



Transport Delivery Committee

Monday 10 September 2018 at 1.00 pm

Minutes

Present

Councillor Kath Hartley (Chair)	Birmingham City Council
Councillor Timothy Huxtable (Vice-Chair)	Birmingham City Council
Councillor Pervez Akhtar	Coventry City Council
Councillor Robert Alden	Birmingham City Council
Councillor Adrian Andrew	Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council
Councillor Phil Davis	Birmingham City Council
Councillor Allah Ditta	Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council
Councillor Mohammed Fazal	Birmingham City Council
Councillor Celia Hibbert	City of Wolverhampton Council
Councillor Diana Holl-Allen	Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
Councillor Chaman Lal	Birmingham City Council
Councillor Keith Linnecor	Birmingham City Council
Councillor John Rowley	City of Wolverhampton Council
Councillor David Stanley	Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
Councillor David Welsh	Coventry City Council

Item Title
No.

17. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Allcock, Horton, Jones and Richards.

18. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed members of the press, public and stakeholders to the meeting.

In relation to the membership of various Lead Member Reference Groups, the Chair reported on the following changes:

Councillor Davis to move from Sprint to Rail and Metro;
Councillor Lal to move from Rail and Metro to Sprint;
Councillor Hibbert to move from Sprint to Air Quality, Congestion and Environmental Impact and
Councillor Linnecor to move from Air Quality, Congestion and Environmental Impact to Sprint.

19. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2018 were agreed as a correct

record.

20. Matters Arising

Financial Monitoring Report (*Minute no.11 refers*)

In relation to Councillor Stanley's request for further information on the Parkhead Viaduct for the Wednesbury to Brierley Hill Metro Extension at the last meeting which he indicated had not been provided, Wayne Farrington, Lead Accountant Transport, advised that the information had been provided via email and undertook for this to be re-sent to Councillor Stanley.

21. Correspondence/ Petitions

None submitted.

22. Presentation: Midlands Connect -Motorway Hub Study

The committee received a presentation from Simon Statham, Head of Technical Programmes, Midlands Connect on the Midlands Connect-Motorway Hub Study.

The presentation outlined the study objectives for the Midlands Motorway Hub Study which included making the best use and development of the regional motorway network, including opportunities for strategic park and ride and recommendations and next steps.

Councillor Davis, reported that he had requested the presentation and was somewhat reassured by the contents but was concerned with the possibility of more motorway building for the Western Strategic Route and reported that he would fight against this. He reported of the need for modal shift and good public transport and concurred with the proposal to increase the usage of the M6 Toll commenting that the current ownership model was wrong and imposed on the region.

Councillor Linnecor reported that he agreed with the comments made by Councillor Davis and was interested in the proposals for high occupancy vehicles and freight only lanes for heavy goods vehicles.

Councillor Holl-Allen welcomed the proposals to encourage usage of the M6 Toll and in particular improved signage that would alert people to the time savings that could be made.

In relation to an enquiry from Councillor Ditta regarding further information on the improved operation of M6 Junctions 3-11, Simon Statham reported that consideration was being given to looking at possible restrictions to improve traffic flow as currently 25% of traffic uses the motorway for 1 or 2 junctions. He advised that any interventions introduced would not block the local road network.

The Chair thanked Simon Statham for his informative presentation.

Resolved: That the presentation be noted.

23. Metro Investment Programme

The committee considered a report from Phil Hewitt, Metro Programme

Director West Midlands Metro, on the Metro Investment Programme.

The report provided an overview of the main activities of the West Midlands Metro Team (comprising TfWM and the Midland Metro Alliance).

The Metro Programme Director advised the committee that the report submitted had been written in July and as a result some of the information provided was slightly out of date and highlighted the key points within the report.

In relation to an enquiry from Councillor Welsh regarding Metro budgets and in particular schemes that are not fully funded, i.e., Wednesbury to Brierley Hill Extension and whether cost pressures on budgets could lead to some schemes being taken out of the programme, the Metro Programme Director reported that a number of options are being considered including how transport generates cash and advised that the Mayor was looking at all possible funding solutions where there were funding gaps.

In relation to a further question from Councillor Welsh regarding Coventry Very Light Rail and whether this was a solution for Metro, the Metro Programme Director reported that Very Light Rail (VLR) could integrate with Metro and TfWM was working with partners on the project as it was recognised VLR had many benefits.

In relation to an enquiry from Councillor Huxtable as to whether 18 or 19 extra trams are needed to run services to Dudley/Brierley Hill and Birmingham Eastside as both figures are mentioned in the report, the Metro Programme Director explained that the figure is currently 18 trams however this fluctuates marginally as it is dependent on the value engineering undertaken and he would report back in due course on the matter.

