

Report to the Transport for South Hampshire Joint Committee

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Subject: Expansion of Transport for South Hampshire

Purpose of the Report

This report updates the Joint Committee that Isle of Wight Council has accepted the invitation extended to them by the Transport for South Hampshire (TfSH) Joint Committee members in 2010 to join the TfSH Joint Committee as a full member. In addition, this report seeks to obtain approval for a refresh of the TfSH Agreement and to identify a buffer area around TfSH reflective of wider travel to work patterns.

Recommendations

That

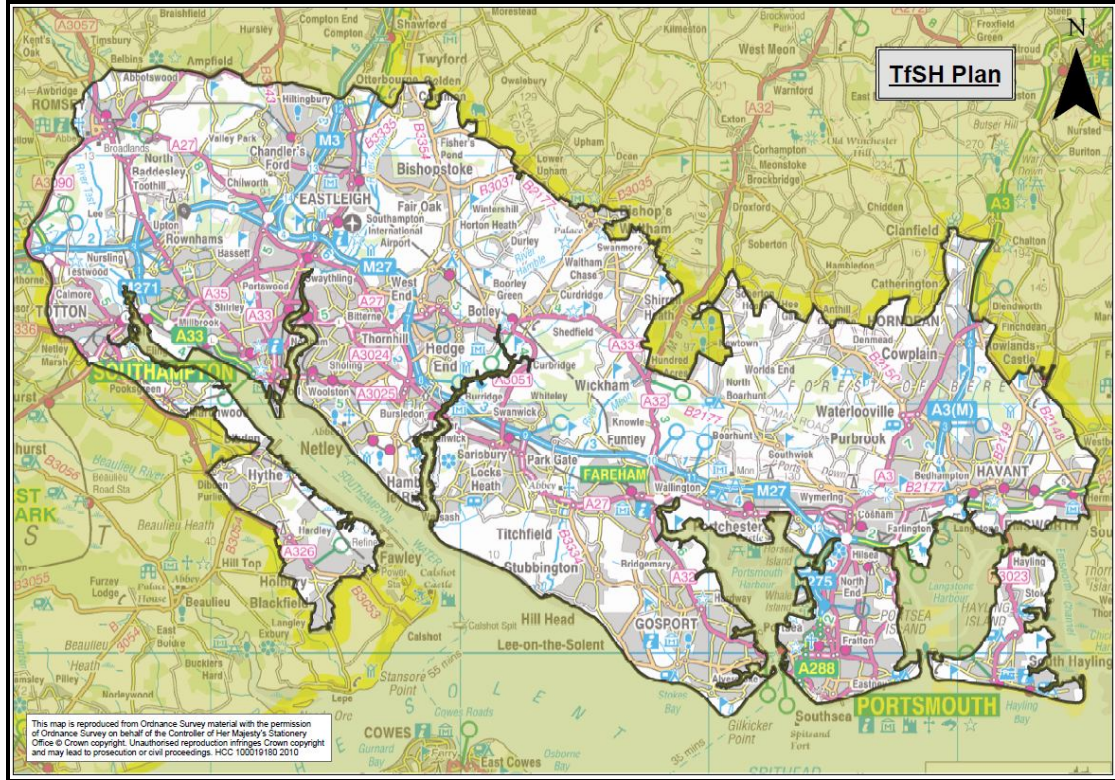
- 1. Local transport authorities in a buffer area around the Transport for South Hampshire area are invited to meetings where issues of mutual interest are discussed.**
- 2. The Joint Committee confirm full membership of Isle of Wight Council following their acceptance of the invitation to join the Transport for South Hampshire Joint Committee.**
- 3. A contribution of £20,000 for the remainder of the 2012-13 financial year is set for Isle of Wight Council.**
- 4. Authority is delegated to the Monitoring Officer to update the Joint Agreement.**

Introduction

- 1. TfSH was set up in 2007, following earlier work carried out by the Solent Travel Partnership, to plan transport improvements for the South Hampshire sub-national area. The current area of TfSH is shown in the map below and includes part of the County Council of Hampshire, the unitary authorities of Portsmouth and Southampton, the Borough Councils of Eastleigh, Fareham, Gosport, Havant, southern parts of the City Council of Winchester and the District**

Councils of Test Valley and East Hampshire and the eastern part of the New Forest district.

