

England's Economic Heartland Strategic Alliance Strategic Transport Forum

12th February 2016

Agenda Item 10: Work Programme

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the meeting consider the draft work programme set out in Annex 1

1. Priorities for the Work Programme

1.1. Taking into account the content of the papers before this meeting, it is proposed that the following are adopted as priorities for the Strategic Transport Forum:

- **To develop an initial Transport Strategy for the Heartland area** – to be used to shape Alliance inputs into national and sub-national discussions

Review existing transport strategy work across the Heartland area – first half of 2016

Publish an initial Transport Strategy (including the identification of strategic priorities for investment) – second half of 2016

- **To input into the development of the next round of national investment strategies for road and rail**

Building on the Rees Jeffreys Road Fund study on Major Roads for the Future, develop a proposal for the Major Road Network for the Heartland area – July 2016

Make the case for using the Major Road Network as the basis for allocating investment using monies collected through VED (Vehicle Excise Duty) – October 2016

Agree position statement on road network for input into the preparation of the next Roads Investment Strategy – October 2016

Agree position statement on rail network for input into the Initial Industry Plan (that shapes the next Rail Investment Strategy) – October 2016

- **To provide strategic input into major studies and/or major projects** – to include but not limited by:

A1 (M25 to Peterborough) corridor study – ongoing

East-West Links (Expressway study) – ongoing

East-West Rail – provide on-going support to the East-West Rail consortium as appropriate

- **To develop a co-ordinated approach to transport modelling across the Heartland area** – to realise efficiencies and improve the evidence base

Develop an initial proposition – May 2016

- **To identify opportunities for innovative approaches to procurement that can be applied across the Heartland area** - working with the Civil Engineering Contractors Association

Develop an initial proposition – May 2016

- **To develop a detailed proposal in support for Government funding support for the activities of the Strategic Transport Forum** – building on the initial proposal for £10m of revenue funding over 5 years identified in the Strategic Transport Proposition submitted to Government in July 2015.

1.2. In addition it is proposed that the Strategic Transport Forum continue to ‘horizon scan’ with a view to identifying any other transport issues for which a strategic approach across the Heartland area may be appropriate. This may include, but is not limited to:

- The Total Transport initiative – building on the outputs of the DfT funded pilot projects across the Heartland area
- Integrated/Smart Ticketing initiative – identified by the Government as an aspect of the transport system that could benefit from a cross-administrative boundary approach
- Network Resilience – with the potential to develop a proposal in partnership with other agencies

2. Work Programme

2.1. A first draft of the work programme for the Forum is attached (annex 1) for consideration. The work programme includes dates of future meetings for the Forum.

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Strategic Transport Forum: Draft Programme of Activity

	12 th February	14 th May	22 nd July	14 th October
	Transport Systems Catapult Milton Keynes			
Key Theme(s) for the meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial meeting of Forum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stock take of previous strategy work across the Heartland area Briefing on rail & road issues by Government/agencies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider draft framework for Transport Strategy Consider emerging output from studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree initial Transport Strategy Agree position statements for input into Road and Rail Investment Strategies
Governance	Agree ToFR: consider indicative programme of work for 2016/17 Briefing on Buses Bill	Consider implications of legislative framework for Sub-national Transport Body Consider position in response to proposals set out in Buses Bill		Review ToFR in light of experience over the course of the year
England's Economic Heartland: Transport Strategy	Consider draft proposal for 'seed-corn' funding	Consider outcome of review of previous strategy work Agree proposal for 'seed-corn' funding – for submission to DfT	Consider draft framework for transport strategy – identify issues (if any) requiring additional work	Agree initial transport strategy (to evolve in light of further work)
Major Road Network/Road Investment Strategy	Presentation on work to date by Rees Jeffrey Road Fund Briefing on Highways England Strategic Economic Growth Plan	Presentation by Highways England on programme of Route Strategies Consider draft proposal for Major Road Network	Consider output from Rees Jeffrey Road Fund Consider draft position statement on road network	Agree position statement on road network for input into preparation of Road Investment Strategy
Rail Network/Rail Investment Strategy	Briefing on recent reviews of rail planning framework (Public Accounts Committee, Bowe report, Shaw report)	Presentation by DfT Rail team on rail policy framework	Consider draft position statement on rail network	Agree position statement for input into preparation of HLOS/Rail Investment Strategy
North-South Connectivity	Update by Highways England on A1 corridor study	Consider emerging issues arising from study		
East-West Connectivity	Update by Highways England on Expressway study		Consider emerging issues arising from study	

Network Resilience		Consider detailed proposition to co-commission work on resilience		Progress report on resilience work
Transport Modelling		Consider proposal for modelling work required to support longer term development of transport strategy		
Total Transport/Technology Strand (potentially)	<i>Q: what role – if any – do we envisage/want for the Forum?</i>			
Other	Overview of Transport Systems Catapult – capability and skills	Overview of East-West Rail project		