

# Hertfordshire Local Transport Body Meeting

14:00, Monday 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2013 at HCC County Hall, Hertford

## Those Attending:

| Attendee                       | Organisation   |
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| <b>Core Members</b>            |  |
| <b>Cllr Terry Douris (TD)</b>  | Hertfordshire County Council ( <i>Chair, Hertfordshire LTB</i> ) |
| <b>Cllr Mandy Perkins (MP)</b> | Chair, Hertfordshire Infrastructure and Planning Partnership     |
| <b>Andrew Percival (AP)</b>    | Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership                       |
| <b>Observer Members</b>        |  |
| <b>Ian Chambers</b>            | Network Rail ( <i>Observer Member</i> )                          |
| <b>Alan Kirkdale (AK)</b>      | Highways Agency ( <i>Observer Member</i> )                       |
| <b>Supporting Officers</b>     |  |
| <b>Neil Hayes (NH)</b>         | Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership                       |
| <b>Joan Hancox</b>             | Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership                       |
| <b>Jane Custance (JC)</b>      | Hertfordshire Planning Group                                     |
| <b>Mark Silverman (MS)</b>     | Hertfordshire Planning Group                                     |
| <b>Jan Hayes-Griffin (JHG)</b> | Hertfordshire County Council                                     |
| <b>Mike Younghusband (MY)</b>  | Hertfordshire County Council                                     |
| <b>Jon Tiley (JT)</b>          | Hertfordshire County Council                                     |
| <b>Morag Saunders (MS)</b>     | Hertfordshire County Council                                     |
| <b>Alissa Ede (AE)</b>         | Hertfordshire County Council                                     |
| <b>Andy Summers (AS)</b>       | Hertfordshire County Council                                     |
| <b>Susan Claris (SC)</b>       | Arup (on behalf of Hertfordshire County Council)                 |

## Minutes:

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| <b>1.</b> | <b>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies for Absence</b>  |         |
| 1.1       | The Chair welcomed all to the meeting who then introduced themselves.  |         |
| 1.2       | Apologies for Absence were received from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alex Williams (Transport for London)</li> </ul>   |         |
| <b>2.</b> | <b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>   |         |
| 2.1       | The minutes of the 28 <sup>th</sup> of June 2013 Hertfordshire Local Transport Body (Herts LTB): 3 <sup>rd</sup> Shadow Meeting were agreed to be an accurate record and, as such, were signed by the Chair. |         |
| <b>3.</b> | <b>Conflicts of Interest</b>   |         |
| 3.1       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No conflicts of interest were declared.</li> </ul>  |         |
| <b>4.</b> | <b>Progress Since the Last Meeting</b>   |         |
| 4.1       | <b>Assurance Framework Update</b><br><br>AS reported that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The DfT had approved parts 1 and 2 of the Assurance Framework (Governance and Prioritisation)</li> </ul>   |         |

