

AT A MEETING of SOLENT TRANSPORT held on 29 June 2016 in Conference Rooms 3 &4 at Southampton City Council:

Voting Members Present:

Councillor Jim Fleming, Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation, Portsmouth City Council

Councillor Rob Humby, Executive Member for Environment and Transport, Hampshire County 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

Solent Transport Officers

Phil Marshall – Principal Transport Planner

Andrew Wilson – Manager

Hampshire County Council Officers

Graham Wright – Transport Team Leader – Strategic Transport

Emma Clarke - Democratic and Member Services

Sue Lapham – Economy, Transport and Environment Finance Business Partner, Corporate Services

Isle of Wight Officer

Wendy Perera – Head of Planning and Housing Services

Portsmouth City Council Officer

Alan Cufley – Director of Transport, Environment and Business Support

Southampton City Council Officers

Paul Walker – Travel and Transport Manager

Mark Heath – Monitoring Officer for Solent Transport

Mike Harris – Acting Service Director - Growth

PUSH

Councillor Tony Briggs, Deputy Leader, Havant Borough Council

Solent Local Enterprise Partnership

Marc Griffin – Head of Capital and Infrastructure

Interested Parties

Department for Transport – Maureen Pullen

Network Rail – Alasdair Couper-Johnston

Go South Coast – Andrew Wickham

South Hampshire Bus Operators Association – Richard Soper

Observers

Eastleigh Borough Council – Ed Vokes

Fareham Borough Council – Cllr Keith Evans

106. BROADCASTING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman announced that the press and members of the public were permitted to film and broadcast the meeting. Those remaining at the meeting were consenting to being filmed and recorded, and to the possible use of those images and recording for broadcasting purposes.

107. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

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

There were no declarations made by Members.

108. ELECTION OF CHAIR

The Monitoring Officer called for nominations. A nomination for Councillor Jacqui Rayment was proposed and seconded. No other nominations were received and the proposition was carried without opposition.

Councillor Jacqui Rayment in the Chair

109. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Nominations for Vice-Chair of the Joint Committee were called for. A nomination for Councillor Rob Humby was proposed and seconded. No other nominations were received and Councillor Rob Humby was appointed as the Vice-Chair.

110. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 FEBRUARY AND MATTERS ARISING

Members agreed the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 February 2016 were a correct record and the minutes were signed by the Chair.

111. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations on this occasion.

112. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair announced that PUSH had issued a position statement on the assessed housing need to 2034 in the Solent area. Solent Transport had assisted with this work which looked at the impact of the highway and transport networks in the area. The Chair noted that the full statement was published on the PUSH website.

The Chair also announced that Portsmouth City Council and the Isle of Wight Council had both made successful bids, each receiving funding totalling £450,000, to the Department for Transport's (DfT) Travel Transition Year fund. In Portsmouth, the funding was planned to contribute towards Personalised Journey Planning, Workplace Travel Planning, school travel and cycling initiatives. On the Isle of Wight, the funding was planned to implement similar projects within the education, business and tourism sectors. The Chair announced that the Solent Transport bid to the same DfT fund had been unsuccessful. Equally, the Chair noted that Solent Transport's bid to the Solent LEP for funding as part of the Local Growth Fund Round 3 had not been successful.

The Chair noted that the Solent LEP's Solent Strategic Transport Investment Plan had recently been approved by the LEP Board. Members also heard that Solent Transport had been working with the LEP to submit a bid to the DfT's Local Majors Fund. The Chair announced that a joint strategic planning day had been arranged between Solent Transport and the LEP and was due to take place in September 2016.

The Chair welcomed new Members, Councillor Rob Humby and Councillor Jim Fleming, to the Joint Committee. The Chair also noted the contribution to the Joint Committee of Southampton City Council's Traffic and Transport Manager, Paul Walker, who would shortly be taking on a new role.

The full Chairman's Announcements are appended to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

113. SOLENT TRANSPORT – AN INTRODUCTION AND UPDATE

Members received a presentation which outlined the role and remit of the Joint Committee (Item 8 in the Minute Book).

The presentation outlined that Solent Transport was established in 2007 as a Joint Committee between Southampton City Council (SCC), Hampshire County Council (HCC) and Portsmouth City Council (PCC). The Isle of Wight Council (IOW) joined the Joint Committee in 2012. Members heard that Solent Transport's key partners included Bus Operators, Network Rail, South West Trains, the Solent LEP, PUSH, the DfT and Highways England. Solent Transport was established to plan transport improvements and enhance transport provision for the South Hampshire sub-region.

Members were shown the overall Transport Model (and other sub models included within this) which was used by officers to make travel related forecasts, determine routes, determine transport demand for airports and ports and forecast local economic growth and the impact this would have upon transport provision. Members also heard of ways in which the Model had been successfully applied and some examples of successful projects were listed.

The Joint Committee were informed of Transport Delivery Plan 2012 to 2026. Aims of the Plan included rail speed improvements, highway schemes, transport-led urban regeneration, managing freight and enhanced bus services.

Members **RESOLVED**:

That the Joint Committee notes the presentation.

114. **SOLENT TRANSPORT BUDGET AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Members received a report on the final year end position for 2015/16 financial (Item 9 in the Minute Book).

Members' attention was drawn to Table 1 of the report which set out the final outturn figures as compared to the original revenue budget. It was reported that the final outturn for the year was £327,000 and that this left an underspending of £251,000 from the original budgeted figure of £578,000.

Table 2 of the report highlighted the anticipated revenue and capital funding for 2016/17. The figures incorporated the proposed carry forward funds of £251,000 from 2015/16. Similarly, Members were informed that Table 3, containing the provisional revenue budget for 2016/17, had been updated since the last meeting to include the proposed carry forward amount.

