



## **MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE SOLENT LOCAL TRANSPORT BODY**

**Wednesday, 24 July 2013 at 2.00pm  
Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Southampton SO14 7LY**

### **Voting Members Present:**

Councillor Seán Woodward, Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment, Hampshire County Council

Councillor Ian Stephens, Leader of Council, Isle of Wight Council

Councillor Tony Briggs, Member, Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH)

Councillor Jason Fazackarley, Executive Member for Transport Portsmouth City Council

Russell Kew, Board Member, Solent Local Enterprise Partnership

Councillor Jacqui Rayment, Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, Southampton City Council

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies from Members.

### **2. Disclosure of Interests**

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.

The Chairman declared a pecuniary interest in relation to Item 9 and 10 in the matters to be considered at the meeting.

**3. Minutes of the Last Meeting on 7 June 2013 and Matters Arising**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 June 2013 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**4. Election Vice Chairman**

Following the Cabinet changes at Southampton City Council, Cllr Jacqui Rayment, Executive Member for Environment and Transport was nominated by Councillor Woodward to the role of Vice Chairman of the Solent Local Transport Body and was seconded by Cllr Fazackarley (Item 4 in the Minute Book). Members voted unanimously in favour of Cllr Rayment.

RESOLVED:

- (a) Councillor Jacqui Rayment to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Solent Local Transport Body.

**5. Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman welcomed Cllrs Briggs, Rayment and Stephens to the Board as the representative members for PUSH, Southampton and Isle of Wight together with Associate and Non-Associate Members attending for the first time today.

Since meeting in June, Department of Transport (DfT) had approved Parts 1 and 2 of the Assurance Framework and other Central Government announcements or guidance, including the Comprehensive Spending Review, had clarified how funding for local major transport schemes was intended to form part of the Single Local Growth Fund from 2015. In anticipation of this, Member Authorities had identified strategic transport priorities that would support the Growth Strategy of the Solent LEP. The substantive item on today's Agenda was the culmination of that work and the Board would be asked to approve Schemes today for submission to the DfT to meet its deadline of 31 July.

**6. Deputations**

There were no deputations.

**7. Revision to the Solent LTB Assurance Framework**

Members received a report on the proposed revisions to the Assurance Framework and Framework Agreement (Item 7 in the Minute Book) following approval of Parts 1 and 2 by the DfT.

Officers were requested to work up Part 3 of the Framework to obtain approval by the Department of Transport and to revise the signature clause on page 3 of the Assurance Framework. Members unanimously

RESOLVED:

- (a) to approve the draft Revised Assurance Framework and Framework Agreement;

- (b) to ratify and sign the Revised Framework Agreement by each Member organisation through its own decision making process;

## 8. **Budget Report Update**

Members received a report on the updated position of the revenue budget for 2013-2014 (Item 8 in the Minute Book).

Members noted that since the inclusion of PUSH to its membership, the Body's revenue for 2013-2014 increased to £60,000. There were no questions from Members who

RESOLVED:

to note and approve the revised position of the revenue budget for 2013-2014.

Having declared an interest in the following items, the Chairman left the meeting.

**The Vice Chairman, Cllr. Jacqui Rayment took the Chair.**

## 9. **Presentation: Transport Investment Prioritisation**

A joint presentation was made by the STL B's Project Manager and Halcrow (Stuart Baker and David Crockett) (Item 9 in the Minute Book).

Members were informed that Guidance issued by Central Government had significantly changed the backdrop against which economic and transport organisations such as SLTB and SLEP operated together and that 2015-2016 was the key year when LTAs were expected to be funded and delivered in-year on the prioritised schemes approved by DfT.

SLTB had received nine applications sponsored by Member Organisations and using the WebTAG and other agreed methodologies, Officers had identified the three schemes now before Members for approval to submit to the DfT by 31 July 2013 all of which were capable of satisfying the 2015-2016 in-year delivery.

## 10. **Report on Transport Investment Prioritisation**

Members received a report on the transport investment priorities and proposed schemes for submission to the DfT (Item 10 in the Minute Book)

Presentations of the three shortlisted projects were given to Members that illustrated the readiness to proceed with implementation; financial commitment already ear-marked by the LTAs and the economic and social benefits to be achieved on completion.

The Hard Interchange Portsmouth was expected to realise £62million GVA and 1678 permanent jobs; 300 residential units and 45,000 m<sup>2</sup> of commercial space.

Seen as an important gateway to the Historic Dockyard area where visitor numbers are currently 0.25million visitors per year; the forecast increase in visitors was to 1.0million annually.

