

# TfSE Transport Forum 20 November 2019 Minutes

#### Item

# 1. Welcome and Apologies

Geoff French welcomed the Transport Forum and apologies were noted.

# 2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed.

#### 3. Transport Strategy

Mark Valleley spoke in detail about a few key ideas from the draft Transport Strategy and used menti.com (an interactive website) to seek the views of the Forum on some important questions asked in the consultation. This provided a good opportunity for the Forum to discuss and share their thoughts on the draft Transport Strategy.

The Forum discussed their views on;

- The use of 'decide and provide' rather than predict and provide
- The evolution of transport policy from planning for vehicles to planning for people and places
- The importance of the key features of the sustainable route to growth scenario
- TfSE's vision for the South East

Rob Dickin also outlined the proposal for the area studies that TfSE will be procuring shortly and asked the Forum to share their thoughts on what they think should and should not be included in these studies.

See the feedback received for both sessions in 'Feedback from Transport Forum 20 November 2019' document.

# 4. Forward plan and ideas for future presentations / guests

Suggestions for future Transport Forum agenda items and guests;

- The CPT would like to do a presentation on their future bus strategy which just been released
- Energy concerns with future transport technology. Suggested speakers National grid and/or Local community energy. Also schemes in place to deal with this issue (e.g. Network Rail's switch to green energy for track electricity)
- A presentation from MCHLG, possibly alongside the DfT on how to link in with planning policy etc
- Invite Homes England to a Forum meeting to discuss how big developments properly consider sustainable transport and share some of our ideas
- presentation on cycling and walking



- Real implications from carbon pathway we are to follow to meet the targets
- How the switch can be made to alternative vehicles and the environmental impact from removing the old vehicles
- Motorcycle action group powered 2 wheelers and their impact on the environment
- Presentation from the Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership. Possibly Andy Eastlake as a speaker
- Presentation from one of the other STBs
- A presentation from an external speaker from abroad

## 5. Feedback on Proposal to Government consultation

Jasmin Barnicoat gave an update on the outcome of the recent Shadow Partnership Board discussions regarding the Proposal to Government submission.

Due to the General Election, this will need to be reviewed, but as it stands, the board would like Cllr Glazier to meet with the Secretary of State and relevant Minister for Transport to ensure that the Proposal to Government would be received well if it was submitted in April alongside our finalised Transport Strategy as a 'business case' for our Proposal.

# 6. Feedback from sub-group on Forum operation

Geoff French explained that further to the agreement at the Shadow Partnership Board meeting in June 2019 the Transport Forum established a small sub-group to review the operations of the Forum to ensure that it is able to support TfSE in the delivery of the Transport Strategy. As part of this, the sub-group of the Transport Forum met (physically and virtually) three times and has reviewed the Forum's function, role, membership, communications, mechanics and processes.

The Forum were asked to review the issues identified, the proposed solutions and the action taken ad will be taken imminently.

The Forum agreed the recommendations from the Sub-Group with some minor comments. The Forum would like the dates of the SOG meetings so they can feedback to the SOG reps in time for the meetings. In addition, it was felt that more user groups should be invited to attend the Forum as will add to the strength of the Forum's voice.

Lucy asked for confirmation as to what information on the Forum reps should be provided on the website. The proposal is to have name, organisation and information on sectors they represent. This information will be circulated to the whole forum to ensure all are happy to be identified as a representative on the TfSE website and to check the information to be included.

Jasmin explained that the action regarding the sector meeting mapping is a work in progress, but due to resource, it will take longer to complete. Jasmin requested any information on relevant sector meetings to please be sent through to her.

### 7. Strategic Consultations

Jasmin outlined the 2 recent consultations TfSE has responded to so the Forum have an opportunity to view TfSE's comments on wider strategic issues.



#### 8. Feedback to the board

The Forum broadly support the draft Transport Strategy but do have some comments which they would like to be noted in the document 'Feedback from Transport Forum 20 November 2019'.

The Forum have identified ideas and challenges they would like to explore in 2020 to aid their understanding of the issues the transport sector is facing. These have been added to the Forum's work programme.

The Forum have identified areas of its operation that could be improved and action has already been taken to carry out these recommendations circulated as Paper 2 for this meeting.

#### 9. AOB

The Forum requested that future venues for the meetings are close to train stations for ease of travel and access.

An additional request was made for the final strategy to take into account coastal shipping and water transport.