

Report to: **Partnership Board –Transport for the South East**

Date of meeting: **13 March 2023**

By: **Lead Officer, Transport for the South East**

Title of report: **Lead Officer’s Report**

Purpose of report: **To update the Board on the recent activities of Transport for the South East**

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***RECOMMENDATION:***

**The members of the Partnership Board are recommended to note the activities of Transport for the South East between January – March 2023.**

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**1. Introduction**

1.1 The focus of work for TfSE in recent months has been to finalise the Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) document and move into the next stage of development of the SIP delivery action plan, analytical framework and regional centre of excellence.

**2. Work of Transport for the South East**

2.1 Since the Board met in January 2023, TfSE’s constituent authorities have taken the Strategic Investment Plan through their democratic processes (where required), and a fully designed, final version of the SIP is now being presented to the Board for final decision.

2.2 The 2023/24 business plan has also been completed and will be presented to the Board for approval. The work undertaken in the next year will move TfSE into the implementation phase of the SIP. Some of the thematic studies will reach their conclusion, work will begin on the transport strategy refresh, and the regional centre of excellence will be developed.

Joint STB Work

2.3 As previously identified, all the STBs are collaborating on a variety of different projects, those involving TfSE are outlined below:

- TfSE, Transport East and England’s Economic Heartland joint work on Bus Back Better
- TfSE, Transport East and England’s Economic Heartland joint work on producing a decarbonisation toolkit
- TfSE, Transport East and England’s Economic Heartland joint work on alternative fuelling station locations for road freight vehicles
- 7 STBs working jointly on decarbonisation

2.4 All projects are proceeding well and more information can be found in the technical programme update report - Agenda Item 13.

### Events

2.5 On the 26 January 2023 there was a meeting of STB lead officers, DfT area leads, STB sponsors and the DfT Director of Regions and Cities. We were invited to share our regional perspectives, showcase some of the work we have carried out, talk about the benefits of collaborating with each other on current workstreams and what future opportunities there could be.

2.6 On the 20 February 2023 we gave a presentation on the SIP to a variety of DfT colleagues that were interested to hear more about this work.

2.7 On the 08 March 2023 I spoke at the session held by the All Party Parliamentary Group for the South East for their transport infrastructure inquiry 2023.

2.8 Work is underway to prepare for the joint STB conference in June. Preparations have also begun on a TfSE autumn event which will have a focus on delivery of the SIP.

2.9 The DfT have also confirmed Richard Holden, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Roads and Local Transport), would like to visit the TfSE area and hear about some of the strategic transport issues. Conversations are ongoing as to when this takes place and where.

### TfSE Team

2.10 Further to the update given at the January 2023 Partnership Board meeting, Kate Over joined TfSE in February 2023 as a Transport Strategy Manager.

2.11 In addition, we are now recruiting for the vacant Communications and Public Affairs Manager position.

## **3 Conclusions and recommendations**

3.1 The Partnership Board is recommended to note the activities undertaken by TfSE between January – March 2023.

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