Map 1: TfSH Area



2. Core membership of the TfSH Joint Committee is restricted to the local transport authorities covering the area, namely, Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council.
3. The establishment and operation of TfSH are governed by a legal agreement. The TfSH Agreement was considered and agreed by the Joint Committee on 16 October 2007 and was approved and sealed by the three constituent authorities of Hampshire County Council and Portsmouth and Southampton City Councils.

Isle of Wight

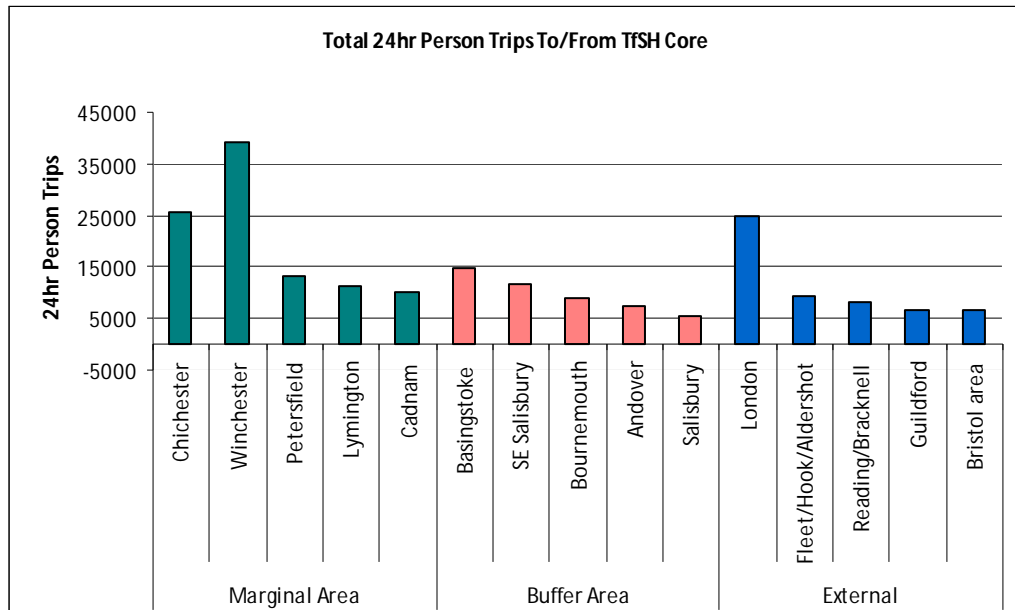
4. Whilst Isle of Wight Council was involved in the Solent Travel Partnership and has attended TfSH meetings in an informal capacity, the authority has not joined TfSH. In November 2010 an offer was made by the three Joint Committee members to the Isle of Wight to join the TfSH Joint Committee as a full member. Since that time officers within TfSH and the Isle of Wight have been liaising to make this happen, and Isle of Wight Council has been taking a more active, albeit informal, role in TfSH meetings.

5. The formal inclusion of Isle of Wight Council within TfSH will result in the TfSH geography mirroring that of the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership and the area over which future devolution of local major scheme funding will take place.
6. The extension in membership of the TfSH Joint Committee is provided for within clause 18 of the TfSH Agreement.
7. Each of the current TfSH authorities will need to pass an executive resolution to the effect that they are content with this.
8. A contribution of £20,000 for the remainder of the 2012-13 financial year for Isle of Wight Council is recommended.
9. It is recommended that powers are delegated to the Monitoring Officer (legal services at Southampton City Council) to update the joint agreement to include Isle of Wight Council, and at the same time make any other constitutional amendments that are necessary.

