

Western Gateway Sub-national Transport Body

Board Meeting

Paper B

Date **6th April 2022**

Title of report: **Forward decision plan**

Purpose of report: **To provide an overview of upcoming Board decisions.**

Recommendations:

The members of the Board are recommended to:

- I. Note the contents of the Forward decision plan and advise the programme team of any issues or additional briefings required.

Introduction

- 1.1 This report contains an overview of the forward decision plan. Please note that once the three year business plan is agreed a more detailed forward decision plan will be published.

Board Forward Decision Plan

Based on work programme the projects will require approvals from the Board

Month	Project	Purpose of Request	Status
April	Freight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of South West Regional Freight Strategy 	G- on track
	Freight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officers are delegated authority to progress and develop the Freight Strategy recommendations to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with key major stakeholders across the region through the proposed Freight Steering Group to secure their support and prioritise freight projects, Continue to work with Peninsula Transport on wider freight issues, coordinate business case development and support private and public sector stakeholders in partnership working. 	G- on track
	Strategic Transport Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request to approve Stage 1 Baseline Assessment report via email 	Delayed offline approval requested
	Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of annual member contribution of £20,000 per authority 	New
	STB Role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested to reconfirm the role of the STB and advise on any amendments to existing arrangements with member authority cabinets and or committees, which would be required in order for the STB to carry out its function. 	New
	STB resourcing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested to delegate resourcing and capacity arrangements to the Senior Officers Group. 	New
	Business Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested to approve the proposed update to the three-year Business Plan and offline approval, subject to meeting the conditions set out in this paper. 	Offline approval requested
	Rail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note progress on the Cheltenham Spa station bay platform scheme. Approve opening discussions with Network Rail on developing the Strategic Outline Business Case for Cheltenham Spa. Approve opening discussions with Network Rail, the Peninsula Sub-national Transport Body and the East West Main Line Partnership on taking forward rail corridor proposals. Reduce the number of Rail Strategy task forces and use the Rail Officer Group as the main task force with ad hoc sub-groups to pick up other rail issues. 	G- on track

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	Rail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve the revised Rail Strategy station car parking policy as set out in sections 3.1 to 3.4. Delegate to the Western Gateway Programme Team to make the appropriate changes to the Rail Strategy. 	G- on track
	Rural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve the Rural Mobility Strategy. 	G- on track
	Rural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officers are delegated to continue to develop the Rural Mobility Strategy to: Work with key major stakeholders across the region to secure their support and seed funding for the pilots, Identify a shortlist of actual places to act as the pilots to be brought back to the Board for approval. Develop a prospectus for the pilots and launch a competition for Expressions of Interest for initial proposals for potential pilots. Select from the Expressions of Interest a shortlist of projects to receive initial exploratory STB funding and specialist rural mobility consultancy support to develop the outline business cases for their pilots. 	G- on track
July	Strategic Cycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of final strategic cycling report 	G- on track
	Carbon Audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve Carbon Audit final deliverable – baseline model and forecast tool 	Delayed from April to July
Sept	Alternative Fuels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of Alternative Fuel for Freight report and next steps for the project 	G- on track
	Coach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of the Coach Strategy and next steps for the project 	G- on track
	STP Phase 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Placeholder - request approval to proceed with public consultation in October on the draft Strategic Transport plan Strategy 	
	STP Phase 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Placeholder – request approval of the Technical Assessment Report 	

Consultation, communication and engagement

- 2.1 This update has been discussed by the Programme Management Team and approved by Senior Officer Group.

Equalities Implications

- 3.1 No adverse impact on any protected groups.

Legal considerations

- 4.1 The Western Gateway STB remains an informal non-statutory partnership.

Financial considerations

- 5.1 The budget considerations are set out in this report.

Conclusion

- 6.1 The Board is recommended to note both the emerging work programme and YTD budget allocation for 2021/22.

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