



Transport Delivery Committee

Monday 20 May 2019 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 Keith Allcock	Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council
Councillor Robert Alden	Birmingham City Council
Councillor Adrian Andrew	Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council
Councillor Phil Davis	Birmingham City Council
Councillor Mohammed Fazal	Birmingham City Council
Councillor Mohammed Hanif	Dudley Metropolitan Borough 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 Ted Richards	Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
Councillor David Welsh	Coventry City Council

In Attendance

Councillor Roger Lawrence	City of Wolverhampton Council
Councillor Angus Lees	WMCA's Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Item Title
No.

96. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jones and Rowley.

97. Chair's Remarks (if any)

(i) Forthcoming TfWM Events

The Chair informed the committee that TfWM would be hosting an Urban Transport Group (UTG) bus strategy meeting here on 25 June and also that TDC Members were invited to attend a UTG Parliamentary Reception Event on 26 June; interested members were asked to contact Marie-Helen Matthews as soon as possible.

(ii) Tyseley Rail Depot Visit

The Chair reported that the Tyseley Depot visit had been postponed until July and interested members should contact her or Councillor Davis for further information.

98. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2019 were agreed as a correct record.

99. Matters Arising/Action Tracker

Minute No. 87, Bus Business Update & RTI Presentation

Councillor Huxtable reported that he found the briefing session on bus services in South Birmingham to be very useful and considered that a further update for members in the future would be helpful as all issues had not been resolved.

The action tracker was noted.

100. Minutes of the Bus Shelter Appeals Decision Group - 13 March 2019.

The minutes of the Bus Shelter Appeals Decision Group held on 13 March 2019 were submitted for information.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Bus Shelter Appeals Decision Group held on 13 March 2019 be noted.

101. Correspondence/ Petitions

None submitted.

102. TDC site visit to Nottingham

The Chair reported that the Air Quality, Congestion and Sustainability Lead Member Group site visit to Nottingham scheduled for 23 May 2019 had been postponed as it coincided with the European elections. A proposed new date of 13 June had been suggested (date to be confirmed by Nottingham Officers).

It was agreed that up to 6 TDC members could go on the visit.

103. Safer Travel Update

The committee considered a report of the Head of Safety, Security and Emergency Planning that provided an update on the performance and operation of the Safer Travel Partnership including their recent work, an overview of the development of the TfWM Control Centre and an update on the potential for the introduction of the byelaws across the bus network.

Councillor Holl-Allen, Lead Member for Safe and Sustainable Travel outlined

the report and highlighted key areas.

In relation to the performance update and the crime figures relating to the transport network, Councillor Akhtar considered if would be useful for future reports to also include data on the number of people caught committing a crime on the network and the number of people convicted.

The Head of Safety, Security and Emergency Planning, Mark Babington reported that he could include the information in future reports and could also provide details of early interventions by the Safer Travel Partnership and the impact of this work.

Resolved:

1. That the contents of the report be noted and welcomed and
2. That the overall current crime trends referred to in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.3 of the report be noted.

104. Financial Monitoring Report

The committee considered a report of the Interim Finance Director that set out the financial outturn position for 2018/19 subject to an external audit.

The Lead Member for Finance and Performance, Councillor Akhtar introduced the report and highlighted the report's recommendations.

The Interim Finance Director, Linda Horne, reported that the financial position of the Combined Authority's Transport Delivery revenue and capital budgets would be consolidated into the WMCA Board's overall financial position.

Resolved:

1. That the net revenue expenditure final outturn position for 2018/19 financial year, subject to audit, shows an adverse variance of £57,000 compared to budget and a full year adverse movement from forecast of £270,000 be noted and
2. That the total capital expenditure to the end of March 2019 for the overall transport programme was £87.3 million, within the annual budget be noted.

105. Capital Programme Delivery Monitoring Report

The committee considered a report of the Director of Development and Delivery that provided an update on progress monitoring on the approved TfWM led 2018/2019 programme and projects.

The Lead Member for Finance and Performance, Councillor Akhtar introduced the report.

The Director of Development and Delivery, Sandeep Shingadia, outlined the report and advised the committee of the two variations to the baseline programme which related TBT Platinum Route RTI equipment upgrades and Bradley Lane Park and Ride.

Resolved:

1. That the achievements since the March 2019 meeting of the Transport Delivery Committee be noted ;
2. That progress of deliverables and outturn of the 2018/19 Capital Programme be noted and
3. That the variations from the baseline which relate to TBT Platinum Route RTI equipment and Bradley Lane Park and Ride be noted.

106. Capital Projects Aligned to 2022 Commonwealth Games Update

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

The Director of Development and Delivery, Sandeep Shingadia, outlined the report and summarised progress in respect of the schemes being developed which included; Sprint (bus rapid transit network), University Station, Perry Barr Bus and Rail Interchange and West Midlands Transport Coordination Centre.

In relation to concerns expressed by Councillor Huxtable regarding the Perry Barr Flyover scheme which would have a 'knock-on' effect on the deliverability of other schemes if this goes wrong, the Director of Development and Delivery concurred that the coordination of schemes was very important and reported that TfWM has a detailed integration programme for Perry Barr with Birmingham City Council. He advised that health checks are undertaken and mitigation measures are in place against identified risks.

