

# SCR TRANSPORT EXECUTIVE BOARD

# 14th JULY 2016

## **BROAD STREET WEST, SHEFFIELD**

No.	Item	Action
1	Welcome and Apologies	
	Present:	
	Board Members Cllr John Burrows, CBC - Chair Martin McKervey, Nabarro / LEP Simon Carr, Henry Boot, LEP	
	Apologies were received from Board Members: Cllr Julie Dore, SCC, Diana Terris, BMBC and Neil Taylor, BaDC	
	In Attendance / Advisory Members Cllr George Lindars-Hammond, SCC Simon Green, SCC Peter Dale, DMBC Paul Woodcock, RMBC Matt Gladstone, BMBC Julie Hurley, SCR Executive Team David Allatt, SCR Executive Team Katie Jackson, SCC / SCR Executive Team Jim Seymour, DCC Craig Tyler, Joint Authorities Governance Unit	
2	Minutes of the Previous Meeting  The minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> June were agreed to be an accurate record.	
3	Declarations of Interest	
	No declarations noted.	
4	<u>Urgent Items / Announcements</u>	
	i. <u>Access Fund</u>	

It was noted DfT have released further guidance regarding the fund, for which the SCR (for SY) will bid for the maximum allocation of £7.5m over 3 years.

It was noted that the timescales to complete and submit bids are challenging (6 weeks) and consultancy support will be brought in to assist.

It was noted the Chair will be asked to sign off the bid outside normal meeting cycles.

It was confirmed the bid will be developed in partnership with the LTP Strategic Transport Group and the Cycling and Active Travel Project Group.

#### 5 <u>Transport Strategy Refresh</u>

The Board was reminded that in June; the TEB approved the proposed scope and timescales of a 'light touch' refresh of the SCR Transport Strategy, originally published in 2011.

Members were presented with the 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the refresh and informed this work is being undertaken in partnership with the LTP Strategic Transport Group to ensure and facilitate the capture of district thoughts on what form the refresh should take.

Commenting on the draft, members suggested the strategy:

- Would benefit from some 'TfN-style' conditional, aspirational (mode agnostic) outputs.
- Needs to demonstrate how it aligns with the districts' own transport plans.
- Needs to entwine with and be supportive of the SCRIIP
- Should be split into short, medium and longer term objectives which in respect of the longer term, should extend beyond the current 2026 timeframe and perhaps align with the implementation schedule of HS2.
- Would benefit from an enhanced section on connectivity
- Needs to explain and explicitly allay any concerns regarding the governance overlap with Derbys and Notts CCs.
- Could be more aspirational in some areas, perhaps elevating some of the 20 policy areas to a higher level of importance.
- Should be presented in a manner which meets all parties' expectations.
- Needs to comment on the potential impact of achieving the policies.

	Members were asked to remember this is essentially a refresh rather than a rewrite and this may limit the scope for substantially changing the underlying strategy.	
	Action: ALL to submit any more comment to Dave	ALL
6	Transport for the North	
	A report was presented to provide an update on Transport for the North (TfN) matters.	
	It was noted TfN is seeking to establish itself as a Statutory Body by April 2017. An outline of the high level proposal of TfN was provided at Appendix A to the report.	
	It was noted TfN is in the process of developing an Integrated Northern Transport Strategy and Investment Plan by spring 2018. The strategy will be more in-depth than previous versions, using the conclusions from the Northern Powerhouse Independent Economic Review as the evidence base.	
	It was noted the Northern Powerhouse Independent Economic Review was launched on 30 June and provides a new insight into the economy of the North and its future sectors for growth. The Northern Powerhouse Rail programme has recognised that there will be significant impacts on Sheffield Midland Station and a working group has been set up to determine the future capacity and capability needed to accommodate Northern Powerhouse Rail and other future rail services.	
	It was noted the next Trans-Pennine Tunnel Interim Report is due to be released in mid-July. The release of the Interim Report will outline a number of routes for further detailed investigation and will be coupled with a Stakeholder Reference Group to allow discussion and feedback to be captured. It was noted there is an overlap with the SCR Large Majors bid and confirmed the 2 initiatives will be 'twin tracked' pending any announcement.	
	Action: Julie to circulate the report on publication	JH
	Members were advised that the outline business case for the development the SmartNorth ticketing scheme is currently awaiting ministerial approval but no timeframe has been set out for a decision to be made.	
	It was agreed that DCC and NCC officers should be kept attuned with SmartNorth ticketing developments.	
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		Action: Julie to make arrangements for sharing information	
		RESOLVED, that the contents of the report be noted.	
7	HS2		
		The Board appraised recent comments made by Sir David Higgins regarding revised plans to extend the HS2 Sheffield spur north of Sheffield (to create a loop), noting that HMT have apparently confirmed funding has been earmarked for this extension and would be administered via TfN.	
		<ul> <li>Members noted impending ministerial appointments and also potential revisions to government departments and considered the effects that these changes might have on government policy. To help address any potential uncertainty agreed that a letter should be sent to the new Minister as soon as he/she is in post. It was agreed the letter should: <ul> <li>Be drafted in readiness to be sent as soon as possible once an appointment is made</li> <li>Note the importance of HS2 and other inter and intra rail connectivity to the SCR</li> <li>Request an early meeting with the Minister to present matters in more detail.</li> <li>Be signed by the Chairs of the CA and LEP.</li> <li>Be endorsed by the wider CA and LEP membership</li> </ul> </li></ul>	
		prior to submission.  Action: Julie to draft and circulate to TEB for comment	JH
		Members noted the need to address whether HS2's European Investment Bank funding status will be affected by brexit.	
		It was suggested this matter presents a good example of where the SCR CA / LEP need to be more attuned to TfN activity. Members were informed the next TfN Partnership Board will meet in Sheffield on 20 <sup>th</sup> September (at Nabarro's offices) and it was agreed the opportunity for SCR's leaders to meet with John Cridland and David Brown and talk HS2 should be exploited.	
		Action: Julie / Craig to arrange a meeting for TfN reps and ideally, Sir Steve Houghton, Mayor Ros Jones, Cllr Julie Dore and LEP representatives either before or after the TfN Board meeting	JH / CT
		Members discussed what would be the best way to share briefings and key information to avoid creating any mixed messages on HS2 or misinformation. It was noted an email	

