

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

**Date of meeting:** 17 March 2025

**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 fifth meeting of the Advisory Panel took place on 6 March 2025.

1.2 The first in-person meeting of the Transport Forum for 2025 took place on 30 January in London. This meeting focussed on developing a formal response to the draft Transport Strategy Consultation from the Transport Forum.

**2. Transport Forum**

2.1 The first in person Transport Forum event of 2025 took place on January 30 in London. The session had good attendance from regional partners including Network Rail, National Highways, local transport authorities and representatives from transport operators and user groups.

2.2 As part of the in-person event stakeholders had the opportunity to ask questions on the Transport Strategy which was at the time out for consultation. Following this, attendees had the chance to work with facilitators to suggest any additions to each of the five missions. The purpose of the session was to compile a formal response to the consultation on behalf of the Forum. As already confirmed at the previous in-person meeting of the Transport Forum this response would be considered as part of the consultation report.

2.3 Following the meeting, TfSE officers used the outcomes from the day to compile a response to the consultation. This was signed off by the Chair and has been formally submitted as the Transport Forum response. Members of the Transport Forum were encouraged to complete the consultation on behalf of their organisation or as an individual on addition to the Forum response.

**3. Advisory Panel**

3.1 In the meeting on March 6 the Advisory Panel provided feedback from their thematic groups. The Advisory Panel noted that thematic groups were well attended and providing use for their respective areas of work.

3.2 There was good discussion around the strength of cross collaboration between the groups, and it was noted themes were often not limited to just one area of work. TfSE officers agreed to take away an action to look at increasing the opportunities for group collaboration, in line with a wider review of TfSE's current stakeholder groups.

3.3 The Advisory Panel also felt that it would be useful for each group to have clear outputs and next steps to identify ways in which their work could evolve.

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

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

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