

Agenda Item 8

Report to the Transport for South Hampshire Joint Committee

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Subject: Transport for South Hampshire Business Plan Update 2011-13

Purpose of the Report

This report proposes a further update to the 2011-13 Transport for South Hampshire (TfSH) Business Plan (provided in the Appendix to this report), to reflect the Isle of Wight Council joining TfSH and the delivery of the TfSH Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) project.

Recommendation

- a) **That the Transport for South Hampshire Business Plan (2011-13) update is adopted.**

Introduction

1. When adopted in May 2012, the Business Plan was constructed on the basis of Transport for South Hampshire (TfSH) membership consisting of Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council. At the May 2012 Joint Committee the Isle of Wight accepted the invitation extended by the partnership for full membership of TfSH.
2. The attached Business Plan is updated to reflect the recent membership of the Isle of Wight and the confirmation of the delivery of the TfSH LSTF project within the work programme.

Background

3. The first TfSH Business Plan (2007-09) set the direction for what was the newly constituted TfSH partnership and sought to establish and strengthen relationships with national and local strategic partners including the department for Transport, Highways Agency, Network

Rail and Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH). A significant output of the Plan was the publication of *Towards Delivery*, which set out the issues and priorities for the area in the context of planned growth and provided the foundation for applications to the then Regional Funding Programme.

4. The second Business Plan (2009-11) sought to coordinate the delivery of the strategies and schemes that were seen as necessary for South Hampshire to successfully overcome the challenges of growth in demand for travel, planned housing and economic growth – as outlined in *Towards Delivery*. It also defined the core activities of TfSH at that time as centred around bidding, development of an evidence base, influencing national and regional decision making and co-ordinating a joint Local Transport Plan 3 for the TfSH area.
5. When published last year, the third Business Plan identified the need to build on past successes and relationships, but within a significantly changed context – and that changed context continues at this mid-term update. Since taking office two years ago, the coalition Government has set out its agenda on public sector funding, local governance and transport policy through a series of statements, policy documents and funding decisions.

TfSH Business Plan 2011-13 –Updates

6. Since the Business Plan update was approved at the previous Joint Committee in May 2012 the following are key highlights and reflect the main changes in the attached further updated Business Plan:
 - (i) the Isle of Wight Council has accepted the invitation to join TfSH;
 - (ii) a new TfSH area map has been produced;
 - (iii) additional work has completed reviewing the modelling capability on the Island and how this might integrate with the mainland focussed sub-regional transport model (Agenda Item 11);
 - (iv) additional work is underway to better integrate the Isle of Wight into the Transport Delivery Plan;
 - (v) TfSH has been awarded £17.89 million of Department for Transport funding following a successful Local Sustainable Transport Fund large package bid.
7. TfSH was one of just two large project package Local Sustainable Transport Fund bids to receive full funding with its £17.89 million bid. Since the announcement a number of activities have been progressed (Agenda Item 12).
8. In addition to setting out a proposed programme of activity for the current year, this Business Plan also outlines the governance, organisational and delivery arrangements and reflects the budget

available. Additional funding will actively be sought from a wide variety of sources, as opportunities arise during the currency of the plan.

Conclusion

9. TfSH welcomes the addition of the Isle of Wight Council as a full member of the partnership. TfSH has had a successful start to 2012 and the membership of the Isle of Wight Council will strengthen our partnership and provide consistency with the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership geography and the required geography for devolved local major transport scheme funding.

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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1. Published works.
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LOCATION

None.