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| Date of Meeting: | 28 January 2021 |
| Subject: | Matters Arising – Update on actions/recommendations |
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Matters Arising

- 1 **Meeting Date:** 29 September 2020
Paper Name: MCA Response to the Bus Review
Lead Officer: Stephen Edwards, Executive Director, South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (SYPTTE)

Action agreed: Stephen Edwards to explore why Councillor Baker had not received a response in relation to the complaints she had raised.

Update: Meeting held as planned on 18 November 2020. Discussion held on how SYPTTE might improve communication with Councillors, more generally. Cllr Baker suggested a good way of doing this would be to engage with Sheffield City Council Local Area Partnership meetings as these were forums already exist. SYPTTE's Director of Customer Services, Tim Taylor, has since attended the South East Local Area Partnership meeting on 17 December 2020 and is exploring how best SYPTTE can be represented at future Local Area Partnership meetings.

- 2 **Meeting Date:** 29 September 2020
Paper Name: MCA Response to Bus Review
Lead Officer: Stephen Edwards, Executive Director, South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (SYPTTE)

Action agreed: Parking in bus lanes; Stephen Edwards agreed to follow-up with the local authorities outside of today's meeting.

Update: The South Yorkshire bus partnerships continue to work collectively to tackle the many issues affecting bus service performance. Blocking of bus lanes is one of the issues in all four districts and the use of mobile enforcement vehicles and static enforcement cameras has made a huge difference since the decriminalisation of bus lane parking. Bus lane regulations are generally the same in all four districts but parking enforcement is carried out as part of the local authority duties for all parking enforcement so there are many priorities for the local authorities although we are grateful for the importance that bus lane contraventions are given by all four districts.

However, this does continue to be a problem and in 2019 SYPTTE, on behalf of the bus partnerships, commissioned a review of the bus lanes in South Yorkshire with issues identified being used to form a number of bus improvement schemes which have now been incorporated into the Transforming Cities programme of work. Measures to improve the enforcement of bus priorities that will form part of this work include the option of "Red

routes” to enhance bus lanes and to further improve bus journey times and the expansion of bus lane hours to 12 and 24hrs. All decisions will lie with each local highway authority and will be subject to their own internal approvals.

In the meantime we continue to work closely with bus operators and local authority partners to tackle issues as they arise across the Region.

SYLTE have included requests for capital funding for 2021/22 as part of the MCA / PTE annual budget allocation process. These requests include funding specifically to assist in delivering the bus lane review findings where these will not be delivered as part of Transforming Cities Fund.

- 3 **Meeting Date:** 29 October 2020
Paper Name: MCA Response to Bus Review
Lead Officer: Christine Marriott

Action agreed: Write a letter of thanks to Cllr Richardson for his contribution to the OSC.

Update: Letter of thanks was sent to Councillor Richardson on 3 November 2020.

- 4 **Meeting Date:** 29 October 2020
Paper Name: MCA Response to Bus Review/Matters Arising
Lead Officer: Mark Lynam

Action agreed: A written response from relevant officer as to the role of the MCA, SYLTE and Traffic Commissioner within the process of implementing the recommendations of the Bus Review be circulated to members of the Committee. Cllr Jones expressed concerns regarding the governance of the process and the Committee’s role within this. It was agreed that this be addressed in the written response requested above.

Update: To date, there has not been a role for the Traffic Commissioner in the Bus Review work. As the response work gets underway to identify what a better bus system looks like for the region, the MCA will be presented with progress reports and their agreement sought for key policy decisions required. SYLTE will be involved in the development of the response to the Review and, as the organisation responsible for transport operations, be responsible for implementing any changes which the MCA agrees.

As the response work moves towards delivery, there may be a role for the Traffic Commissioner. There are some provisions in the Bus Services Act 2017 relating to the development of a Franchising option and as part of establishing an Enhanced Partnership (EP). For example, the Local Transport Authority (LTA) can request that certain service bus registration functions of the Traffic Commissioner are transferred to it as part of implementing an EP. As decisions regarding delivery models are unlikely to arise until the response work is more developed, we do not anticipate there being a role for the Traffic Commissioner in the work we are doing over the course of this year.

