

## **Report to the Transport for South Hampshire Joint Committee**

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**Subject:** Recent Government Initiatives and Announcements

### **1. Summary**

1.1 This report provides a summary of recent key central Government announcements relating to transport and, in light of these, provides an update on progress being made with bid submissions. The report also considers how Transport for South Hampshire (TfSH) may wish to position itself moving forward.

1.2 The following decisions are sought:

- (i) That the contents of this report be noted.
- (ii) That the proposed approach to bidding to the Local Sustainable Transport Fund be approved.
- (iii) That officers explore options for the establishment of a separate forum to facilitate public/private sector joint working.

### **2. Reason**

2.1 As a strategic cross-boundary partnership, working with strategic and local stakeholders, there are benefits for TfSH in aligning its strategy with that expected of local areas by central Government. In so doing, opportunities to benefit from for the limited national transport funding may be increased. This is not a one-way, subservient relationship, however, and it will be important for TfSH to interpret central policy within its local context.

### **3. Other Options Considered and Rejected**

3.1 Taking no action.

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**

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