitted in with the other important economic factors of housing; commercial expansion opportunities; employment growth etc.

Of those schemes included in the Solent Growth Deal, seven had a strong transport element.

Hampshire Business Alliance opined that they had confidence in Solent Transport continued influential role through its over-lapping representation on the Board of Solent Local Enterprise.

Members were reminded that funding was not solely available through the Growth Funds allocated by Solent LEP, but could also look to DfT's Pinch point Fund; LSTF etc and looking ahead there would be likely to be

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transport funding announced in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement affecting the national strategic network and managed by the Highways Agency.

The Board **RESOLVED:**

- (a) to agree to close the Solent LTB and delegate authority to the LTB Manager and the Monitoring Officer to finalise the closure with the Department of Transport; and
- (b) to note the current status of the four LTB prioritised schemes within the Local Growth Deal process.

7. Final Budget Position

The Accountable Body provided a report to the Board setting out the final budget position of the Body (Item 7 in the Minute Book).

Noting the funding for the prioritised schemes had been channelled from Central Government to the Solent Local Enterprise through inclusion in the Local Growth Fund, the Board was told of the Body's closing financial position, namely a balance of £8,000.

The Board were reminded the Body's governance framework required local independent audit of the accounts by 31 December 2014, after which any surplus would be returned to partners.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That funds remaining are returned to partners in proportion to their original contribution; and
- (b) To authorise Hampshire County Council, as the Accountable Body to submit the required audit work to the Department of Transport.

Meeting closed at 09.38am.

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SCHEDULE OF ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING

Eastleigh Borough Council – Cllr David Airey and Ed Vokes

Fareham Borough Council – Cllr Keith Evans

Federation for Small Businesses – Charles Burns

First Group - Marc Reddy

Go South Coast – Andrew Wickham

Hampshire Chamber – Mark Miller

Hampshire Business Alliance – Graham Ellis

Hampshire County Council – Sue Lapham; Phil Marshall; Helen Maxwell; Dominic McGrath; John Rider; Andrew Miller

Isle of Wight Council - Chris Wells

Portsmouth City Council – Marc Griffin

Solent Local Enterprise Partnership – Stuart Baker

South West Trains – Phil Dominey

Southampton Airport - Steve Thurston

Southampton City Council – Mark Heath; Paul Walker

Stagecoach – Mark Turner

Winchester City Council – Cllr Mike Southgate/Simon Finch