

**Transport Forum  
Thursday, 31 March 2020  
Minutes**

<b>Item</b>
<p><b>1. Welcome and Apologies</b></p> <p>Geoff French (chair) welcomed the Transport Forum and apologies were noted. This meeting was held virtually and Geoff explained how it would be managed.</p>
<p><b>2. Minutes from Previous Meeting</b></p> <p>The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed.</p>
<p><b>3. Feedback from December and February Shadow Partnership Board Meetings</b></p> <p>Geoff gave a brief update on the December and February Shadow Partnership Board meetings. One of the key updates was the Board agreed to submit the Proposal to Government and Transport Strategy at the same time to DfT when they are both finalised and signed off by the board. The target date was originally going to be after the April board meeting, however this has since been pushed back to after the July meeting. This is being kept under review because of the current circumstances.</p> <p>In addition, the board were updated on the work of the Transport Forum and considered the comments raised with regard to the transport strategy and future area studies.</p> <p>An extraordinary Board meeting was held in February where an early analysis of the results of the draft transport strategy consultation were presented. The Board were also asked to agree the process for public attendance at board meetings which was referred back to the Governance Member Sub-Group to make some minor amendments. It was also confirmed that TfSE's request for grant funding had still not been approved, and to date, TfSE are still waiting to hear from the DfT.</p>
<p><b>4. Transport Strategy</b></p> <p>Lucy Dixon-Thompson presented the analysis of the draft transport strategy consultation including; number of responses, respondent type and percentage of questionnaire respondents who supported and strongly supported some of the key elements in the strategy.</p>

Lucy outlined the top themes that emerged from the questionnaire and written responses. These included; support for modal shift to more sustainable transport options; more integration between land use and transport planning; and the desire to see the 2050 net-zero carbon target brought forward.

In addition, Lucy identified the key themes that emerged from constituent authority and LEP responses and separately the themes raised from the Friends of the Earth campaign.

Mark Valleley (TfSE) outlined in more detail the main themes raised, TfSE's response and when appropriate, the suggested amendment. Mark drew particular attention to the theme of '2050 timeline is too late for net-zero carbon' and explained the recommended drafting changes in response.

Some key comments from the forum were:

- **Why the word 'people' has been changed to 'users'.** Mark explained that it was amended to be more encompassing to all areas including freight. However, upon recent reflection, this amendment has been reversed.
- **There is still not enough mention of Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPS) in the strategy.** Mark explained the balance with including mention of the documents and modes of transport, whilst acknowledging that it is within the remit of our constituent authorities to operate in this area. However, Mark is happy to review this if members contact him with a precise location in the strategy document they think should be appropriately amended.
- **The disruption from Coronavirus should be mentioned somewhere in the strategy as it will create long term implications on transport.** Mark confirmed that TfSE recognise the impact this could have and it will be mentioned in the strategy introduction.
- **A request that the strategy interventions should be re-ordered slightly to reflect the importance of social and environmental issues (e.g. show public transport improvements before road improvements).** Mark confirmed that the interventions would not be re-ordered in the strategy. However, the area studies and strategic investment plan will be more detailed and this request will be considered at that time.

## 5. AOB

Geoff confirmed the next Transport Forum meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 30 June 2020, however the venue and format of the meeting are still to be decided.