



CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY
TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE: MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, 3 April 2019

Time: 09:30am – 10:03am

Present: James Palmer (Mayor and Chairman), Councillors Ian Bates, Peter Hiller and Chris Seaton.

Apologies: Councillor Lewis Herbert

16. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Apologies were received from Councillor Herbert. The Mayor explained that Councillor Herbert had sent written comments on the reports which he would read out at the relevant sections of the meeting. No declarations of interest were received.

17. MINUTES – 6 FEBRUARY 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. The action log was noted.

18. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received.

19. AGENDA PLAN

The agenda plan was noted.

20. M11 STRATEGIC OUTLINE CASE - UPDATE

The Committee received a report providing an update on the work undertaken for the M11 Extension Project, the results of that work and the recommended next steps.

In presenting the report, Officers explained that in June 2017, the Combined Authority had approved the commissioning of an A47 extension to M11 Feasibility Study in order to understand the feasibility, viability, benefits and impacts of connecting the M11 in the Cambridgeshire area to the A47 in the Guyhirn/Wisbech area. Work on the study had been completed and three different routes had been proposed as options for further investigation.

In discussing the report Members;

- Queried the estimated figures for the different scheme options outlined in the report. Officers clarified that the figures were based on early phase work, and that they had a potential to fluctuate between minus 20% to plus 40% on the current figures.

Land that may need to be acquired had not yet been identified and this would need to be factored into the figures.

- Questioned whether the dualling of the A47 would be linked into the project as the A47 was a priority. Officers acknowledged that this would be considered. The Mayor explained that Councillor Herbert had commented that the prime focus should be on the A47 and A10. The Mayor reiterated the importance of opening up the Fens. He noted that the benefit cost ratios for the scheme had been better than expected. He explained that there had been movements in Westminster on the potential of extending the M11 to the Humber Bridge. The M11 North would be a key project for the future of the area. Members requested that the Mayor write to Highways England about the M11 Strategic Outline Case, attaching the report, to seek their long term views. Members requested that MPs, Members of the Committee and Members of the Combined Authority Board be copied into the correspondence **ACTION**.

It was resolved unanimously to:

- (a) note the findings of the M11 Extension Strategic Outline Business Case; and
- (b) agree to revisit the M11 Extension project once the outcome of the A47 and A10 funding bids are known.

21. BUS REFORM TASK FORCE ENGAGEMENT PLAN

The Committee received a report seeking confirmation of the stakeholder engagement plan for the Bus Reform Task Force and noting its terms of reference.

In discussing the report Members;

- Supported the planned approach for the Task Force and reiterated that the Task Force needed to look at the strategy and opportunities for improving the bus services.
- Queried the timelines set out in the report around the tendering and procurement process. Members highlighted that it was crucial to hit the target of having the procurement completed on time and that procurement process could be slow from past experience. Officers acknowledged Members concerns and clarified that the next round of subsidies had a greater link to the Combined Authorities Key Priorities.
- Discussed the need for real time apps to be improved as they were vital to ensure that passengers received the most up to date information. Commercial Operators needed to play a key role in these improvements going forwards.

The Mayor explained that Councillor Herbert had commented that it was vital that the Combined Authorities four leading organisation input on the Taskforce, including the need to integrate with wider discussions with Stagecoach by the four parties. This would include the assessment by the Greater Cambridge Partnership of funding options

for a major uplift in revenue funding of bus services and later the Cambridgeshire Autonomous Metro (CAM) through charging options. The Mayor explained that he would Chair the Task Force. He explained that there had been improvements with partnership working and partnerships would be enhanced further through the work of the task force. He reiterated that there was a need to influence the way buses were run particularly to get people to work and that this was a real issue in rural communities. He concluded that congestion was also a real issue for bus services and that this would be factored in to the review.

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) agree on the stakeholder engagement plan;
- b) note the Terms of Reference for the Bus Reform Task Force internal governance.

22. PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Committee received a report that contained the Transport Performance Dashboard for January 2019.

In discussing the report the Mayor explained that Councillor Herbert had requested that the report on the Cambridgeshire Corridor Study on rail was brought forward for discussion at the Committee, including the potential to fund additional stations and major station upgrades in Southern Cambridgeshire and West Suffolk. The discussion would also include addressing the under capacity at Cambridge Station, building on the success of Cambridge North and progress on Cambridge South Stations. There was also a need to look at the funding available other than through the Combined Authority including developer contributions and initiatives by Network Rail, Greater Cambridge Partnership and others. The Director of Transport explained that there had been a rail capacity study undertaken by Network Rail. The Committee requested that Officers made the report available to the Committee and that it was discussed further at the next Committee meeting. **ACTION**

The Mayor reiterated that the capacity of rail within Cambridgeshire and Peterborough needed to be reviewed and that he had been pressing this point with the Department for Transport (DFT) and Network Rail.

It was resolved unanimously to:

- (a) note the current activity within the Transport Team and be aware of status and progress to date.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Mayor explained that the date of the next meeting would need to be reviewed due to holidays and that an email would be sent to the Committee to determine a suitable date **ACTION**.

Chairman