- 5 **Meeting Date:** 29 October 2020
Paper Name: Evaluating Outcomes and Value for Money from Active Travel Projects
Lead Officer: Peter Zanzoterra

Action agreed: Peter Zanzoterra to circulate details of the Tranche 2 bid to Committee members

Update: Information circulated to all OSC members via email immediately after the meeting.

- 6 **Meeting Date:** 29 October 2020
Paper Name: Evaluating Outcomes and Value for Money from Active Travel Projects
Lead Officer: Stephen Batey for Mayor Jarvis

Action Agreed: FORMAL RECOMMENDATION MADE that every effort is made to collate baseline data for walking and cycling so that value for money can be ascertained. The deadline for Mayor to respond to the formal recommendation was 11 January 2021.

Update: Letter from Mayor Jarvis in response to formal recommendation received on 12/01/21. The letter states:

“The Active Travel Programme has commissioned Sheffield Hallam University to carry out a Monitoring and Evaluation study and a key part of this work will be to look at all the available sources of data and create a baseline data report for Active Travel. It is expected that report will be available during the course of February. This will of course be shared with the Committee.”

- 7 **Meeting Date:** 29 October 2020
Paper Name: Climate Emergency - Progress to date
Lead Officer: Stephen Batey for Mayor Jarvis

Action Agreed: FORMAL RECOMMENDATION MADE that all future reports contain a Climate Change Impact Assessment which would be carried out when assessing all programmes and projects. The deadline for Mayor to respond to the formal recommendation was 11 January 2021.

Update: Letter from Mayor Jarvis in response to formal recommendation received on 12/01/21:

“The MCA Executive is about to socialise a proposed new board paper template with MCA Members that incorporates a new section requiring Officers preparing papers to ensure Members are made aware of any impact a proposed decision or course of action may have on climate change and the Net Zero ambition. The intention is that completion of this section will be supported by a Climate Change Impact Assessment when and where appropriate. Again, the template will be shared with OSC.”

- 8 **Meeting Date:** 29 October 2020
Paper Name: Climate Emergency - Progress to date
Lead Officer: Stephen Batey for Mayor Jarvis

Action Agreed: Cllr Ennis stressed the importance of public involvement and commented that the public should be actively encouraged to submit ideas to achieve the net zero target, particularly following the statement made by Mayor Jarvis at the January MCA meeting. The MCA needed to be a listening forum as well as a delivery forum.

This recommendation was included in the formal letter of recommendations to Mayor Jarvis. The deadline for Mayor to respond to the formal recommendation was 11 January 2021.

Update: Letter from Mayor Jarvis in response to formal recommendation received on 12/01/21:

“On OSC’s wider point concerning the importance of effective public engagement and consultation in addressing climate change challenges, following a recent internal audit we have committed to reviewing and taking action to strengthen our approach.”

- 9 **Meeting Date:** 29 October 2020
 Paper Name: Recovery Action Plan - update
 Lead Officer: Felix Kumi-Ampofo

Agreed Action: Tier 3 Pandemic funding: The funding situation and the gap between what was available and what was needed. The Committee requested a briefing paper on this.

Update: 17/11/20 Felix Kumi-Ampofo suggested making presentation which could be delivered at next OSC meeting. OSC members present at the agenda setting meeting on 03/12/20 agreed to this suggestion. Item placed on agenda for 28/01/21.

- 10 **Meeting Date:** 29 October 2020
 Paper Name: Recovery Action Plan - update
 Lead Officer: Felix Kumi-Ampofo

Agreed Action: The preparations for Brexit; it was noted that at the Audit Committee earlier that day it had been agreed to prepare a briefing paper on Brexit preparations, this would be shared with the O&S Committee.

Update: Briefing paper and presentation was circulated to OSC members on 13 January 2021.