The Joint Committee noted that, under section 14 of the report, the Sub Regional Transport Model enhancement relied upon the generation of £34,000 from commissions. It was noted that, in the event that no commission income was generated, the shortfall would need to be met with contributions from Solent Transport Local Authority Partners. Officers advised that this would, however, be an unlikely situation given that the income generated from commissions throughout 2015/16 had exceeded this and had totalled £56,000.

Members **RESOLVED:**

That the Joint Committee:

- (a) Notes the 2015/16 budget position.
- (b) Approves the carry forward from 2015/16 of balances to the 2016/17 budget.
- (c) Approves the partner revenue contributions for 2016/17.
- (d) Approves the 2016/17 revenue and capital budgets.

115. **LOCAL SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT FUND – FINAL MONITORING REPORT**

Members received a report setting out the findings of the evaluation of the three year Better Connected South Hampshire Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) programme (Item 10 in the Minute Book).

Members heard that the programme was delivered between July 2012 and March 2015 and that the evaluation had been undertaken in partnership with the University of Southampton. The programme had been implemented following an award totalling £17.3million from the DfT to Solent Transport. The six aims of the programme were outlined within the report.

The Highlights Report and End of Project Summary and the Monitoring and Evaluation Report were appended to the main item.

Discussion was held relating to the successes of the project and the impact that the project had had in terms of improving public perception towards sustainable transport in the region. Key achievements, which were noted by the Joint Committee, included the introduction of the Solent Go smart travelcard, the delivery of new infrastructure for buses, new cycle lanes and crossings. Similarly, the My Journey marketing activity had been recognised nationally and had won awards for its effectiveness.

It was reported that overall the project had made a positive impact in South Hampshire and that this would work towards increasing the possibility of securing funding and gaining further support for sustainable transport initiatives in the future.

Members **RESOLVED:**

That the Joint Committee:

- (a) Notes the main findings of the project evaluation.
- (b) Notes the contents of the main *Monitoring and Evaluation Report 2014/15*.
- (c) Approves publication and wide release of the *Highlights report 2014/15 and end of project summary 2012/15*.
- (d) Congratulates all the individuals involved in the delivery and implementation of the individual LSTF projects for their part in delivering

such a successful project and the University for their thorough and robust evaluation of the programme.

116. **SOLENT TRANSPORT RAPID TRANSIT STUDY**

Members received a presentation from Rob Thompson of Atkins regarding the ongoing Rapid Transport Study which was being conducted in partnership with Solent Transport (Item 11 in the Minute Book).

The Joint Committee heard that the aim of the Study was to develop a strategic vision for public transport provision to 2036, to align this with other initiatives and to identify key opportunities to enhance the public transport network in the region. It was noted that the work was based upon housing and employment plans and areas identified for economic growth. The presentation included data relating to journey origins and destinations and compared different modes of travel used within the region by commuters. Members were also presented with forecast changes in employment and housing density for the Solent. The notion of tram trains and suggestions for improvements to both the Botley and Netley rail lines were discussed. Similarly, the potential for the development of ferry services and priority bus corridors on the IOW were outlined.

Members noted that Rapid Transit Study work was ongoing and that an update would be provided for the Joint Committee at a future meeting.

Members **RESOLVED:**

That the Joint Committee notes the presentation.

117. **CYCLING AND WALKING INVESTMENT STRATEGY CONSULTATION**

Members received a report detailing the response made to the recent consultation on the Government's Draft Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy (Item 12 in the Minute Book).

It was reported that the Government's Draft Strategy sought to address the decline in walking, double cycling levels by 2025 and improve road safety for cyclists and pedestrians. Members heard that the consultation had closed on 23 May 2016 and that a full copy of the Solent Transport response was appended to the report. No amendments were put forward and the Joint Committee endorsed the response which had been submitted.

Members **RESOLVED:**

That the Joint Committee ratifies the consultation response submitted to the Department for Transport (DfT) on the Government's Draft Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy.

118. RAIL CONSULTATIONS

Members received a report detailing responses made to recent rail consultations (Item 13 in the Minute Book).

Details of the three recent consultations were outlined for the Joint Committee and were listed within the report. Full copies of the Solent Transport responses were appended to the report. No amendments were put forward and the Joint Committee endorsed the responses which had been submitted.

Members **RESOLVED:**

That the Joint Committee retrospectively approves the consultation responses to the:

- Hendy Review of Network Rail's Programme
- New Approach to Rail Passenger Services in London and the South East
- Western Rail Link to Heathrow

119. THE BUS SERVICES BILL

Members received a presentation providing an overview of the Bill which was, at the time of the meeting, being progressed through Parliament (Item 14 in the Minute Book).

It was outlined that, nationally, there had been a decline in bus usage outside of London and that Local Authority bus subsidy budgets had decreased. Members heard that local bus passenger numbers had grown despite the reduction in public sector bus budgets and the challenges faced by the unique geography of the Solent region.

It was reported that, according to DfT figures, the Solent region was below national average levels for bus use in England. The national average journey per head of population throughout 2014/15 was 50 and the figure for the Solent was 10% less than this at 45 journeys.

The aims and content of the draft Bill were outlined within the presentation. Information relating to Advanced and Enhanced Quality Partnerships and the possibility of a franchising option was provided for Members.

A timeline detailing the next steps following the predicted progression of the Bill through Parliament was presented. It was suggested that Solent Transport begin to consider the implications of the Bill with immediate effect to enable appropriate planning and preparation to take place.

Members **RESOLVED:**

That the Joint Committee notes the presentation.