	was circulated recently by Andy Gates which summarised the current status of HS2 plans. It was also noted there is a significant amount of information and maps available on-line.  Action: Julie to share the email with TEB members  RESOLVED, that the Board:  1. Notes its support for the progression of the loop concept  2. Requests assurance be sought from government regarding the continuation of HS2 plans.	JH
8	LEP Visioning Workshop	
	A paper was presented to provide an update on the early outcome of the LEP visioning workshop. It was noted the purpose of the workshop was to scope out and set a framework within which to take forward the SEP refresh and the LEP identified infrastructure as a key strategic theme alongside transport, housing, business growth, skills, rural and city/town centres.  It was noted the LEP also identified Doncaster Sheffield Airport and the Advanced Manufacturing Innovation District (AMID) as important strategic projects  It was suggested the LEP conclusions were generally inkeeping with the content of the SCR Infrastructure Executive Board-approved SCR IIP, which will provide a future mechanism to progress major transport schemes. It was also suggested the SCR IIP will require minor amends to ensure that the key strategic value of the AMID and airport is	
	appropriately reflected as well as to emphasise the need for internal and external connectivity.	
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9	Key Thematic Links – Infrastructure, Transport and Housing	
	A paper was presented providing a first draft of a high level account of the key thematic links across all of SCRs Executive Boards.	
	It was suggested the workstreams of the SCR Executive Boards are inextricably linked, with a number of work streams of key importance to multiple Boards and to clarify lead responsibilities, the SCR has assigned a 'Lead Board' for each thematic area, with the 'Lead Board' responsible for strategic direction and the oversight/ sign off of a range of project based activity.	

Members were also asked to note it has been recognised as essential that other Boards are involved and sighted on some activities of mutual interest.

Members welcomed the suggestion that the Boards cannot work in isolation and the opportunity to look at a wider range of transport-related matters and schemes, but from a more partisan transport perspective.

Members considered whether there would be any merit in combining the 3 SCRIIP Boards but recognised any such move would need to avoid the likelihood of unwieldly agendas.

It was also suggested it would be timely to consider whether 'we' have the right skill sets to realise our ambitions. It was noted such questions will be considered by way of the review of the SCR Executive Team.

Regarding the matrix of key themes, it was suggested that a lines needs adding in respect of buses

Members noted the current propensity for some types of SCRIF schemes to not score highly due to potential deficiencies in the FLUTE scoring methodology.

It was suggested it would be beneficial to send a letter from 'TEB' to the wider CA / LEP Leaders to reiterate the importance of transport underpinning the SCR's regeneration aspirations.

Action: Julie to draft for comment

JH

### 10 York Aviation

Members were reminded of the intention to invite York Aviation to the meeting. York Aviation has been engaged by TfN to undertake aviation related research.

However, members were informed York Aviation's reps were unavailable for today's meeting but would be invited to attend a future meeting. It was agreed it would be appropriate to ensure all TEB members are present before finalising arrangements with York Aviation.

It was also noted that Peel Holdings (the owners of RHADS and other airports) are attending the LEP meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> August to provide members with more information regarding the plans for the airport.

	Members considered whether these 2 means of engagement might be accorded in some respect, such as Peel and York Aviation reps attending a future TEB meeting to discuss	
	matters of mutual interest in respect of RHADS.	
11	Strategic Update	
	Members were presented with the Strategic Transport Update Paper and reminded the tabular format report has been developed to report key transport issues to the TEB efficiently and effectively.	
	Members requested more information on the DfT large majors bids.	
	Action: Dave to circulate	DA
	It was noted the bids will be signed off by the CA / LEP Chairs under delegated authority.	
	It was noted the ask of DfT is for funding to develop full business cases, however, there will also be a local contribution requirement of c.£1m to cover the cost of development appropriate appraisal tools e.g. WebTag component models.	
12.1	Rail North Update	
	Members were infirmed Chris Grayling has just been made Secretary of State for Transport.	
	It was noted that this announcement, and other current matters, will continue to shape the Rail North initiative and its incorporation into TfN.	
12.2	<u>Devolution Update</u>	
	It was noted work continues to shape up the transport related aspects of the Devolution Deal (bus franchising and revisions to highways governance models) that would fall under the auspices of the mayor.	
13.1	Infrastructure Executive Board	
	The minutes of the meeting held on 3 <sup>rd</sup> June were presented for information.	
13.2	Transport Committee	
	The minutes of the meeting held on 4 <sup>th</sup> July were presented for information.	

13.3	HS2 Programme Board	
	Members were advised the Board continues to address matters related to the evolving nature of the initiative.	
14	Items for the Combined Authority – 1st August	
	Cllr Burrows noted he would be advising Members with details of the debate around the importance of avoiding silo working if we are to meet the objectives and aspirations of the SCRIIP.	
15	Date of Next Meeting	
	25 <sup>th</sup> August, 2.00pm at Sheffield Town Hall	