

**TfSE Transport Forum
10 September 2019
Minutes**

Item
<p>1. Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>Geoff French welcomed the Transport Forum and apologies were noted.</p>
<p>2. Minutes from Previous Meeting</p> <p>The notes from the previous meeting were agreed.</p>
<p>3. Feedback from sub-group on Forum operation</p> <p>Geoff explained the background to the Transport Forum, its terms of reference and its governance. The membership of the Forum sub-group and the outcome of their recent meetings were outlined. The sub-group has reviewed the Forum's function, role, membership, communications, mechanics and processes.</p> <p>The Forum discussed the recommendations from the sub-group and agreed they were sensible. The current membership of the Forum was discussed and attendees were asked to identify if any other sectors should be invited to join the Transport Forum. The TfSE Secretariat will extend invites to the following sectors; environment, youth, utilities and health.</p> <p>The Forum reviewed the current membership list and identified amendments that needed to be made to the list of representatives. The TfSE secretariat will follow this up with sectors not present at the meeting.</p> <p>The attendees were also asked to identify any meetings that currently take place with representatives from their whole sector as these could be used to agenda specific items in place of setting up whole new task and finish groups. All information given at the meeting will be noted and any other information would be gratefully received. The TfSE secretariat will follow this up in due course.</p> <p>The Transport Forum forward plan was reviewed and suggestions for future topics and external speakers were requested. Please make the TfSE secretariat aware of any further suggestions you might have.</p>
<p>4. Feedback on Proposal to Government consultation</p> <p>RF updated the forum on the recent Proposal to Government formal consultation and the feedback received.</p> <p>RF outlined that out of 96 responses received, 91 respondents supported the principle of a sub-national transport body (although there were a number of conditions attached to this support).</p> <p>Some of the key issues raised in the consultation were that TfSE did not include enough references to climate change, environmental protection and social inclusion. In addition, the principle of</p>

subsidiarity, consent, the board voting mechanism / co-opted members and representation on the Board and Transport Forum were raised. Also, there were comments regarding bus powers and rail franchising.

The proposal has now been revised (most notably the removal of bus franchising as a requested power but retaining the powers relating to quality bus partnerships) to reflect these comments. The proposal has also been strengthened to reflect the importance of the environment and to align it with the vision in the draft strategy. The revised proposal will be reviewed by the Shadow Partnership Board at their meeting on 19 September 2019.

The Forum discussed the next steps for the proposal and the options available to the Shadow Partnership Board for submitting the proposal to government. It was agreed that the longer the board delays a submission, the less impact it will have. The Forum therefore recommends that the Shadow Partnership Board submit the proposal as soon as possible.

The Forum agreed they are content with the revised proposal, including the removal of the request for some bus powers.

5. Transport Strategy Update

Mark Valleley explained that although the draft Transport Strategy could not be circulated in advance of this meeting, a copy will be distributed to Transport Forum members on Thursday 12 September and comments would be welcome on anything that might be missing from the strategy.

Mark confirmed the consultation on the draft Transport Strategy will be from Monday 07 October and will close on 10 January 2020. There will be a series of regional events taking place in October that Forum members have been invited to and asked to share with their wider networks. Further information included under AOB.

Steven Bishop outlined the content of the strategy and the approach taken to develop the strategy. This included the scenarios, the preferred scenario and the supporting data. Steven outlined TfSE's revised vision, goals and priorities. In addition, the movement types were explained and how they link with TfSE's principles. Finally, Steven outlined how the Transport Strategy will be delivered.

The Forum were content with the strategy as outlined by Steven.

6. Feedback to the board

It was agreed to feedback the following views of the Transport Forum to the Shadow Partnership Board;

- The recommendations from the Forum sub-group so far are sensible and reflective of the wider Forum views.
- The Forum are content with the revised version of the Proposal to Government, however they felt it was important for the rail franchising power to be requested now, even though it would not be used until a later date, in order to future proof TfSE.
- The Forum recommends that the Shadow Partnership Board submit the proposal to Government as soon as possible.
- The Forum has no concerns with the draft Transport Strategy and they are content with the process that has been used to develop the strategy.

7. AOB

Geoff reminded the Forum that TfSE's launch event is on Thursday 10 October 2019 at Farnborough International Exhibition and Conference Centre.

The regional events are being held on the following dates and times;

- Reading Town Hall, Weds 16th Oct 2019 1.30pm – 4pm
- Woking, WWF Living Centre, Thurs 17th Oct 1.30pm – 4pm
- Canterbury, Christ Church University, Tues 22nd Oct 2019 1.30pm – 4pm
- Brighton, Jury's Inn, Weds 23rd Oct 2019 1.30pm – 4pm
- Southampton, Central Hall, Thurs 24th Oct 1.30pm – 4pm

Followed by a public drop in session;

- Reading Town Hall, Weds 16th Oct 2019 4.30pm – 6pm
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The TfSE secretariat will circulate the links to book your attendance at these events.