

**AT A MEETING of the TRANSPORT FOR SOUTH HAMPSHIRE (TfSH) JOINT COMMITTEE of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL, SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL AND PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 5 FEBRUARY 2013 AT 14:00 IN ASHBURTON HALL AT EII COURT, THE CASTLE, WINCHESTER.**

**PRESENT:**

**Voting Members:**

Councillor Mel Kendal – (Chairman) Executive Member for Environment and Transport at Hampshire County Council

Councillor Jason Fazackarley - Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation at Portsmouth City Council

Councillor Warwick Payne – Cabinet Member for Housing and Leisure at Southampton City Council

**Transport for South Hampshire Officers**

Stuart Baker – TfSH Project Manager

Vicky Doyle – Marketing Project Manager

Stephen Gee – Project Officer

John Rider – LSTF Programme Manager

**Hampshire County Council Officers**

Stuart Jarvis – Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

James Strachan – Assistant Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

Keith Willcox – Head of Strategic Transport

**Isle of Wight Member/Officers**

Councillor Edward Giles – Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport

Chris Wells – Principal Officer - Transport Policy and Strategy

**Portsmouth City Council Officers**

Simon Moon – Head of Transport & Street Management

Felicity Patrick – Transport Planning Manager

**Southampton City Council Officers**

Dawn Baxendale – Director of Economy and Environment

Frank Baxter – Travel and Transport Policy Manager

Mark Heath – Director of Corporate Services / Monitoring Officer for TfSH

**Stakeholders / Invited Speakers**

Matt Callow – First Bus

Phil Dominey – South West Trains

Andrew Dyer – Stagecoach South

Graham Ellis – Solent Enterprise Alliance

Nick Farthing – Chamber of Commerce/SUSTRANS

Natasha Kopala – Department for Transport

Anne-Marie Mountifield – Solent LEP  
John Preston – University of Southampton  
Stuart Roberts – PUSH  
Phil Stockley – Velvet Bus  
Andrew Wickham – Go South Coast

### **Observers**

**Portsmouth Community/ Rail Futures/ Federation of Small Business** - Charles Burns

**Eastleigh Borough Council** – Councillor David Airey and Ed Vokes

**Fareham Borough Council** – Councillor Keith Evans and Rosemary Fletcher

**Gosport Borough Council** - Councillor Peter Langdon and Councillor Chris Carter

**New Forest District Council** – David Stannard

**Test Valley Borough Council** - Viv Messenger

**Winchester City Council** – Councillor Vicki Weston

### **141. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from:

- Cllr Asa Thorpe, Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport at Southampton City Council
- Nick Hunt, New Forest District Council
- Russell Kew, Wightlink Limited
- Maureen Pullen, DfT
- Phil Sheppard, Highways Agency
- Marc Reddy, First Group
- Josie Rogers, Network Rail
- Cllr Paul Vickers, New Forest District Council

### **142. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter considered at the meeting they must declare that interest at the time of the relevant debate and, having regard to the circumstances described in Part 3, Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council and other Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Non-Pecuniary interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 2 of the Code, considered whether it was

appropriate to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

There were no declarations made by Members under this item.

#### **143. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman updated the Joint Committee on a number of topics, including:

- Local Pinch Point Fund
- Regional Growth Fund
- Ministerial Visit
- End of Chairmanship Reflections and Thoughts for the Future

A full copy of the Chairman's Announcements were circulated to attendees after the meeting and published with the papers online at:

[http://www3.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings/meetingsummary.htm?sta=0&currentpage=1&tab=1&date\\_ID=1062](http://www3.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings/meetingsummary.htm?sta=0&currentpage=1&tab=1&date_ID=1062)

The Chairman reflected on progress made by TfSH over the past six years, and considered the future opportunities and challenges, with a new Chairman expected to be elected at the June Joint Committee.

#### **144. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 DECEMBER 2012**

It was confirmed that pursuant to Minute 139, the report setting out the growth potential of Portsmouth and Southampton had been circulated. The Minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2012 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **145. TRANSPORT DELIVERY PLAN**

The Joint Committee considered a report from the Project Manager for TfSH, (Item 5 on the Minute Book) which detailed the revised Transport delivery Plan (TDP) and recommended it for adoption.

It was confirmed that the consultation had finished in January and that there had been a very healthy response. Pages 5- 6 of the report were highlighted as containing elements that had arisen as a result of the consultation, and where schemes had not been added to the plan, it was summarised as to the reasoning for this.

A summary of the consultation was being finalised and due to be published on the TfSH website and it was confirmed that a separate consultation would take place later in the year on Newgate Lane by Hampshire County Council.

Councillor Peter Langdon from Gosport Borough Council congratulated officers on the plan and commented on the success of the Bus rapid transit project in Fareham and Gosport. However, concerns were raised regarding North Fareham being isolated due to Junction 11 of the M27 and it was asked that this was considered as part of the plan going forward.

Councillor David Airey from Eastleigh Borough Council also supported the TDP but felt that the projections around public transport were disappointing. It was confirmed that the low figures related to the “do nothing” approach and were a worst case scenario, and that plans with rail and bus travel were ambitious, aiming for growth in usage.

RESOLVED:

- a) The Transport Delivery Plan (Appendix 1) was adopted by Transport for South Hampshire and would supersede *Towards Delivery* as the Transport for South Hampshire Delivery Statement;
- b) That Hampshire County Council, Isle of Wight Council, Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council ratify this adoption, through their own decision-making processes;
- c) An augmented Early Assessment and Sifting Tool be used to inform decisions on scheme entry into the Transport Delivery Plan;
- d) Authority to periodically update the Transport Delivery Plan would be delegated to the Transport for South Hampshire Senior Management Board.

