

LEP - Transport for Lancashire Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 2nd December, 2015 at 2.00 pm at the Cabinet Room 'B' - The Diamond Jubilee Room, County Hall, Preston

Present

County Councillor Jennifer Mein (Chair)

Graham Cowley
Councillor Fred Jackson

Councillor Phil Riley

Observers

Richard Perry, Department for Transport Mike Sinnott, Highways England

In Attendance

Joanne Ainsworth, Specialist Advisor Finance, Lancashire County Council
Alan Cavill, Director of Place, Blackpool Council
Dave Colbert, Specialist Advisor Transportation, Lancashire County Council
Tom Flanagan, Executive Director for Place, Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council
Martin Galloway, Head of Network Management, Lancashire County Council
Andy Milroy, Company Services Officer, Lancashire County Council
Kathryn Molloy, Head of Service LEP Coordination, Lancashire County Council

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair, County Councillor Jennifer Mein, Lancashire County Council, welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Mike Damms (Committee Member), Bruce Parker and Tom Carberry (both Observers).

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 01 October 2015

Resolved: The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 1st October 2015 were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. **Declarations of Interest**

None

5. **Burnley-Pendle Growth Corridor Funding Approval Application**

Gary Rowland from Atkins presented a report (circulated) regarding the Strategic Outline Business Case for the Burnley-Pendle Growth Corridor Improvement Scheme.

It was reported that the total cost envelope for the scheme was £11.57m comprising an £8m contribution from the Local Growth Fund through the Lancashire Growth Deal and a £3.57m local contribution raised by Lancashire County Council and Hyndburn, Burnley and Pendle Borough Councils. The local contribution amounted to 31% of the total cost.

Having undertaken an independent assessment of the Strategic Outline Business Case on behalf of the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership (LEP), Atkins were satisfied that the project had been developed to the expected standard in most areas and recommended that funding approval be granted. The project was predicted to deliver very high value for money with a benefit to cost ratio of 6.8 (against the LEP minimum criteria of 2.0) and has the potential to generate £12.5m in wider economic benefits.

It was confirmed that the Strategic Outline Business Case had been published on the LEP website for comment for a minimum of six weeks prior to this committee with one response received which was broadly supportive.

Resolved: The Transport for Lancashire Committee considered the Strategic Outline Business Case and endorsed the recommendation contained therein that funding approval be granted, and that it be recommended for formal approval by the LEP Board at its meeting to be held on 15th December 2015.

6. **Transport for the North Update**

Dave Colbert, Specialist Advisor Transportation, Lancashire County Council presented a report (circulated) which updated the Committee on Transport for the North and relevant announcements from the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Spending Review and Autumn Statement 2015.

It was noted that since the last Transport for Lancashire Committee meeting held on 1st October 2015, the Government had introduced legislation that will enable the establishment of Transport for the North as a statutory body from April 2017. A Chief Executive is now in post. The Spending Review announced that a further £20m of funding will be provided during this Parliament to support TfN's running costs making a total funding commitment of £50m.

Further updates were provided, as set out in the report, on High Speed Rail, The

Transport Development Fund, Northern Powerhouse and confirmation of indicative Local Growth Fund allocations to be made to Lancashire schemes.

Resolved: The Transport for Lancashire Committee noted the updates contained within the report.

7. Any Other Business

None

8. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Transport for Lancashire Committee was scheduled to be held on 20th January 2016, however it was noted that this meeting would likely not be required and that the next meeting would be held on 31st March 2016, 2pm, Cabinet Room 'B', County Hall, Preston.