

Western Gateway Sub-national Transport Body

Board Meeting

Paper F

Date **27th September June 2023**

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 for the Western Gateway Sub-national Transport Body (STB) for 2023/24. It reflects the revised programme for 2023/24 following the reduction in Department for Transport funding.

Board Forward Decision Plan

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

Month	Project	Purpose of Request	Status
February 28 th 2023	STP Phase 3 Strategy	Recommendation to approve the Issues and Options Paper for the Strategic Transport Plan (STP).	Complete
	STP Phase 3 Strategy	Delegated to Programme Officers Group to finalise the issues and options paper – request to approve engagement report	Complete
	STP Phase 3 Strategy	Recommendation to approve list of key stakeholders.	Complete
	Business Plan	Approve the draft business plan	Complete
	Business Plan	Delegate to Programme Officers Group the completion of the final version of the business plan.	Complete
June 28 th 2023	Funding	Approval of annual member contribution of £20,000 per authority	Complete
	Governance	Election of Chair and Vice-Chair	Deferred to 27 th September Board
	STP	Approve the latest programme for producing and approving the Western Gateway Strategic Transport Plan. Note the emerging results from the engagement on the Issues & Opportunities paper.	Complete
	Alt. Fuels for Freight	Approve the revised report on Alternative Fuels for Freight. Delegate the Programme Team and Senior Officers Group to take forward shortlisting of potential locations for hydrogen refuelling/electric vehicle charging stations.	Complete
	Coach	Approve the Coach Strategy. Approve the programme of interventions as set out in section 4.2. Delegate the Programme Team and Senior Officers Group to take forward the programme of interventions.	Complete

September 27 th 2023	STP	Board Approval for Direction Statement and revised timescale	Submitted to Board for approval
	Business Plan	Revised programme following Department for Transport cut in funding to be approved	Submitted to Board for approval
	Cycling	Cycle Strategy to be approved	Deferred to 6 th December Board
	Alternative fuels for freight	Report on phase 2 (shortlisting of sites) of Alternative Fuels for Freight work and next steps	Deferred to 6 th December Board
	Rail	Update on Cheltenham Spa bay platform scheme	Update submitted to Board for approval
	Freight	Approval of Year 2 Priorities	Deferred to 6 th December Board
	EV Charging	Electric Vehicle Strategy update	Update submitted to Board for approval
	AOB	Approval of collaboration with Western Gateway Partnership	Deferred to 6 th December Board
December 6 th 2023	STP	Approve consultation draft of the Strategic Transport Plan	
	Freight	Approval of Year 2 priorities	
	EV Charging	Approval of EV Strategy report and next steps	
	Rural Mobility	Update on rural mobility and approval of pilot locations	
	Rail	Update on Heart of Wessex Line hourly services Approval for next steps for Cheltenham Spa bay platform Proposal for work on increasing services on the West of England Line	
	Alternative fuels for freight	Report on phase 2 (shortlisting of sites) of Alternative Fuels for Freight work and next steps	
	Cycle Strategy	Cycle Strategy to be approved	

	AOB	Approval of collaboration with Western Gateway Partnership	
February 2024	Funding	Approval of programme for 2024/25	
	STP	Update on Strategic Transport Plan	
	Rail	Final report on Heart of Wessex Line hourly services and next steps to be approved	
	Rural Mobility	Update on rural mobility pilot schemes work	
	Coach	Update report on interventions programme for 2023/24	
	AOB		
June 2024	Funding	Confirmation of DfT funding for 2024/25	
	Strategic Transport Plan	Approval of Strategic Transport Plan	
	Freight	Progress report for 2023/24	
	AOB		

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 Paper A.

Conclusion

- 6.1 The Board is recommended to note the contents of the Forward Decision Plan and advise the programme team of any issues or additional briefings required.

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