In relation to a proposed station at Canal Street, Councillor Huxtable enquired as to why there was no mention of this station in the WMCA report on Congestion Management report.

The Director of Development and Delivery, TfWM, Sandeep Shingadia, advised that the station was not included in the WMCA report as work on Canal Street was still on-going ; the feasibility study would be concluded in October.

Further to a follow-up question from Councillor Huxtable regarding connectivity, if the station is not considered viable, the Director of Development and Delivery, TfWM, reported that other options would be considered for the location.

In relation to an enquiry from Councillor Stanley regarding how Dudley Port Rail Station would connect with the Metro given the different levels and distances between the two, the Director of Development and Delivery, TfWM, reported that TfWM was engaging with Network Rail, Midland Metro Alliance and stakeholders as part of the Masterplan for the location, however, he added that this work was at its early stages and an update could be given to the committee in due course.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

24. Financial Monitoring Report

The committee considered a report of the Head of Finance and Business Planning that set out the financial position as at 31 July 2018 related to the Combined Authority's Transport Delivery Revenue and Capital Budgets.

Councillor Akhtar, Lead Member for Finance and Performance outlined the report recommendations.

The Lead Accountant- Transport, Wayne Farrington highlighted the key points within the report.

In relation to the Connected and Autonomous Vehicles (CAV) project, the Chair proposed that the project be the subject of a future pre-TDC policy briefing.

Resolved:

- (1) That the year to date net revenue expenditure outturn for 2018/19 shows a favourable variance of £498,000 compared to budget and a full year variance of £41,000 following the first forecast of the year be noted;
- (2) That the total capital expenditure to the end of July 2018 for the overall transport programme is £24.3 million, within the year to date budget be noted ;
- (3) That the treasury indicators are within the expected range and there are no issues to highlight be noted.

25. Capital Programme Delivery Monitoring Report

The committee considered a report of the Director of Development and Delivery, TfWM, that provided an update on the approved TfWM led 2018/19 programme and projects.

Sandeep Shingadia, the Director of Development and Delivery, reported on the achievements with regards to elements of the 2018/19 Capital Programme that had been completed during July and August and highlighted variations to the baseline programme during the reporting period which related to Perry Barr and Snow Hill Third Access.

In relation to an enquiry from Councillor Holl-Allen regarding the new delivery date for Snow Hill Third Access, the Director of Development and Delivery reported that the target date was now June 2019 following the receipt of the preferred bidder's programme.

Resolved:

- (1) That the achievements since the July 2018 meeting of the Transport

Delivery Committee be noted;

(2) That progress of the deliverables under the 2018/19 Capital Programme be noted and

(3) That the variations from the baseline programme as indicated in paragraph 4.1 of the report be noted.

26. 2022 Commonwealth Games Capital Projects Update

The committee considered a report of the Director of Development and Delivery, TfWM, that provided a summary and progress update on capital projects that are being developed and delivered to support the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

Councillor Welsh commented that he welcomed the report but reported of the need to ensure projects for Coventry City of Culture 2021 do not conflict with the projects for the Commonwealth Games.

Pete Bond, Director of Integrated Transport Services, reported that TfWM has now been offered a seat on the Coventry City of Culture group and he could look to see whether an update could on Coventry projects could be provided for a future meeting.

Councillor Huxtable considered that in addition to the four schemes outlined in the report, the Metro Birmingham Eastside Extension should also be included in the report as he noted passenger services operating on the extension would be brought forward in time for the Commonwealth Games in July 2022 as indicated in the earlier Metro Investment report

The Director of Development and Delivery reported that he was happy to liaise with Phil Hewitt, Metro Programme Director to include the Birmingham Eastside Extension in future reports.

In relation to an enquiry from Councillor Ditta regarding whether a transport plan would be prepared for the Commonwealth Games, the Director of Development and Delivery reported that a plan would be prepared in due course with the Commonwealth Games Organising Committee.

Resolved:

(1) That the TfWM capital programmes that will support the 2022 Commonwealth Games be noted.

27. Notices of Motion

None submitted.

28. WMCA Board Transport Reports

The committee received a report on Congestion Management that would be considered by the WMCA Board on 14 September 2018.

The report was submitted for information only.

Councillor Huxtable noted that the report seemed light with regards to rail projects and enquired why no new rail stations appeared on the timeline.

The Director of Integrated Network Services, Pete Bond undertook to feedback comments to the report author.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

29. Questions

None submitted.

30. Forward Plan

The committee considered a report on the agenda items to be submitted to future meetings.

Resolved : That the report be noted.

31. Date of Next Meeting -5 November 2018 at 1.00pm

The meeting ended at 2.45 pm.