

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

Date of meeting: **26 September 2022**

By: **Lead Officer, Transport for the South East**

Title of report: **Strategic Investment Plan – Consultation**

Purpose of report: **To update the board on the SIP public consultation.**

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***RECOMMENDATIONS:***

**The members of the Partnership Board are recommended to:**

- (1) Note the approach taken to the public consultation on the SIP and;**
  - (2) note the high level emerging outcomes from the consultation process.**
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**1. Introduction**

1.1 This paper sets out the approach that was taken to the digital-led programme of public consultation on the draft Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) and accompanying draft Integrated Sustainability Appraisal (ISA).

1.2 The SIP forms the final part of the transport strategy, bringing together the outputs from the area studies and thematic studies, to become the blueprint for investment in the south east for the next 30 years.

1.3 The aim of the SIP is to identify the packages of interventions that will be needed to deliver the 2050 vision set out in the transport strategy using a recognised UK Government approach.

1.4 The Board approved the consultation draft of the SIP at their meeting in June 2022 and the public consultation was launched on 20 June 2022.

1.5 The overall approach to the public consultation was hybrid in nature, composed of both physical and digital elements and gathered feedback on the SIP from a wide range of partners, stakeholders and members of the public.

1.6 ECF, an independent specialist community engagement consultancy, was instructed by TfSE to deliver the digital consultation and is now in the process of analysing consultation responses.

1.7 A full Consultation Report and Summary Report will be produced by ECF and will be presented at the next Board meeting in November.

1.8 A wide range of communication and engagement activity was delivered in parallel to the consultation. This is detailed in the communication and engagement update report, agenda item 8.

## **2. Consultation approach**

2.1 The consultation was delivered digitally for a period of 12 weeks from 20 June to 12 September 2022. Feedback was primarily captured in the form of an online survey, accessed via a dedicated online engagement platform. Some email and postal responses were also received as well as a number of templated email responses via a campaign response platform developed by Transport Action Network (TAN).

2.2 The survey recorded responses about demographics, type of stakeholder, geographical area, comments on the SIP chapters and the ISA. It mirrored the structure of the SIP and included a combination of single selection answers (or 'tick all that apply'), response options as well as free-text responses.

2.3 The full presentation of the quantitative and qualitative analysis will be presented to the Board at their meeting in November. This analysis is being undertaken independently by ECF to ensure a fully transparent and objective end-to-end consultation process.

2.4 In addition to a thematic written Report on the SIP, a Plain English summary 'overview' document will be produced. There will be a separate Report on responses to the summary Integrated Sustainability Appraisal.

## **3. Emerging consultation outcomes**

3.1 The consultation ran for a 12 week period from 20 June to 12 September 2022. Given the timescales associated with producing this paper (i.e. prior to the consultation close) a full verbal update on consultation progress will be provided to the Board at the meeting.

## **4 Conclusion and recommendations**

4.1 The Partnership Board are recommended to note the approach taken to the SIP consultation.

4.2 The Partnership Board are recommended to note the high-level emerging outcomes from the consultation, presented by verbal update at this meeting.

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