

Title of meeting: Traffic & Transportation Cabinet Member Decision Meeting

Date of meeting: 25th February 2021

Subject: Revisions to Solent Transport's Constitution

Report by: Tristan Samuels - Director of Regeneration

Wards affected: All wards

Key decision: No

Full Council decision: No

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is endorse the revisions to the Solent Transport Constitution as set out below and in the appended agreement (Appendix B).

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation:

- 2.1 **Endorses the changes to the Solent Transport constitution as set out in this report.**

3. Background

- 3.1 Solent Transport is a partnership led by the four highway authorities in the Solent sub region: Portsmouth City Council, Hampshire County Council, Southampton City Council, and Isle of Wight Council. By working collectively, Solent Transport provides a more powerful and effective strategic force for improving transport in the Solent sub region.
- 3.2 The organisation also plays a key role in attracting funding and initiatives to the Solent and its constituent transport authorities. It has played its part in obtaining more than £183m to the region since 2017. In 2020 Solent Transport won £29m to deliver the Future Transport Zone, this includes: E-Scooter, drone trials, electric and conventional bike share, ticketing initiatives such as MaaS (Mobility as a Service) and upgrades to Solent Go, as well as micro and macro freight consolidation. Many of these schemes will be delivered in the Portsmouth area and in partnership with Portsmouth City Council.

- 3.2 When the Solent Transport partnership was formed in 2007 (previously known as Transport for South Hampshire, TfSH), all parties entered into an agreement regarding the governance arrangements.
- 3.3 Minor updates were put forward to Solent Transport Joint Committee (see appendix B) to update the Solent Transport constitution to ensure that the document is in line with present arrangements and organisational names are correct. The revised Constitution is required to be considered by each Council individually and signed by all constituent authorities. It is important to ensure that this documentation is up-to-date to allow efficient and properly documented administration and governance of Solent Transport, as well as the transfer of any allocated funding associated with these schemes to Local Transport Authorities.
- 3.4 The proposed changes to the Solent Transport constitution are predominantly good housekeeping and an update of the original agreement and are as follows:
- 3.4.1 That the Constitution of Solent Transport is revised to permit any properly appointed substitute members to attend meetings on behalf of constituent authorities rather than as currently restricted.
- 3.4.2 Updates to the Membership criteria of the Terms of Reference, as set out in appendix A.
- 3.4.3 That the meetings cycle be revised to two formal and two member briefings each year. For clarity, no decisions will be made at those meetings, they are informal briefings. Should additional formal meetings be required to consider additional business then they will be arranged and advertised in the usual manner.
- 4. Reasons for recommendations**
- 4.1 Minor updates were put forward to Solent Transport Joint Committee (see appendix B) to update the Solent Transport constitution to ensure that the document is in line with present arrangements and organisational names are correct.
- 4.2 The revised Constitution is required to be considered by each Council individually and signed by all constituent authorities.
- 5. Integrated Impact Assessment**
- 5.1 An Equality Impact Assessment is not required for a minor change to the Solent Transport constitution.

6. Legal implications

- 6.1 The recommendation reflects the requirement for the Cabinet Member to approve formally, specifically on behalf of the City Council as a constituent member of the Joint Committee, the minor changes and updates to the Joint Committee's Constitution described in the body of the report and in the Appendices.
- 6.2 There are no other legal implications arising directly from the recommendation in this report.

7. Director of Finance's comments

- 7.1 There are no direct financial implications as a result of the Council adopting the changes to the Solent Transport constitution.
- 7.2 The Council currently makes an annual contribution to Solent Transport of approximately £41,000 per annum, this is funded through the cash limited budget.

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Signed by:
Tristan Samuels
Director of Regeneration

Appendices:

- Appendix A - Solent Transport Constitution
- Appendix B - Solent Transport Joint Committee report

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by on

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Signed by:
Councillor Lynne Stagg
Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation

