

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

**Date of meeting:** 28 October 2024

**By:** Chair of Transport Forum

**Title of report:** Advisory Panel and Transport Forum Update

**Purpose of report:** To update the Partnership Board on the Transport Forum and Advisory Panel.

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***RECOMMENDATION:***

**The members of the Partnership Board are recommended to note the recent work of the Transport Forum and Advisory Panel.**

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**1. Introduction**

1.1 The third meeting of the Advisory Panel took place on Thursday 17 October 2024.

1.2 The second Digital Engagement for the Transport Forum was held on 14 October and the second in-person Transport Forum is scheduled for Monday 18 November 2024.

**2. Transport Forum 2024**

2.1 As part of Transport for the South East's (TfSE) commitment to the Transport Forum, a second Digital Forum took place on 14 October. The Digital Forum focussed on how to attract a new generation of people to the transport sector. The forum heard from a panel of women in transport to understand how to make the sector more attractive to a more diverse group. Panellists introduced and explored different programmes from their own workplaces which forum members and their associated organisations could get involved in or take inspiration from. Using some of the suggestions which arose from the event, TfSE will continue to explore more ways they can be involved in encouraging and promoting working in transport to a new generation.

2.2 The second in-person Transport Forum event will take place on Monday 18 November in Southampton. Invitations to Forum members have been distributed. The Forum will hear how the Transport Strategy refresh has been developed since the last meeting. The transport strategy team will provide feedback on how the Forum's input has been considered taken forward within the strategy refresh. A further agenda item will focus on the next steps for TfSE, to align with planned consultation for this work.

### **3. Advisory Panel**

3.1 In the meeting on 17 October the Advisory Panel discussed the development of the Centre of Excellence. The Advisory Panel provided feedback from their thematic groups on content which could be hosted on the site.

3.2 The Advisory Panel provided positive feedback on their own thematic groups, giving updates and key reflections from the most recent meetings. The panel asked for the Chair to feedback that TfSE should continue to advocate for investment in the South East, in line with other regions.

### **4. Conclusions and recommendations**

4.1 It is recommended that the Board note the work of the Transport Forum and Advisory Panel.

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