



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY**  
**TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE: MINUTES**

**Date:** Wednesday, 6 February 2019

**Time:** 09.30am – 10.20am

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

**7. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Apologies were received from Councillor Lewis Herbert.

**8. MINUTES – 10 OCTOBER 2018**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2018 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. The action log was noted.

**9. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None received.

**10. AGENDA PLAN**

The agenda plan was noted.

**11. A10 UPDATE**

The Committee received a report on the progress of the A10 Corridor project and the next steps for the project. It provided further clarity following the publication of guidance on the Major Roads network (MNR) in late December 2018, and how this would inform the further work on the programme of works, particularly the A10 Dualling project. The report also provided updates on the Lancaster Way/A142 Witchford Road roundabouts.

In discussing the report Members;

- Queried whether there would be an opportunity to look at the route from Chatteris to Ely. The Mayor clarified that this had not been looked at but could be considered as an option in the future. Currently the Business Case did not show beyond Ely. The Mayor explained that the M11 North had been talked about in Government and that the Combined Authority would monitor the discussions on this. If that route came forward this would then take the pressure off the A142.
- Noted that Cambridgeshire County Council would have data on the route from Chatteris to Ely in relation to volumes on congestion.
- Raised concerns in relation to the timings of the project going forward particularly in relation to how the two developers would work together. The Interim Transport

Director clarified that there had been a piece of work last summer on how all of the work on the A10 corridor would come forward. South Cambridgeshire District Council had been set to determine planning permission in September 2018 but this had been delayed. The Mayor explained that there was a requirement for the Developers to come together and a request was in on this. This work was due to start from June 2020 and this would need to be factored into the timescales. The Mayor also updated the Committee on the proposal for the train operator to provide eight train carriages between Kings Lynn and Cambridge.

- Highlighted that there was a lot of empty accommodation that could be utilised including Ministry of Defence property. The Mayor acknowledged that it was frustrating that these properties were sitting empty and that there had been discussions on how they should be utilised, which he would follow up on.
- Queried what was planned for the Lancaster Way scheme. Officers explained that a feasibility study had been undertaken and a design for the scheme had been developed. Grovemere Property Ltd, who developed Lancaster Way, had applied for, and secured funding from the Combined Authority through the Growth Fund in order to deliver the requirements from the Section 106. Completion of the A142/A10 roundabout without delivering improvements to the Lancaster Way roundabout would only provide a short term improvement to the congestion in the area. The Combined Authority was working with partners to evaluate whether other sources of funding would be available to implement an intervention on the Lancaster Way roundabout.
- Noted that a report would be brought forward to the Combined Authority Board to propose that the Combined Authority move to the next step, a Strategic Outline Business case, specifically for the A10 Dualling project, in March 2019.

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) note the update on the A10 Corridor and its programme of works, including the guidance on the Major Roads Network.
- b) note that a further report will be brought forward to the Combined Authority Board to request approvals for the next steps in the A10 Dualling project in March 2019.

## **12. SOHAM STATION UPDATE**

The Committee received a report setting out a status update on the Soham Station project. The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority assumed responsibility for the Soham Station project in June 2018, with the intention to accelerate delivery of the project. The report highlighted that the project was on track and negotiations with Network Rail in relation to the delivery of the scheme had resulted in a scheme that would cost less but deliver the same outcomes. A public information event had been scheduled at the end of February.

In discussing the report Members:

- Queried whether there would be any franchising issues that could potentially impact on the timescales of the project. The Mayor confirmed that the franchising discussions had been running concurrently with the technical process and no issues had been envisaged. The aim was for the project to be completed by 2023. Since the GRIP process had been linked this had taken significant time off the project. The Mayor explained that he had met the Rail Minister recently, who had been supportive of the project. In his discussions with the Minister he had given an update on the lack of carriages on the train between Kings Lynn and Cambridge and more efficient use of the Fenland Station and the need for it to be a commuter line. Ely North Junction and the Cambridge South Station project had also been discussed. The Mayor also updated the Committee on his meeting with Network Rail East where Alconbury Station had been discussed and that it was essential for the success of the enterprise zone. He had also discussed the need for the Stansted trains to stop at Cambridge North Station.
- The issues of trains heading north was discussed regarding the increase from two to four tracks which would make trains faster going to Edinburgh. It was understood that this scheme was not currently proceeding.

It was resolved unanimously to:

note the current status of the Soham Rail station project.

### **13. PROJECT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM UPDATE**

The Committee received a report that detailed the background on funding routes and project assurance frameworks for the Transport and Infrastructure Schemes, and the implications of these for the Combined Authority.

In discussing the report Members:

- Complemented the team on clearly setting out the Transport Delivery Process.
- Requested assurance that Local Transport Plans were included in the process.

It was resolved unanimously to:

note the Transport Delivery Process and the funding implications outlined within the report.

### **14. PERFORMANCE REPORT – NOVEMBER 2018**

The Committee received a report that contained the Transport Performance Dashboard that had been produced in line with the Combined Authority's strategic policy.

In discussing the report Members:

- Welcomed the clarity of the dashboard giving both the Committee and general public a clear and transparent view of performance in relation to the transport projects.

It was resolved unanimously to:

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

## **15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was resolved unanimously to:

note the date of the next meeting Wednesday 3 April 2019 – Incubator 2, Alconbury Weald Enterprise Campus, Huntingdon.

**Chairman**