

TfSE Partnership Board
18 December – 11:00-12:00
Minutes
Virtual – Microsoft Teams

Partnership Board Members

Cllr Keith Glazier (Chair) Leader East Sussex County Council	Cllr Rob Humby Leader of the Council Hampshire County Council	Cllr Trevor Muten Chair, Transport & Sustainability Committee Brighton & Hove City Council
Cllr Paul Fishwick Executive Member for Active Travel, Transport & Highways Wokingham Borough Council <i>(representing Berkshire Local Transport Body and attending on behalf of Cllr Jason Brock)</i>	Cllr Phil Jordan Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport Isle of Wight Council	Cllr David Robey Deputy Cabinet Member Highways and Transportation Kent County Council
Cllr Vince Maple Leader Medway Council	Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport Portsmouth City Council	Cllr Eamonn Keogh Cabinet Member for Transport and District Regeneration Southampton City Council
Cllr Matt Furniss Cabinet Member for Transport and Infrastructure Surrey County Council	Cllr Joy Dennis Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport West Sussex County council	Geoff French CBE Chair Transport Forum
Vince Lucas Business Representative (KMEP) South East LEP <i>(jointly representing LEPs)</i>	Cllr Vicki Wells Cabinet Member for Environment Worthing Borough Council <i>(jointly representing District & Borough Councils, attending on behalf of Cllr Dr Beccy Cooper)</i>	Cllr Matt Boughton Leader Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council <i>(jointly representing District & Borough Councils)</i>
Tim Burr Deputy Chair South Downs National Park	Stuart Kistruck Director Planning and Franchising Network Rail <i>(attending on behalf of Ellie Burrows)</i>	Heather Preen Head of Local Communities and Partnerships Transport for London
Thomas Cornwell Regional Strategy & Stakeholder Engagement Manager National Highways <i>(attending on behalf of Richard Leonard)</i>		

Apologies:

- Ellie Burrows, Network Rail
- Cllr Dr Beccy Cooper, Worthing Borough Council (D&B Rep)
- Cllr Jason Brock, Reading Borough Council (BLTB rep)
- Daniel Ruiz, Enterprise M3 LEP
- Richard Leonard, National Highways

Officers attended:

- Rupert Clubb, Transport for the South East
- Sarah Valentine, Transport for the South East
- Mark Valleley, Transport for the South East
- Jessica Lelliott, Transport for the South East
- Duncan Barkes, Transport for the South East
- Keir Wilkins, Transport for the South East

- Dan Taylor, DfT
- Peter Duggan, DfT

- Alex Pringle, SDNPA

- Alexander Baldwin-Smith, Transport for London
- Antoinette Antoine, Surrey County Council
- Wren Bartholomew, Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council
- Mark Breathwick, Medway Council
- Joe Ratcliffe, Kent County Council
- Chris Maddocks, Berkshire Local Transport Body
- Mark Prior, Brighton and Hove City Council
- Martin Randall, Adur & Worthing Council
- Matt Davey, West Sussex County Council

Item	Action
1. Welcome and Apologies	
1.1 Councillor Keith Glazier (KG) welcomed Partnership Board members to the meeting and noted apologies.	
1.3 KG welcomed Keir Wilkins, new Head of Programme and Policy on secondment from the DfT to the meeting.	
1.3 KG welcomed Cllr Vicki Wells attending on behalf of Cllr Dr Beccy Cooper, Stuart Kistruck attending on behalf of Ellie Burrows and Cllr Paul Fishwick attending on behalf of Cllr Jason Brock.	

