

Transport for Lancashire Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 13 April, 2015, at 2.00pm at the Former County Mess – The John of Gaunt Room, County Hall, Preston.

Present

County Councillor Jennifer Mein (Chair)

Councillor Maureen Bateson

Councillor John Jones

Graham Cowley

Observers

Richard Perry (Department for Transport)

Mike Sinnott (Highways Agency)

In Attendance

Brian Bailey

Alan Cavill

Sharon Montgomerie

Dave Colbert

Mike Kirby

Simeon Butterworth (Jacobs)

Peter Hibbert (Jacobs)

Craig Higgins (Jacobs)

Nasar Malik (Atkins)

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair, County Councillor Jennifer Mein welcomed all to the meeting, in particular guest presenters from Jacobs and Atkins.

Apologies for absence were received from Tom Carberry from Network Rail.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2015

Resolved: That the minutes of the last meeting held on 3 February 2015 be approved and signed by the Chair.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Declarations of Interest

It was noted that Councillors Mein and Bateson and Graham Cowley declared an interest in the presentations being made by Atkins and Jacobs on account of their membership of the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership (LEP).

5. Blackburn to Manchester Rail Corridor Improvement Scheme Full Approval Application (pages 5-8)

A presentation was made by officers from Jacobs, with copies of the consultants' report on the scheme being made available with the full agenda prior to the meeting. It was noted that the scheme would deliver high value for money and meets the LEP's accountability framework. It was also noted that the Environmental Impact Assessment had yet to be conducted.

To ensure the benefits of the scheme are maximised, it is critical that Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council (BwDBC), Lancashire County Council (LCC) and the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership (LEP) should continue to lobby for the scheme to be delivered at the earliest opportunity and before 2017.

Any overspends on the scheme would be met by BwDBC. The letter from the s151 officer would be updated to reflect this.

Resolved:

The Committee endorsed Jacobs' recommendation that the Blackburn to Manchester Rail Corridor Improvement Scheme should be granted Full Approval status, thus enabling the scheme to draw down Growth Deal funds and proceed to implementation.

6. Blackpool Bridges Major Maintenance Scheme Funding Approval Application (Pages 9-18)

A presentation was made by officers from Jacobs, with copies of the consultants' report on the scheme being made available with the full agenda prior to the meeting.

Resolved:

The Committee endorsed Jacobs' recommendation that the Blackpool Bridges Maintenance Scheme should be granted Full Approval, subject to the conditions listed in the report.

The Chair thanked the officers from Jacobs for their reports and presentations to the Committee.

7. Centenary Way Viaduct Burnley Major Maintenance Scheme

This review represents Atkins' independent scrutiny of the SOBC for the A682 Centenary Way Viaduct Refurbishment scheme. The scheme, which is being promoted by Lancashire County Council, is seeking Full Approval from the LEP and funding via the Local Growth Deal.

The submission demonstrates that the project has been developed to the expected standard in most areas. Revisions to the business case submitted for review on 9th March 2015 were requested by Atkins. The updated SOBC submitted for review on 26th March 2015 has substantially met these requirements.

Resolved:

The Committee endorsed Atkins' recommendation that Full Approval for the scheme be granted.

8. East Lancashire Strategic Cycle Network Scheme Funding Approval Application (Pages 39 - 58)

A presentation was made by an officer from Atkins, with copies of the report on the scheme being made available with the full agenda prior to the meeting.

This review represents Atkins' independent scrutiny of the Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) for the East Lancashire Strategic Cycleway Network scheme. The scheme, which is being promoted by Lancashire County Council, is seeking Full Approval from the Lancashire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and funding via the Local Growth Deal.

The submission demonstrates that the project has been developed to the expected standard in most areas, and overall it Atkins recommendation that it is given full approval subject to meeting criteria set out in section 2.7 of the report. However Members concluded that there was insufficient information contained in the report for them to support that recommendation at this stage, and requested a revised submission be brought to the next meeting.

Resolved:

1. The Committee requested that a revised submission be brought to the next TfL meeting.
2. The Chair thanked Mr Malik for his reports and presentations to the Committee

9. Lancashire Strategic Transport Prospectus & Transport for the North Update (Pages 59 - 60)

Dave Colbert provided an update regarding the prospectus. It was suggested that when ready, the document should be launched formally.

Resolved:

The Committee noted the update.

10. Any Other Business

None.

11. Date of Next Meeting

To note that the next meeting will be held on Friday 5th June 2015 at 10.00am in the Former County Mess - The John of Gaunt Room, County Hall, Preston.