

LEP - Transport for Lancashire Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 11th January, 2017 at 10.00 am 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

Dave Colbert, Specialist Advisor, Transportation, Lancashire County Council
Mike Kirby, Director, Corporate Commissioning, Lancashire County Council
Jeremy Walker, Transport Policy Manager, Blackpool Council
Cath Rawcliffe, Democratic Services Officer, Lancashire County Council

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair, County Councillor Jennifer Mein, Lancashire County Council, welcomed all to the meeting.

Officer apologies were noted from Bruce Parker and Alan Cavill.

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 2 November 2016

Resolved: The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 2 November 2016 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters Arising

None.

**5. Central Trans-Pennine Corridor
East - West Connectivity: An Economic Study**

Stephen Miles and Martin Revill of Cushman & Wakefield/Systra, gave a presentation on the potential benefits of improving east-west connectivity along the Trans-Pennine corridor between Lancashire and North and West Yorkshire.

The economic study focused on east-west Trans-Pennine transport links and the nature of the wider economic benefits that could arise if transport connectivity and capacity in this 'central' Trans-Pennine corridor were to be significantly enhanced. The study showed that both road and rail would have a critical role to play in supporting economic growth trajectories and ambitions.

The Committee noted that besides reduced centre to centre travel times by both rail and road, wider benefits would include increased agglomeration potential, enhanced productivity and the ability to attract new growth sectors, improved access to labour markets and job creation, and hence GVA uplift.

The Committee also noted the potential impacts on the relevant Strategic Economic Plans and Growth Deals within the corridor together with the impact on other major growth initiatives of relevance such as the Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal and Local Plans.

The Committee was informed that there was a clear quantitative and qualitative economic case for enhanced East-West connectivity. This would create a corridor of opportunity, a major economic driver of the wider Northern and UK economies, and has the strategic potential to shape Transport for North's investment priorities.

The presenters responded to a number of questions raised by the Committee in relation to the area covered by the study, the wider economic impacts model and the modelled scenarios as illustrated in the presentation.

Members thanked Stephen and Martin for their presentation and noted that the results of the economic study would also be presented to the LEP Board at its meeting on the 31 January 2017.

Resolved: That the presentation be noted.

6. Any Other Business

None.

7. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Monday 13 March 2017 at 10am in Cabinet Room 'B' - The Diamond Jubilee Room, County Hall, Preston

8. Key Route Network for Lancashire

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It was agreed to consider the Key Route Network Report for Lancashire as the first substantive item on the agenda.

The Specialist Advisor, Transportation presented a report on a draft Key Route Network.

Resolved: That the draft Key Route Network for Lancashire as set out in Appendix 'A' to the report and shown on the six accompanying plans (Annex 1 to 6) be approved as the basis for engagement with a range of interested parties including Transport for the North, the shadow Lancashire Combined Authority, Highways England, neighbouring Combined Authority and Local Authority areas and the twelve district councils within Lancashire.