

Greater Bristol Bus Network

Annex E

Governance Arrangements

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E.1. THE PROGRAMME BOARD

GBBN BACKGROUND

- E.1.1 In July 2005 a joint funding bid was submitted for the Greater Bristol Bus Network (GBBN) major scheme comprising 10 showcase corridors and 40 showcase bus routes. In July 2006 the Government announced that the scheme had received 'programme entry', an agreement in principle to provide £42m of funding. The final step for the Councils has been to develop the bid further to achieve full approval from Government. The final business case is to be/was submitted in February 2007.

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- E.1.2 Discussions with the Department for Transport have emphasised the importance of governance and the need to demonstrate in the final submission that arrangements for joint working and joint delivery are in place and ready to support early implementation of this major scheme. Interim arrangements have been adopted and formal approval has been agreed by the four Councils in January 2007. The records of formal approval are set out in Table E.1 of this document.
- E.1.3 The diagram below outlines the proposed governance arrangements. There are two main components:
- ◆ Arrangements for the major scheme programme as a whole (GBBN, Bath Package, South Bristol Ring Road, Rapid Transit, Weston Package and Transport Innovation Fund project); and
 - ◆ Specific arrangements for GBBN.
- E.1.4 Arrangements for the major schemes programme as a whole consist of:
- ◆ **Executive strategic decisions** by each of the four Councils;
 - ◆ **Overview and scrutiny** through Joint Scrutiny and the West of England Partnership, who will meet quarterly; and
 - ◆ **Strategic co-ordination, liaison and monitoring** through the Programme Steering Group who will consist of: four Executive Members; four Directors; and the Chief Executive West of England Partnership Office as observer. The Programme Steering Group will meet quarterly.
- E.1.5 The specific arrangements for GBBN consist of:
- ◆ **GBBN Programme Board** will guide and steer the direction of GBBN and are responsible for delivery of the GBBN Programme. The Programme Board is made up of representatives of the four Councils and First with West of England Partnership Office and Government Office for the South West as observers. Authorisation of strategic decisions, where necessary seeking authority from the



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Programme Steering Group. The Chair of the Major Schemes Programme Board is the 'Senior Responsible Owner' with overall responsibility for ensuring that GBBN meets its objectives and is delivered on time and to budget. The Programme Board will meet monthly;

- ◆ **Programme Director**, will be independent from the Councils and First and given the authority and responsibility by the GBBN Programme Board to manage and deliver the overall GBBN programme; and
- ◆ **Project Management** through six project managers representing the four Councils, First and the West of England Partnership Office. Responsible for day-to-day decisions and delivery of individual parts of the GBBN programme. Will provide monthly updates to the Programme Director.

Figure E.1 GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

MAJOR SCHEMES PROGRAMME

Executive Strategic Decision Making (Major Schemes)

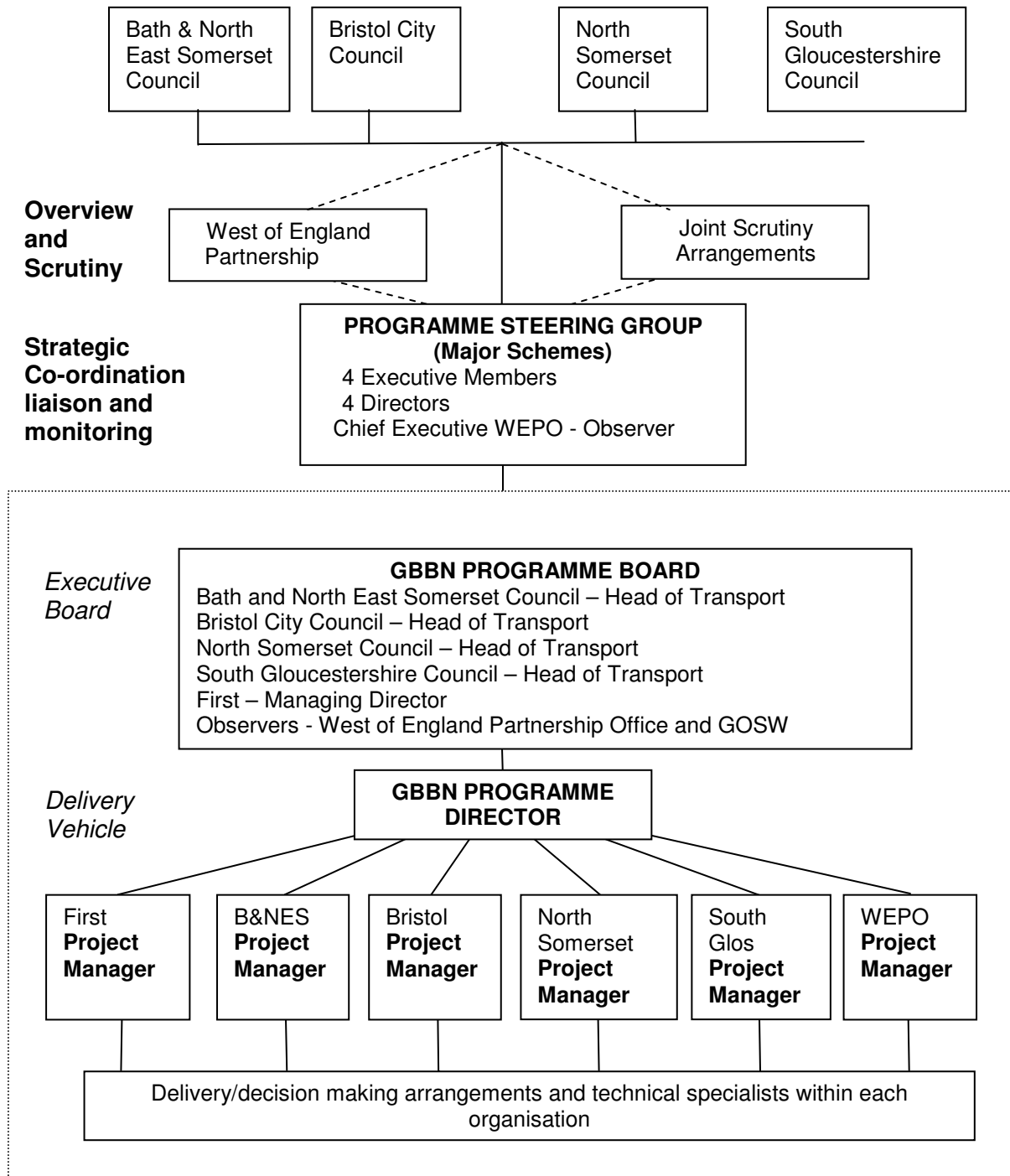


Table E.1 – Timetable of Political Approval

Authority	Type of Approval	Date of Approval
Bath and North East Somerset	Executive Member Approval	January 2007
Bristol City Council	Cabinet Approval	February 2007
North Somerset Council	Executive Member Approval	November 2006
South Gloucestershire Council	Cabinet Approval	January 2007