#### **146. LOCAL SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT FUND (LSTF) UPDATE**

The Joint Committee considered a report of TfSH’s Project Manager (Item 6 in the Minute Book), which updated Members on delivery of the LSTF grant across Southampton, Portsmouth and South Hampshire.

It was noted that good progress had been made so far, particularly in the Fareham and Gosport areas with public transport and Personal Journey planning. TfSH had been asked the lead on a national programme on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and consultation work was due to take place over the next few months with local authorities.

The Chairman confirmed that a lot of work was also due to be done on electric vehicles and charging points in the future, to look at compatibility across the Country as the initiative becomes more widespread.

RESOLVED:

- a) The Joint Committee noted the progress made regarding the Local Sustainable Transport Fund.

#### **147. LOCAL TRANSPORT BODY (LTB) ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK**

The Joint Committee received a presentation from the Monitoring Officer for TfSH (Item 7 in the Minute Book) regarding the revisions to the TfSH Joint Agreement.

It was confirmed that subsequent to the publication of the report, additional changes had been proposed, which covered Membership composition (the four LTAs and the Solent LEP), voting arrangements (majority voting) and also the quorum of the meeting (four of the five members). These were added as part of the recommendations with agreement from the Joint Committee.

RESOLVED:

- a) That the Joint Committee approves the principles on which TfSH will seek to establish a Local Transport Body, and delegates to the Monitoring Officer to Transport for South Hampshire, working with the LEP, authority to finalise the revised joint agreement for Joint Committee sign-off so that it can be approved by all TfSH member authorities and Local Transport Body Members.
- b) That the Membership composition of the Solent LTB will comprise the Local Transport Authorities of Hampshire County Council, Isle of Wight Council, Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council as well as the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership.
- c) The LTB will engage with District and Borough Councils of the LTB area with regard to their level of involvement in LTB matters.
- d) That the quorum for the meeting is four out of the five Committee Members.
- e) Voting shall be done by way of a majority, with no casting Chairman's vote.

#### **148. LOCAL TRANSPORT BODY PRIORITISATION METHODOLOGY**

The Joint Committee considered a report from the Project Manager for TfSH (Item 8 in the Minute Book) regarding Local Transport Body (LTB) prioritisation methodology.

It was confirmed that local areas had been left to set their own priorities, but that value for money and deliverability were important factors that must be included, as well as transparency and a strong evidence base.

It was agreed that direct and indirect employment was an important aspect to any schemes proposed, and that the local Authorities would need to support anything planned in their areas for it to go ahead.

In Paragraph 16, it was agreed that the following additions would be made:

- f) support the generation of employment *and housing* growth...
- g) *normally* be expected to deliver 'high' value for money....

RESOLVED:

The Joint Committee:

- a) The Joint Committee notes the need to develop a prioritisation methodology to support Local Transport Body scheme prioritisation.
- b) The Joint Committee approves the proposed Prioritisation Criteria as its preferred approach to be applied to schemes seeking consideration for funding by the Local Transport Body.
- c) The Joint Committee approves the proposed Prioritisation Methodology as its preferred approach for Local Transport Body scheme prioritisation.
- d) The Joint Committee approves further work to consider the potential for Local Transport Body funds, in some circumstances, to be awarded as a loan, and for the establishment of an Investment Panel to provide further assurance of Local Transport Body decision-making.

#### **149. TFSH CHANGE OF NAME**

The Committee considered a report from the Project Officer for TfSH, (Item 9 in the Minute Book), which proposed changing the TfSH name to “Transport for South Hampshire and Isle of Wight”.

The report was accepted by the Joint Committee.

RESOLVED:

- a) That the name of Transport for South Hampshire be changed to Transport for South Hampshire and Isle of Wight and the current Transport for South Hampshire logo and identity guidelines are retained, with the only change being the name.

#### **150. SOUTH HAMPSHIRE BUS OPERATORS ASSOCIATION (SHBOA) PRESENTATION**

The Joint Committee received a presentation on Project Delivery from Andrew Wickham from Go South Coast and Phil Stockley from Velvet Travel.

The presentation covered Wi-Fi, bus refurbishment, audio-visual plans, as well as apprenticeships and marketing.

During questions, it was confirmed that school services that were contractually arranged were able to provide whatever vehicles necessary to accommodate, but commercial routes did not always have accessible buses due to the low usage and high costs associated with upgrading older vehicles.

The introduction of audio-visual facilities to buses was well received and it was confirmed that more operators were hoping to roll this out in future.

The presentation is available on the website via the link:

[http://www3.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings/meetingsummary.htm?sta=0&currentpage=1&tab=1&date\\_ID=1062](http://www3.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings/meetingsummary.htm?sta=0&currentpage=1&tab=1&date_ID=1062)

## **151. AOB AND CLOSE OF MEETING**

Cllr Warwick Payne from Southampton City Council thanked the Chairman for his leadership over the past six years of TfSH on behalf of Cllr Thorpe.

Mr Burns from Portsmouth Community/Rail Futures/Federation of Small Businesses also commented on the funding problems with the Hayling Island Ferry. The chairman confirmed that he was unable to comment, but that Portsmouth City Council were due to have their budget meeting in the near future, in which this would likely be discussed.

It was confirmed that the next meeting for TfSH would like be in June 2013 and would be arranged in due course.