

TfSE Partnership Board
9 December 2024 10:00-13:00
Minutes
Virtual

Partnership Board Members

Cllr Keith Glazier (Chair) Leader East Sussex County Council	Cllr Simon Curry (Vice Chair) Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Strategic Regeneration Medway Council	Cllr Trevor Muten Cabinet member for Transport, Parking and Public Realm Brighton & Hove City Council
Cllr Phil Jordan Leader Isle of Wight Council	Cllr David Robey Deputy Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation Kent County Council	Cllr Lulu Bowerman Executive Member for Highways and Waste Hampshire County Council
Cllr Peter Candlish Cabinet Member for Transportation Portsmouth 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
Cllr John Ennis Lead Councillor for Climate Strategy and Transport Reading Council <i>(representing BLTB)</i>	Geoff French CBE Chair Transport Forum	Daniel Ruiz Business Representative
Cllr Matt Boughton Leader Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council <i>(jointly representing District and Borough Councils)</i>	Cllr Sophie Cox Leader Worthing Borough Council <i>(jointly representing District and Borough Councils)</i>	Tim Burr Deputy Chair South Downs National Park Authority <i>(Representative from Protected Landscapes)</i>
Richard Leonard Network Planning Director National Highways		

Apologies:

- Vince Lucas
- Ellie Burrows

Officers attended:

- Rupert Clubb, Transport for the South East
- Sarah Valentine, Transport for the South East

- Keir Wilkins, Transport for the South East
- Mark Valleley, Transport for the South East
- Jessica Lelliott, Transport for the South East
- James Gleave, Transport for the South East

- Steven Bishop, Steer
- John Collins, ARUP

- Dan Taylor, DfT
- Peter Duggan, DfT

- Andrew Renaut, Brighton
- Bartholomew Wren, Tonbridge & Malling
- Adam Bryan, Medway
- Darryl Hemmings, West Sussex
- Joseph Ratcliffe, Kent
- Chris Maddocks, Reading
- Thomas Cornwell, National Highways

Item	Action
1. Welcome and Apologies	
<p>1.1 Councillor Keith Glazier (KG) welcomed Members to the meeting and noted apologies.</p> <p>1.2 KG shared the sad loss of Councillor Paul Fishwick, noting his contribution to Transport for the South East.</p> <p>1.3 KG welcomed Councillor John Ennis as the new representative of the Berkshire Local Transport Body.</p> <p>1.4 Apologies were noted from Vince Lucas and Ellie Burrows.</p>	
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 2025/26	

<p>5.1 Keir Wilkins (KW) provided an overview of the progress to date with the Business Plan. Following the Board's request a business plan workshop took place in September to shape the funding scenarios which the Department for Transport (DfT) requested. The funding scenarios were agreed at the October board meeting.</p> <p>5.2 DfT have advised we can submit Business Plan at the end of January to include work programme and subsequent outcomes. The Audit and Governance Committee agreed it was appropriate to seek final Board agreement at the January meeting before submission to the DfT.</p> <p>5.3 The Board agreed this approach.</p> <p>5.4 The recommendations were agreed by the Partnership Board.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATIONS: The members of the Partnership Board are recommended to:</p> <p>(1) Note developments on Transport for the South East's business planning for 2025/26; and</p> <p>(2) Agree that Transport for the South East bring a Business Plan to January's Board, in advance of submission the Department for Transport.</p>	
<p>6. Transport Strategy Refresh</p>	
<p>6.1 Mark Valleley (MV) set out the recommendation to the Board seeking agreement to take the Transport Strategy and draft Integrated Sustainability Appraisal out for consultation.</p> <p>6.2 MV shared a presentation on the Transport Strategy Refresh covering the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rationale for the Refresh. • Extensive engagement that has been undertaken to date. • The relationship with other strategies and plans. • The Integrated Sustainability Appraisal was produced alongside the strategy. • Five missions: Strategic Connectivity, Resilience, Integration and Inclusion, Decarbonisation and Sustainable Growth. Each mission has a mission statement, success criteria, route map and map with key priorities. • The approach to delivery and the roles and responsibilities. <p>6.3 MV set out the public consultation next steps – the public consultation will commence on 10 December and run for 12 weeks until 7 March 2025. A launch webinar will take place on 10 December. Strategy Roadshows will take place across the region, Strategic Surgeries will also be held. A consultation report will be produced, identifying any potential changes. The draft final strategy will be presented to the Board July 2025, with the final Strategy to be agreed by October 2025 ahead of submission to the Government.</p> <p>6.4 Board Members raised the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanked MV and the team for the informative presentation. 	

- The Board considered the draft is a comprehensive Transport Strategy
- Members sought clarity on relative priorities of the different missions. MV confirmed the missions are not in a priority order and have equal weight.
- In relation to decarbonisation targets MV explained different authorities have different timelines and therefore the Strategy aligns with the national target.
- Cllr Cox sought explanation on the Sussex Coast Mass Transit (SCMT) and the A27 not being on the map. MV explained that the detail about the SCMT is set out within our Strategic Investment Plan and will write to Cllr Cox with further information following the meeting. MV also explained that the A27 is a vital east-west link and we will continue to make the case for the investment needed to address the bottlenecks along the route.
- Rupert Clubb (RC) noted the Integrated National Transport Strategy (INTS) announcement, reasonable assumption principles behind this will continue.
- MV explained in the delivery section of the strategy we have emphasised the need to work collaboratively with National Highways and Network Rail. RC noted the degree of uncertainty at present for Local Authorities, notably the awaited Devolution White Paper.
- In response to questions about public transport usage MV discussed the inclusion and integration mission and the DfT ambition on the future role of buses.
- Noted the underlying strategy is to protect and enhance the South East's unique natural and historic environment and improving opportunities for everyone.

6.5 Dan Taylor (DT) provided an update on the INTS with the recent change in the Secretary of State. The working assumption being that the INTS remains unchanged following the appointment of the new Secretary of State. Councillor Keith Glazier attended the recent launch event. The same Government missions remain along with the previously identified 5 priorities for the Department for Transport.

6.6 The recommendations were **agreed** by the Partnership Board.

RECOMMENDATION:

The members of the Partnership Board are recommended to agree the draft Transport Strategy and draft Integrated Sustainability Appraisal (ISA) be approved for public consultation.

7. Chief Officer's Report

7.1 RC provided an overview of the paper noting that the Business Planning process has already been discussed. In terms of budget we understand that the DfT have received a roll over in funding from a previous year. The DfT team will give early insight as soon as they can. TfSE will be considering input through the DfT into the spending review.

<p>7.2 RC attended the Transport Select Committee to provide an insight into the work of STBs and pressures across the sector.</p> <p>7.3 The recommendation was agreed by the Partnership Board.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: The members of the Partnership Board are recommended to note the recent activities of Transport for the South East.</p>	
<p>8. AOB</p>	
<p>No matters were raised.</p>	
<p>9. Date of Next Meeting</p>	
<p>9.1 KG – thanked all for attending and asked if anyone has any comments or questions to please contact the team to ensure we as an STB get the best for the South East.</p> <p>9.2 KG confirmed that the next meeting will take place on Monday 27th January 2pm-5pm, face to face at The Institute of Civil Engineers, One Great George Street, London.</p>	