

Report to the Transport for South Hampshire Joint Committee

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Subject: Impact of the New Coalition Government on Transport for South Hampshire

1. Summary

This report outlines, in broad terms, the future strategy approach of Transport for South Hampshire (TfSH) given the context of the evolving policy and funding environment within which TfSH exists following the creation of the new coalition Government. It seeks to establish core principles by which TfSH should adapt to better meet the new challenges presented.

1.1 The following decisions are sought:

That:

- (i) the contents of this report are noted;
- (ii) Members agree to the focus of Transport for South Hampshire changing in line with the principles in section 1 of the main report and that officers should seek to adapt the business plan in light of the emerging Local Enterprise Partnership proposals.

2. Reason

- 2.1. Since the coalition Government took office, significant changes have been made that have resulted in the policy and funding environment within which TfSH operates rapidly changing. The South East Plan has been dissolved and the regional tier of governance has been abolished; the importance of localism and Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) has come to the fore, and most significantly the funding environment is reduced. As a result there is a need for members of TfSH to reposition

and refresh the strategic direction TfSH should take going forward and review the business plans and role of TfSH.

3. **Other Options Considered and Rejected**
- 3.1. Continuing with TfSH as it is has been considered but, in light of the need to refocus on new and changing priorities, has been rejected.
4. **Conflicts of Interest Declared by the Decision Maker or Other Executive Member Consulted – None.**
5. **Dispensation granted by the Standards Committee – None.**
6. **Reason(s) for the Matter being dealt with if Urgent – None.**

Approved by: **Date:**

**Councillor M J Kendal - Chairman
Transport for South Hampshire Joint Committee**