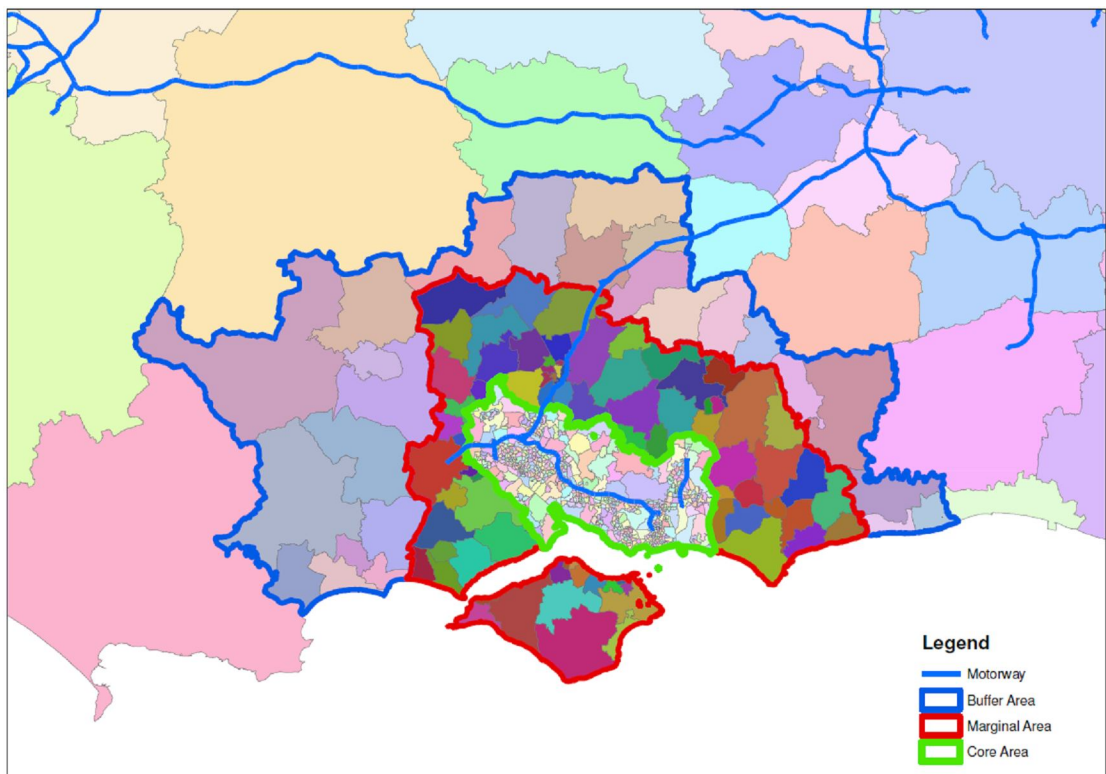
Core and Buffer Area

10. In recognition of the travel patterns between the TfSH area and its hinterland, it is recommended that invitations to attend the TfSH Joint Committee are extended to Local Transport Authorities in a buffer area surrounding TfSH and that, where appropriate, one or more of these authorities is invited to TfSH working group meetings to discuss issues of mutual interest where they arise. The relevant Local Transport Authorities are identified as:
 - (i) Bournemouth Borough Council;
 - (ii) Dorset County Council;
 - (iii) Poole Borough Council;
 - (iv) West Sussex County Council; and
 - (v) Wiltshire Council.
11. Daily person trips by car and public transport to and from the TfSH area are shown in the graph below. The zones used for the calculation purposes are those used within the TfSH Sub-Regional Transport Model, and become significantly larger in spatial scale as we move from the Marginal to External area. It is those zones in the buffer area – being smaller in size – that are of higher significance. The ‘core’, ‘marginal’, ‘buffer’ and ‘external’ areas within the TfSH model are shown in the map 2.

Figure 1: Daily (24hr) person trips to/from the TfSH area by car and public transport



Map 2: Zones used within the TfSH Sub-Regional Transport Model



- As we move into an era where we may seek to pool funding to pursue schemes of mutual benefit, attendance of these authorities at the various TfSH fora will prove useful.

Conclusion

13. This report has updated the Joint Committee on the Isle of Wight Council's acceptance of the invitation to become a full member of TfSH and recommends that an appropriate fee for the remaining part of the 2012-13 year is £20,000. This report has also recommended that the Monitoring Officer amends the TfSH Agreement to include Isle of Wight Council, and makes any other consequent necessary changes. Finally, this report recommends that invitations to attend the TfSH Joint Committee are extended to Local Transport Authorities in a buffer area surrounding TfSH and that, where appropriate, one or more of these authorities is invited to TfSH working group meetings to discuss issues of mutual interest as they arise.

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background papers

The following documents disclose facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and has been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report.

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LOCATION

None