



Item 8

Report to Solent Transport

Date: 24 June 2015

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Subject: Solent Strategic Land & Infrastructure Board

1. Summary

1.1 The following decision is sought:

That Members note the progress of the work of the Solent Strategic Land and Infrastructure Board and the Solent Transport Investment Plan sub-group.

2. Reasons

2.1 This report advises Members of the progress to date of the Solent Strategic Land and Infrastructure Board and the Solent Transport Investment Plan sub-group. These are important work streams in achieving a co-ordinated approach to the release of public land and property in the Solent for development, and achieving a co-ordinated approach to the planning and delivery of future transport investment across the sub-region.

2.2 These two work streams are important strands of the work to deliver the economic growth and development aspirations of the Solent sub-region.

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 Conduct Advisory Panel – None.**
6. **Reason(s) for the Matter being dealt with if Urgent – None.**

Approved by: Date:

**Councillor Jacqui Rayment
Vice Chairman
Solent Transport**

On behalf of

**Councillor Seán D T Woodward
Chairman
Solent Transport**



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1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This report advises Members of the progress to date of the Solent Strategic Land and Infrastructure Board (SSLIB) and the Solent Transport Investment Plan sub-group. These are important work streams in achieving a co-ordinated approach to the release of public land and property in the Solent for development, and achieving a co-ordinated approach to the planning and delivery of transport investment across the Solent sub-region.
- 1.2 These two work streams are important strands of the work to deliver the economic growth and development aspirations of the Solent sub-region.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That Members note the progress of the work of the Solent Strategic Land and Infrastructure Board and the Solent Transport Investment Plan sub-group.

3. Introduction

- 3.1 The Solent Strategic Land and Infrastructure Board was created as part of the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership's Solent Growth Deal. The remit of this task and finish group is twofold: to prepare a Joint

Land Asset Strategy with an accompanying programme for the disposal, re-use or redevelopment of surplus land in public ownership; and to prepare a Solent Transport Investment Plan bringing together known short term transport investments and developing a prioritised and costed transport investment plan for the Solent that will support economic growth in the medium and longer terms.

- 3.2 The Board is chaired by the Cabinet Office's Government Property Unit. Board members include representatives of the Ministry of Defence, the Solent LEP, Department for Transport, Highways England, the rail industry, Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH), Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth City Council, Southampton City Council, the Health sector, Homes and Communities Agency, Department for Communities and Local Government, Defra, transport operators and other private sector industry representatives e.g. ABP and BAE.

4. Joint Land Asset Strategy

- 4.1 A major task of the Board is to take a strategic view of public land and assets in the area and work collaboratively across different organisations to prepare a Joint Land Asset Strategy. The Board has met three times, in December 2014, in February and May 2015. The thrust of the work to date has concentrated on identifying the land and sites in public ownership, those that are likely to become available and creating a common database of these sites to enable a strategic view of development to be taken.
- 4.2 To this end, a 'Solent Assets' Opportunity workshop was held on 1 May 2015 to bring the relevant partners together to co-ordinate their work. It is anticipated that a number of sites will be identified as 'early wins' that could be released for redevelopment in the short to medium term. This will link closely with the work of the Transport Sub-group to identify the transport investments required to enable the release of these 'early win' sites.
- 4.3 It is vitally important that the work of the Board in delivering the Joint Land Asset Strategy is closely linked with the PUSH Spatial Strategy Review to 2036, which will set out the employment and housing needed in the Solent to help deliver the Solent LEP's growth targets, particularly in the important areas of increased GVA, GDP and employment rates. It is also important to note that whilst the Joint Land Asset Strategy deals with land in public ownership, the PUSH Spatial Strategy Review will deal with all land whether in public or private ownership.

5. Solent Transport Investment Plan

- 5.1 Transport has an important role to play in supporting both the Joint Land Asset Strategy and the PUSH Spatial Strategy Review through unlocking development opportunities. Transport also has a broader role in providing connectivity for the sub-region's businesses to London, the wider UK and international markets and in enabling the ports to continue to play an increasing role in the wider UK economy, and high quality transport is key to moving people and goods efficiently through the local transport networks, in particular along the key travel to work corridors and between the two cities.
- 5.2 The sub-group of the Board has been formed and an Invitation to Tender for consultants to develop the Solent Transport Investment Plan has been produced. Members of the group overseeing the development of the plan include the four Solent Local Transport Authorities; the Solent LEP, Solent Transport; Network Rail; Highways England; Department for Transport; Port of Southampton; bus, rail and ferry operators, the freight and logistics sector and other representatives from the business community.
- 5.3 The work will be in two distinct phases. Firstly in support of the Joint Land Asset Strategy, the study will identify the known transport investments in the sub-region to 2020 and any transport 'quick wins' that could help unlock public land for development. These investments can be noted in advance of any new Government Spending Rounds in the Autumn. This phase is expected to be complete by September 2015.
- 5.4 The second phase will be to identify and appraise the longer term transport interventions required to enable the Solent sub-region to deliver against its economic growth and development targets. This will link closely to the outcome of the PUSH Spatial Strategy Review. The resulting package of interventions will be appraised using Solent Transport's Sub-Regional Transport Model to provide a robust evidence base, culminating in a final Solent Transport Investment Plan.
- 5.5 The Solent Transport Investment Plan will:
- Provide a costed, fully appraised and prioritised transport investment strategy that will support sustainable economic growth and development in the short, medium and longer term.
 - Form the sub-region's co-ordinated transport 'ask' to Government that will be adopted by the Solent LEP, Solent Transport, the Solent Local Transport Authorities and PUSH in close partnership with the wider business community, the Department for Transport, Highways England, Network Rail, bus, rail and ferry operators.

- Propose a funding package that will be capable of delivering the prioritised package.

5.6 It is anticipated that the second phase of work will be complete during Spring 2016, and updates on the work of the SSLIB and the Solent Transport Investment Plan sub-group will be provided to future meetings of the Solent Transport Joint Committee.

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.

NB the list excludes:

1. Published works.
2. Documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.

TITLE

LOCATION

None