The Station Quarter, Southampton project extended across the North and South sides of Southampton Central Railway Station and incorporated resolution of road safety issues in Civic Centre Place, one of the City's major transport junctions. Economic and social benefits to be obtained included general economic regeneration creating an estimated 132 residential units and 2,130 m<sup>2</sup> of commercial space.

The A27 Improvement Scheme, Fareham whilst designed to deal with longstanding traffic congestion around the M27 corridor also anticipated elements contained in the strategies of the Solent Enterprise Zone and Welbourne Strategic Development Scheme which together with regeneration of Central Fareham would realise 7,300 new homes and 255,000 m<sup>2</sup> of commercial space.

The Vice Chairman invited questions from Members and the audience.

Cllr Fazackarley indicated that the transport strategy for Portsmouth would continue to include provision for improvement and extension of the services between the mainland and the Isle of Wight. Collaboration with private sector transport providers such as First Bus would continue to be important to achieve better through-put of the public bus service.

The Southampton scheme was noted to reflect the City's over-arching strategy to achieve a modal shift by the City's population and its visitors and therefore there was little provision for cars. The modal shift was promoted through enlarged capacity and improved quality of the transport options offered.

For the benefit of the audience unfamiliar with the operation and purpose of the LEP, the Chief Executive summarised the process of concluding the agreement with Central Government for the region's Strategic Economic Plan for which the two components of allocated and competitive funding are scheduled to be announced in March and July 2014 respectively.

Members were urged by the DfT's representative that a strongly regarded plan would evidence that the Member Authorities had a track record in being trustworthy with funds and scheme implementation.

RESOLVED:

To approve:

- (i) the Solent Local Transport Body Transport Investment Priorities document (and prioritised list contained within it), attached as Appendix 1, for submission to the Department for Transport.
- (ii) The top three ranked schemes (The Hard Interchange, Southampton Station Quarter and A27 Corridor Improvements) as its transport priorities and recommends them to the Solent LEP for inclusion within the Growth Strategy.

In view of the recent announcements by HM Government the Board NOTES, and is therefore subject to confirmation:

- (i) it is to publish a prioritised scheme list by 31 July 2013 and to ensure a profile of funding for at least the top three schemes is finalised in Autumn 2013 to inform the Growth Strategy.
- (ii) That the top three schemes broadly cover the recently announced four-year major scheme allowance (£19.2million);
- (iii) That the funding will be un-ring-fenced and forms part of the Local Growth Fund.
- (iv) That the Government is to confirm a guaranteed minimum allocation for this element of the Local Growth Fund as part of the Local Growth Deal process for 2015-2016 and that the process is expected to conclude in Summer 2014.
- (v) That in order to maximise the opportunities for funding in 2015-2016 it will work with the proposers of the top three schemes to agree how the 2015-2016 allocation will be prioritised such that the full allocation will be spent in-year.

AND FURTHER NOTES the options to be considered include:

- (i) to propose funding one scheme in 2015-16, with the remaining two schemes proposed for funding in subsequent years;
- (ii) to propose funding one scheme in 2015-16, with the remaining two schemes proposed for funding secured through the Single Local Growth Fund as part of the Growth Deal negotiation for 2015-16 (noting that the outcome of this will not be known until July 2014); and
- (iii) to propose that all three schemes are funded concurrently from the 2015-16 allocation (which will not be known until July 2014), but noting that the additional funding may not be forthcoming, and that future Growth Deals are likely to be influenced by past delivery track-record.

Meeting closed at 15.10

## SCHEDULE OF ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING

CH2M – Halcrow – David Crockett	Department of Transport - Maureen Pullen
Eastleigh Borough Council – Cllr David Airey	Fareham Borough Council – Keith Evans
Go South Coast - Andrew Wickham	
Hampshire Chamber of Commerce – Kristine Salomon Olsen	Hampshire County Council - Sue Lapham; Helen Maxwell; James Strachan; Heather Walmsley; Keith Willcox
Havant Borough Council – Stuart Wood	Isle of Wight Council - Chris Wells
New Forest District Council – David Stannard	Portsmouth City Council - Simon Moon, Felicity Tidbury; Pamela Turton
PUSH – Gloria Ighodaro	
Southampton Airport – Steve Thurston	Southampton City Council - Dawn Baxendale; Frank Baxter, Mark Heath
South West Trains - Phil Dominey	Steve Porter Transport and Isle of Wight Chamber of Commerce, Tourism and Industry - Steve Porter
Sustrans – Nick Farthing	Transport for South Hampshire & Isle of Wight - Stuart Baker