

MINUTES OF THE JOINT TRANSPORT MEETING

Thursday 20 June 2013

The Institute of Materials, Minerals & Mining,
1 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5DB

1. **Welcome, Apologies, Declarations of Substitutes and Declarations of Interest**
 - 1.1 See attendance list in Annex A.

2. **Strategic Transport Priorities: Stephen Hammond MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Transport**
 - 2.1 Cllr David Burbage welcomed the Minister. Cllr Burbage emphasised the important role that good transport has played in the South East's track record of delivering both economic growth and large net contributions to the Exchequer. Significant investment is now needed in strategic South East transport schemes that would support national economic recovery. Cllr Burbage also highlighted how extending City Deal-type opportunities to all South East local authorities, including influence over transport budgets, would support local commitment to growth.
 - 2.2 The Minister reiterated the Government's key priorities of growth, creating jobs and increasing productivity. The Minister said the Government recognised the role that transport has to play in achieving these. Extra money has been targeted at transport improvements to support economic growth.
 - 2.3 The Minister acknowledged the importance of improving the transport network in the South East. Investment has been made in the network over recent years, examples include:
 - Station improvements worth £200m;
 - New electric rail spine for passengers and freight from Southampton to Midlands;
 - Two sections of the M25 addressed through the Managed Motorways Programme, which eases congestion by varying speed limits and using the hard shoulder as an extra lane;
 - Multi-million pound improvements to the road networks in West Sussex, Surrey, Kent and Thames Valley;
 - £29m via the Highways Agency's national pinch point programme.
 - 2.4 The Minister stated transport will be a major component of the Single Local Growth Fund and encouraged local authorities and LEPs to work together to develop long-term strategies for their areas.
 - 2.5 The Minister accepted City Deals were rolled out on a small scale to begin with but the number of deals has now increased to include five prospective deals in the South East. The Minister acknowledged South East local authorities' view that access to City Deals should be more flexible and will provide feedback to colleagues.
 - 2.6 The Government continues to work closely with Councillors on the devolution agenda. New Local Transport Bodies (NTBs) are a key part of this process and local authorities will play a very important role in their efficient running. NTBs present an opportunity for authorities to prioritise transport schemes in their area but the schemes must provide value for money.
 - 2.7 The Highways Agency will be working with local authorities to assess priorities on the strategic road network. Route based strategies will be used to identify

performance issues, capacity issues, future challenges and how economic growth / housing can be unlocked. A prioritised list of schemes for the 2016-20 period should be available in March 2015.

- 2.8 Trevor Pugh, Surrey CC, representing the South East Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning & Transport (SEDEEPT), outlined member concerns about a funding 'gap in the market' for strategic South East transport schemes with national significance. Trevor presented maps showing transport corridors and gateways in the South East that need improving. The maps are part of work by SEDEEPT, SEEC and SESL to identify where better strategic transport infrastructure will support UK-wide economic growth. South East improvements are important to the national economy because the area acts as a global trade gateway for the rest of the UK.
- 2.9 In discussion, members welcomed the Minister's view on the importance of transport as part of the economic solution. Questions covered how best to make the case for specific strategic transport schemes, how to maximise private sector investment in transport infrastructure and how to fund schemes that fall between existing funding mechanisms. In response, the Minister urged members to write to him about strategic schemes, indicated the Government was open to private investment in infrastructure projects and urged local partners to come together to fund transport schemes that fell into the funding gap. The Minister also emphasised the important role that ports play in the economy. Members discussed the responsibility of big business to factor sustainable transport into their decisions and the potential for reviewing LEP boundaries to improve delivery.

ACTION 1: Members to write to the Minister individually to make the case for strategic transport schemes.

ACTION 2: SEEC and SESL to send ministers final report on major schemes with national significance when completed in autumn 2013.

3. Future Airport Capacity – the South East dimension: Philip Graham, Head of Secretariat, Airports Commission

- 3.1 Cllr Gordon Keymer CBE welcomed Philip Graham. Cllr Keymer underlined the importance of airports to the South East in generating economic benefits through jobs, supply chain, exports and attracting businesses to locate in the area.
- 3.2 Philip explained the Airports Commission role is to assess what, if any, additional airport capacity the UK needs. If the Commission concludes the UK does need additional capacity, it will assess how much is needed, what form it will take and how quickly it should be realised. It will also look at how to make the best use of existing capacity.
- 3.3 Philip said the Commission is due to produce two outputs. An interim report by the end of 2013 will assess the need for additional capacity, short-term options for making best use of existing capacity and a short-list of options if more capacity is deemed necessary. A final report in summer 2015 will set out recommendations on the best option for meeting any future capacity needs.
- 3.4 The Commission has so far published five discussion papers on [aviation demand forecasting](#); [aviation connectivity and the economy](#); [aviation and climate change](#); [airport operational models](#); and [aviation noise](#). The Commission will hold public evidence sessions in July on the first four topics. Further public evidence sessions will take place after the interim report is published to discuss potential locations of any additional capacity.

- 3.5 [Sifting criteria](#) for assessing the merits of long-term options for any additional capacity were published in May 2013. Local authorities provided some helpful consultation responses, leading to changes.
- 3.6 A summary of options submitted to the Commission by consultees for making the best use of [existing airport capacity](#) and proposals for [additional capacity](#) will be published in the summer. Individuals and organisations will have an opportunity to submit views before the Commission publishes shortlisted options in its interim report. Local authorities and others will also be able to comment on the Commission's interim report.
- 3.7 Neil Gibson, from Buckinghamshire CC and representing SEDEEPT, outlined the difficult choices for the South East in reaching a view on possible future airport growth. Local authorities will need to strike a balance between environmental and economic considerations as well as the relative importance of local and national interests.
- 3.8 In discussion, members asked how the difficulty of forecasting future aviation demand is being managed; whether slow decision-making and air passenger duty places the UK at risk of falling behind competitors; and whether transferring passengers between airports was a viable alternative to a single hub airport. Philip said the Commission would weigh forecast demand against other factors and a variety of scenarios. Discussions were ongoing about the viability of options other than a single hub. The Commission's final recommendations will focus on the affordability and deliverability of options.