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| 4.2    | <p data-bbox="347 192 1219 327"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The DfT had not approved part 3 (business case approval mechanism) of any LTBs yet nationally, as thinking on this was still evolving.</li> <li>The LTB is therefore now a formal board.</li> </ul> </p> <p data-bbox="300 360 564 394"><b>4.2 Funding Allocation</b></p> <p data-bbox="300 427 517 461">AS reported that</p> <p data-bbox="347 465 1241 701"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The DfT had allocated £18.5m to the Hertfordshire LTB for 2015/16 to 2018/19. This was one third below the indicative allocation. It was confirmed all other LTBs had also received one third below their indicative allocations.</li> <li>The Government has subsequently published its guidance for Strategic Economic Plans. LEPs will have the opportunity to bid for further transport funding through this process.</li> </ul> </p> <p data-bbox="228 734 520 768"><b>4.3 Scheme Update</b></p> <p data-bbox="300 801 523 835">AE reported that:</p> <p data-bbox="347 840 1257 1783"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The A120 Little Hadham Bypass and A602 Stevenage to Ware business cases are being developed in time for LTB consideration in early 2014.</li> <li>The initial LTB allocation for 2015-2019 is not enough for the A120, and would require an additional £10m to be fully funded. The scheme promoter will need to seek funding to address the funding gap. If the A120 scheme could start by 2018, a £250k contribution from Stansted Airport could be secured.</li> <li>As the initial LTB allocation will not be sufficient to deliver the proposed A1(M) scheme, the County has decided not to progress a business case for an LTB-only funded A1(M) scheme. The County will continue to progress the delivery of a strategy for the A1(M) that sets out the evidence for existing problems and identifies a series of schemes that would address both existing issues as well as allow for the potential future development along the A1(M) corridor over the next 30 years. The Strategy would be delivered to fit in with the Highways Agency route-based strategy timetable in order to lobby for the much larger funding allocation to the HA. The Strategy has been joint funded by HCC, the LEP and the HA.</li> <li>There has been a proposal to set up a consortium to focus on the A1(M) in order to lobby for the improvements that will be identified in the strategy. MP stated that this was previously discussed at HIPP and a subcommittee of HIPP would represent the local authority interests into the Consortium. AP expressed that the LEP would want to join to represent the business interests. There will be a need to include local MPs to assist in delivering the messages to central government.</li> </ul> </p> <p data-bbox="300 1816 1193 1883">MY reported that Watford Borough Council was holding a meeting to discuss the options for progressing the Watford Junction Scheme.</p> <p data-bbox="228 1917 660 1951"><b>4.4 Highways Agency Update</b></p> <p data-bbox="300 1984 523 2018">AK reported that:</p> <p data-bbox="347 2022 1233 2089"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HA funding for improvement schemes was expected to increase (circa £3bn for the period to 2020/21).</li> </ul> </p> |         |



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|           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We don't want to change structures to create something new now – it was agreed that the LTB has the right partners on it, and is well placed to advise the LEP on transport issues.</li> <li>• We need to avoid double-handling and producing redundant work – the work of the LTB needs to be aligned with the LEP – particularly in view of the short timescales.</li> <li>• It was agreed that the LTB will provide transport input into SEP.</li> <li>• The LTB may need to evolve in the future according to the requirements of the SEP and Single Local Growth Fund.</li> <li>• The health agenda should be linked into transport.</li> <li>• The officer advisory group for the LTB needs to contain the right people.</li> </ul> |            |
| <b>6.</b> | <b>Communications</b>  |            |
| 6.1       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AS confirmed that a joint Press Release had been published following the forwarding of the Priority List to Government in July 2013.</li> <li>• AP outlined the requirement to pro-actively promote Hertfordshire's transport priorities. JHG proposed that the Communications Strategy needs to be developed, incorporating key elements including pro-active lobbying, scheme brochures.</li> </ul>   | <b>JHG</b> |
| <b>7.</b> | <b>Forward Programme</b>   |            |
| 7.1       | <p><b>LTB Forward Plan</b></p> <p>SC presented a draft note outlining key topics for the following LTB meetings (at <a href="http://www.hertsdirect.org/ltb">www.hertsdirect.org/ltb</a>). This will be updated with the additional meeting to be arranged in Feb / March.</p>   |            |
| <b>8.</b> | <b>Any Other Business</b>  |            |
| 8.1       | <p>SC noted that the Campaign for Better Transport had published a report on LTBs across England. The report can be viewed at: <a href="http://www.bettertransport.org.uk/ltbreport#">http://www.bettertransport.org.uk/ltbreport#</a></p>   | TD         |
| 8.2       | <p>MY asked NR for views on HS2 impact on the West Coast Main Line. NR reported that DfT/NR are currently exploring options for the WCML (and other routes) from 2026. It was suggested that Herts CC / Herts LTB should communicate their requirements for the rail network post-2026 by writing to NR. Terry Douris agreed to write a letter, co-signed by LEP and HIPP representatives.</p>   |            |
| 8.3       | <p>The dates of the next Herts LTB meeting is <b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>, 10:00 at HCC County Hall, Hertford</p>   |            |