

West of England Partnership
Joint Transport Executive Committee
17 September 2010

Summary of the Minutes of the Joint Scrutiny Committee Friday 16 July, 10am, BAWA, Filton

1. Joint Local Transport Plan 2 (2006-11)

Following a presentation on the Joint Local Transport Plan 2 (JLTP2) and performance against the trajectories and indicators, the following points and comments were raised:

- Cllr Hockey asked how the findings of the report were relayed to affected parties, making particular reference to public transport access to health facilities, and also queried how the information in the report was used to inform future strategies.
- Barbara Davies cited the development of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Health Sector to develop closer working, for example around access to hospitals and active travel initiatives. Barbara also explained that data and findings from the report fed into the initial estimations of targets and trajectories for the Joint Local Transport Plan 3. It also helped to inform the public on the Partnership's performance.
- Cllr Pasley noted the encouraging increase in rail patronage and its potential to support future investment and lobbying.
- Cllr Veal asked for a note to be included in the report to better reflect the impact of hotter summers on Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) levels.
- Cllr Comer queried whether 'peak spreading' was taken into account in the central area traffic indicator; Ed Minihane confirmed that this covered the 7-10am period.
- Cllr King queried the viability of a single point of contact for those wishing to know if a bus is low floor. After some discussion on the complex logistics of providing such information, Barbara Davies agreed to consider the issue further.

2. Joint Local Transport Plan 3 (2011 –2026) Second Draft

Following a presentation on the revised draft Joint Local Transport Plan 3, the following points and comments were made:

- That good public consultation was essential and that it was necessary to ensure the 25,000 copies of the consultation questionnaire already planned for distribution, alongside posters and web-based consultation, were utilised to their maximum potential.
- Queries were raised about the reality of enforcing 20mph speed limits. The expectation was that they would prove self-enforcing and help contribute to a culture of safer driving.

- The plan highlighted future areas of work where the issue of congestion charges could be considered.
- Feedback was requested on the progress of delivering the Greater Bristol Bus Network.
- National Indicators should have much more of an impact on the plan.
- Cllr David Pasley asked about the cost per questionnaire. Printing costs were currently £1998 for 25,000 copies (or 8 pence each) and on street enumerators were approximately £100 per day. Individual councils were choosing the sites and total number of venues per council area. Wherever possible, in-house staff were being used (and always in the first instance) and the work was being offered to all four councils.
- Cllr Hockey queried the criteria for the inclusion of stations in the 'Our Transport Vision' diagram. Barbara Davies stated that only stations with 50,000 or more passengers were included and an additional map could be produced which covered other stations. Where Patchway station was mentioned specifically, Terry Wagstaff referred members to an earlier written explanation.
- Consultation on the plan will end on the 4th October 2010. The revised draft would be taken to the Joint Transport Executive Committee in December (due to the January/February 2011 programme of local authority cabinet meetings). Therefore the Joint Scrutiny Committee would see the revised plan in November 2010, before it went to the Partnership Board.

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