ACTION 3: Members to consider holding a further discussion on key aspects of the aviation debate at a future meeting to inform possible SEEC and SESL input to the Commission.

4. Confirmed forward meeting dates:

- 11 July 2013 – SEEC and SESL AGMs
- 23 September 2013 – SEEC Executive meeting
- 27 September 2013 – SESL strategic workshop

5. Any other business

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.50pm.

Signed:

Cllr Gordon Keymer CBE, SEEC Chairman

Date: 23 September 2013

Signed:

Cllr David Burbage, SESL Chairman

Date: 27 September 2013

Name	Organisation	Signature / Apologies / Substitute
Gillian Brown	Arun District Council	Apologies
Gerry Clarkson	Ashford Borough Council	Apologies
Carole Paternoster	Aylesbury Vale District Council	Yes
Clive Sanders	Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council	Sub - John Izett
Paul Bettison	Bracknell Forest Borough Council	Sub - Marc Brunel-Walker
Mary Ballin	Bracknell Forest Borough Council	Yes
Martin Tett	Buckinghamshire County Council	Apologies
John Gilbey	Canterbury City Council	Sub - Peter Vickery-Jones
James Jamieson	Central Bedfordshire Council	Yes
Barry Wood	Cherwell District Council	Apologies
Myles Cullen	Chichester District Council	Apologies
Nick Rose	Chiltern District Council	Apologies
Bob Lanzer	Crawley Borough Council	Apologies
Jeremy Kite	Dartford Borough Council	Apologies
Paul Watkins	Dover District Council	Yes
Glynis Watts	East Hampshire District Council	Apologies
Keith Glazier	East Sussex County Council	Sub - Rupert Simmons
Gill Mattock	Eastbourne Borough Council	Apologies
Keith House	Eastleigh Borough Council	Apologies
John O'Reilly	Elmbridge Borough Council	Apologies
Neil Dallen	Epsom & Ewell Borough Council	Sub - Ian Booker
Michael Arthur	Epsom & Ewell Borough Council	Yes
John Burden	Gravesham Borough Council	Apologies
Stephen Mansbridge	Guildford Borough Council	Sub - Jenny Wicks
Roy Perry	Hampshire County Council	Apologies
Ken Crookes	Hart District Council	Apologies
Jeremy Birch	Hastings Borough Council	Apologies
Tony Briggs	Havant Borough Council	Apologies
Ray Dawe	Horsham District Council	Sub - David Holmes
Ian Stephens	Isle of Wight Council	Yes
Paul Carter	Kent County Council	Yes
Elayne Merry	Lewes District Council	Apologies
Garry Wall	Mid Sussex District Council	Apologies
Andrew Geary	Milton Keynes Council	Apologies
Chris Townsend	Mole Valley District Council	Apologies
Barry Rickman	New Forest District Council	Apologies
Ed Turner	Oxford City Council	Sub - Van Coulter
Ian Hudspeth	Oxfordshire County Council	Sub - Rodney Rose

Tony Page	Reading Borough Council	Apologies
Graham Knight	Reigate & Banstead Borough Council	Apologies
Carl Maynard	Rother District Council	Apologies
David Burbage	RB of Windsor & Maidenhead	Yes
Geoffrey Woodger	Runnymede Borough Council	Apologies
Roland Dibbs	Rushmoor Borough Council	Yes
Peter Fleming	Sevenoaks District Council	Apologies
Robert Bliss	Shepway District Council	Apologies
Rob Anderson	Slough Borough Council	Sub - Sohail Munawar
Adrian Busby	South Bucks District Council	Apologies
Ann Ducker	South Oxfordshire District Council	Apologies
Robert Watts	Spelthorne Borough Council	Apologies
David Hodge	Surrey County Council	Yes
Moira Gibson	Surrey Heath Borough Council	Sub - Keith Bush
Andrew Bowles	Swale Borough Council	Yes
Gordon Keymer, CBE	Tandridge District Council	Yes
Ian Carr	Test Valley Borough Council	Apologies
Clive Hart	Thanet District Council	Apologies
Nicolas Heslop	Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council	Apologies
David Jukes	Tunbridge Wells Borough Council	Sub - Alan McDermott
Robert Knowles	Waverley Borough Council	Yes
Bob Standley	Wealden District Council	Apologies
Gordon Lundie	West Berkshire Council	Sub - Garth Simpson
Barry Norton	West Oxfordshire District Council	Apologies
Louise Goldsmith	West Sussex County Council	Yes
Jane Scott	Wiltshire Council	Apologies
Keith Wood	Winchester City Council	Apologies
John Kingsbury	Woking Borough Council	Apologies
David Lee	Wokingham Borough Council	Yes
Arif Hussain	Wycombe District Council	Apologies

Speakers

Stephen Hammond MP	DfT	
Philip Graham	Airports Commission	

Other Attendees

Lee Sambrook	DfT	
Catriona Cardiff	DfT	
Susanne Isaacs	DfT	
David Elvy	Airports Commission	

Chris Williams	Buckinghamshire County Council	
Neil Gibson	Buckinghamshire County Council	
Susie Kemp	Surrey County Council	
Trevor Pugh	Surrey County Council	
Heather Bolton	SEEC	
Nick Woolfenden	SEEC	
Ian Ludgate	SEEC & SESL	
Philippa Mellish	SESL	