2. Minutes from last meeting	
2.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.	
3. Declarations of interest	
3.1 Cllr Glazier asked Board members to declare any interests they may have in relation to the agenda. No interests were declared.	
4. Statements from the public	
4.1 Cllr Glazier confirmed that no statements from the public have been made.	
5. Business Plan	
<p>5.1 KG reflected on the pressures authorities are facing from demand led services. Thanking the Board for all their support and local contributions.</p> <p>5.2 Rupert thanked members for attending the Extraordinary Partnership Board meeting. RC provided the background to the Business Plan with the Department for Transport (DfT) producing the guidance which sets out the role for Sub-National Transport bodies to follow.</p> <p>5.3 RC set out the next steps with the Business Plan to be submitted to DfT by the close of the calendar year (December) and published on our website.</p> <p>5.4 RC reflected on the work undertaken by TfSE over the last year before looking ahead into our next financial year.</p> <p>5.5 RC set out the funding allocation that we have profiled our Business Plan against. RC highlighted how the Business Plan sets out what more TfSE could do if more funding was available particularly with the SIP implementation.</p> <p>5.6 KG sought Members' views on the draft Business Plan</p> <p>5.7 Tim Burr highlighted one of the three key aims set by the DfT was for reducing environmental impact of transport. Queried why there was not more of a discussion within the plan about environmental impacts beyond decarbonisation. In response to the query RC explained that these would be picked up through the integrated sustainability appraisals undertaken and further work undertaken by delivery bodies.</p> <p>5.8 Cllr David Robey raised how they expected more focus on implementation. An ask was made for further engagement with Members on the Business Plan for next year. In response to the point KG highlighted the purpose of TfSE evidence base and how we are an enabling body. RC highlighted the ask for what we could do if we secured further funding and if we did receive this, it would be put into implementation.</p>	

5.9 RC highlighted to Members how TfSE recognise the pressure on publicly funded infrastructure and with local authorities capital budgets under pressure. TfSE are conducting some work with private sector colleagues using schemes from the SIP as case studies seeking out private funding.

5.10 Cllr Vicki Wells asked if there was any commitment to Sustainable Draining Systems (SuDS) in the workstreams.

In response to this question RC explained that local authorities would be best placed to answer this question.

5.11 Geoff French supported the paper and noted that we need to keep an eye on the changing priorities of Government.

5.12 Trevor Muten raised the how COP28 will manifest legislatively and in policy terms. A concern was raised in relation to EV charging points, the speed and access and also public transport routes.

In response to this RC explained we too understand it is key to see how COP28 manifests. In relation to the points on EV TfSE understand the importance of this for car and freight too. TfSE welcome the £2 bus fare cap with buses on an upward recovery following covid.

5.13 Cllr Paul Fishwick noted that he felt that TfSE's Active Travel workstream would make an outsize contribution to the DfT key aim of improving transport for the user only, instead of supporting the aim as in our Draft Business Plan.

In response to this RC agrees it supports the aim however when a long distance over five miles those travel modes tend to drop off and therefore, we felt it was not applicable to all modes. However, recognise there are different views.

5.14 Cllr Vince Maple broadly support the Business Plan. Asked if under the Investing in our buses and railways section TfSE could add a balanced narrative, which highlights that some areas have not received BSIP funding. In response to this RC confirmed that the Business Plan will be tweaked to factor this in.

5.15 Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson highlighted an issue within Portsmouth with their utility company having turned off their parking points which have been operating for the last 3.5 years.

5.16 Vince Lucas highlighted the disparity in bus services across the region. Making sure we as TfSE have interventions in the right place when looking at disparities.

5.17 Cllr Rob Humby acknowledged the challenging timeline for the Business Plan. Discussed the pressures Local Authorities are under, agreeing that transport and infrastructure enables us to address issues however as Local Authorities we need to make sure we have capacity to de-risk it.

In response to this RC agreed the TfSE pipeline is fundamental with the work through the SIP implementation. We understand the impacts of inflation on schemes. Understanding that this is a national problem to de-risk investment.

Dan Taylor noted the above comments.

<p>5.18 KG sought out Members views on whether the Active Travel workstream should be changed to “makes an outside contribution to the aim” of improving transport for the user. The board discussed this, and it was agreed to keep Active Travel as it “as supporting the aim”.</p> <p>5.19 KG asked the Board Members to agree the recommendation. The recommendation was agreed by the Board.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: The members of the Partnership Board are recommended to agree the Business Plan for 2024/25.</p>	
<p>6. AOB</p>	
<p>6.1 KG on behalf of the board thanked the TfSE team for their hard work over the last year.</p> <p>6.2 KG thanks Members for their work over the last year and continuing to speak with one voice.</p>	
<p>7. Date of Next Meeting</p>	
<p>7.1 The date for the next Partnership Board meeting will be Monday 29 January 2024 – 13:00-16:00, held virtually.</p>	

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