In relation to an enquiry from Councillor Alden as to whether a section on scheme dependencies could be included in future reports, the Director of Development and Delivery undertook to include the information moving forward.

Councillor Hibbert reported that she would like to receive more information on the inclusive growth implications in respect of the Commonwealth Games and in particular was interested in the impact on deprived communities such as upskilling people, not just infrastructure improvements.

The Managing Director TfWM, advised Councillor Hibbert that whilst the focus of this report was capital investment in transport, there was an entire workstream reporting on the legacy and totality of the impact of the Commonwealth Games and undertook to ask the Legacy Team to present details to a future meeting of the committee.

Resolved: That the TfWM capital projects which are aligned to the

Commonwealth Games be noted.

107. Sprint Progress Report

The committee considered a report of the Head of Sprint that outlined the work of the Sprint Programme.

Councillor Huxtable, Lead Member for Sprint, introduced the report and the Head of Sprint, Angela Hosford outlined the report that set out the background to Sprint, scheme status, route considerations, park and ride, engagement, critical path (approvals), focus of activities for 2019, 2026 Sprint Schemes, the Sprint Lead Member Reference Group and proposed site visits.

In relation to concerns expressed by Councillor Richards regarding Sprint in Solihull with regards to the possible loss of road space and walking and cycle space for Hobbs Moat Road, potentially increased journey times on the Lode Lane and possible connectivity issues between Sprint and the bus network, the Head of Sprint, reported that she would be meeting with residents this afternoon to look at the options and would seek to obtain the right solution for everyone. She added that wanted to build on the benefits introduced for bus priority and that would seek to ensure Sprint would work with other bus corridors to provide an integrated transport solution.

The Chair reported that in relation to park and ride, she wanted the next park and ride update report to give consideration to park and ride for multi-modal interchanges.

Councillor Huxtable thanked the Head of Sprint for her report and support for the Sprint Lead Member Reference Group during the course of the year.

Resolved:

1. That the progress of the Sprint Programme be noted;
2. That Cabinet decisions are required to support the delivery of schemes be noted and
3. That the relationship between Sprint and other local schemes be noted.

108. 2019/20 Bus Station Departure Charges

The committee considered a report of the Operation Manager (Customer Facilities) that informed them of the increase to bus station departure charge rates which would be applied in 2019/20, effective from 1 May 2019.

It was noted that Transport for the West Midlands Board had considered three options in respect of bus station departure charges; the board agreed to increase charges by RPI (1%) that would achieve a projected overall cost recovery rate of 57.7%.

Councillor Welsh considered that increasing charges would encourage less bus operators to use bus stations and TfWM should look at how it could

recoup its costs by alternative means such as commercial opportunities within bus stations to encourage operators to use bus stations.

The Operations Manager (Customer Facilities) reported that the increase reflected the average fare increase by operators and was the lowest charge ever introduced. The 1% increase was required to take account of increased operational costs and to ensure the facilities provided were as efficient and attractive as possible to customers.

The Director for Integrated Network Services, Pete Bond, added that with regards to Pool Meadow Bus Station in Coventry, TfWM was talking to the City Council (landowner for the bus station) about managing the bus stops around the city and was seeking to encourage bus operators to use the bus station for the facilities provided. TfWM sought to maximise commercial opportunities where possible but advised this was challenging in respect of Pool Meadow.

Resolved: That the level of bus station departure charge rates for 2019/20 approved by the Transport for the West Midlands Board in December 2019 be noted.

109. Putting Passengers First Lead Member Report

The committee considered a report of the Putting Passengers First Lead Member Group that informed them of the work of the group since the start of 2018/19 municipal year.

The report highlighted the initiatives the group has been involved with during the year which included customer services, petitions and significant matters pertaining to bus, such bus stop rationalisation and shaping of the Vision for Bus.

The Chair and Lead Member for Putting Passengers First introduced the report and conveyed her thanks to the Network Development Manager, Edmund Salt for his input during the course of the year and members of the group for their input.

Resolved: That the contents of the report be noted.

110. Finance & Performance Monitoring Lead Member Report

The committee considered a report of the Finance and Performance Monitoring Lead Member that summarised the work of the group during the current municipal year. This included an on-going review of monitoring the Transport Delivery revenue and capital budgets and capital programme, consideration of future transport revenue budget requirements and seeking value for money assurance on identified budgets and activity.

Councillor Akhtar Lead Member for Finance and Performance Monitoring, introduced the report and conveyed his thanks to the Interim Finance Director, Linda Horne and her team for their support during the year.

Resolved: That the summary of the Finance and Performance Monitoring portfolio be noted.

111. WMCA Board Transport Reports (For Information Only)

The committee received two transport reports that would be considered by the WMCA Board on 24 May 2019; these were the Regional Transport Coordination Centre- full business case approval and West Midlands Bus Byelaws Update.

The Managing Director, Laura Shoaf outlined the reports.

Resolved: That the reports be noted and welcomed.

112. Notices of Motion

None submitted.

113. Questions

None submitted.

114. Forward Plan

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

Resolved: That the report be noted.

115. Date of Next Meeting - 24 June 2019

The meeting ended at 2.35 pm.