

Dorset Local Transport Body, 29 July 2013

**DORSET LOCAL TRANSPORT BODY  
29 JULY 2013**

**PRESENT:**

**VOTING MEMBERS:**

Bournemouth Borough Council:

Councillor Robert Lawton - In the Chair

Dorset County Council:

Councillors Hilary Cox and Peter Finney - In the Vice-Chair

Borough of Poole Council:

Councillor Xena Dion

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS:**

Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership Board:

Jim Stewart

Highways Agency:

Annabelle Dexter

RAPT - Yellow Buses:

Mark Ambler

Go South West - Wilts and Dorset:

Ed Wills

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm.

**Note: To see a copy of the public reports that were considered by the Board at this meeting please visit:**

<http://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/StreetsTransport/DorsetLTB/DLTB.aspx>

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**SECTION I - BUSINESS RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL**

No items

**SECTION II - BUSINESS DECIDED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Spencer Flower, Dorset County Council, and Councillor Michael Filer, Bournemouth Borough Council. Councillor Peter Finney, Dorset County Council and Councillor Robert Lawton, Bournemouth Borough Council, had been notified as substitute members for this meeting of the Dorset Local Transport Body, in accordance with Procedure Rule 89.

Apologies were also received from Elizabeth Charlton, Department for Transport - Midlands and South West Engagement Team, and Phil Dominey, Network Rail - Wessex Rail Alliance. It was noted that the Dorset District and Borough Councils representative was yet to be nominated.

**2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

**DECISION MADE:**

That the Chairmanship of the Dorset Local Transport Body be rotated on an annual basis, between Bournemouth Borough Council, Dorset County Council and the Borough of Poole Council. In accordance with this, Councillor Michael Filer, Bournemouth Borough Council, was elected Chairman for the remainder of the year 2013/14. Councillor Robert Lawton, Bournemouth Borough Council, took the Chair for this meeting of the Dorset Local Transport Body, as the nominated substitute for Councillor Michael Filer.

**3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

**DECISION MADE:**

That the Vice-Chairmanship of the Dorset Local Transport Body be rotated on an annual basis between Dorset County Council, the Borough of Poole Council and Bournemouth Borough Council. In accordance with this, Councillor Spencer Flower, Dorset County Council, was elected Vice-Chairman for the remainder of the year 2013/14. Councillor Peter Finney, Dorset County Council, took the Vice-Chair for this meeting of the Dorset Local Transport Body, as the nominated substitute for Councillor Spencer Flower.

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#### **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests made by the voting members of the Dorset Local Transport Body.

#### **5. PUBLIC ISSUES**

The Democratic and Overview & Scrutiny Officer reported that there were no public questions, deputation requests or petitions received under Procedure Rules 32, 37 and 40 respectively.

#### **6. ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK**

The Body considered a report by the Development Control and Forward Planning Manager, Bournemouth Borough Council, which set out the accountability, governance and financial arrangements for the agreement between the three local authorities for the Dorset Local Transport Body.

Members were informed that the legal agreement was yet to be finalised, whilst the Department for Transport had already signed off part 2 of the Assurance Framework, endorsed part 1 with minor amendments, and discussions continued with regard to part 3.

The Development Control and Forward Planning Manager reported that additional funding was sought from the Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership. Without this funding, the contribution from each local authority remained at £50,000. The Body acknowledged that officers were confident that these additional funds would be secured.

The Body discussed the importance of maintaining an up to date web site, which publicised the details associated with the Dorset Local Transport Body.

#### **DECISION MADE:**

That the updated draft Assurance Framework be approved.

#### **7. MAJOR TRANSPORT SCHEMES - PRIORITISATION PROCESS AND PROVISIONAL DELIVERY PROGRAMME**

The Body considered a report by the Development Control and Forward Planning Manager, Bournemouth Borough Council, which sought the approval of the provisional prioritised Major Transport Scheme list for submission to the Department for Transport by the deadline of 31 July 2013.

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Attention was drawn to Appendices A1 and A2, which outlined the prioritised local Major Transport Scheme list and the longer term list respectively. Officers highlighted that the funding contribution from the Department for Transport for the Dorset Local Transport Body had been confirmed at £12.2m for the period 2015-19. The Body was advised that the funds would be provisionally allocated to the top priority A338 Spur Road Maintenance Scheme. Officers would prepare the business cases for the top six schemes identified at Appendix A1 and procure an independent consultant to undertake an independent review in accordance with the Assurance Framework.

The Highways Agency representative highlighted the importance of the inclusion of longer term Major Transport Scheme priorities identified within Appendix A2, which provided for longer term goals to be promoted. It was also stressed that it was important to liaise with neighbouring Local Transport Bodies to consider other regionally important infrastructure schemes.

### DECISION MADE:



- a. That the provisional prioritised Major Transport Scheme list as shown at Appendix A, parts A1 and A2, be approved;
- b. That the Director for Planning, Transport and Regulation Services, Bournemouth Borough Council acting as the Accountable Body, submit the agreed priorities list, inclusive of the longer term list, to the Department for Transport by 31 July 2013;
- c. That officers of the relevant authorities progress the business cases for the top six schemes as submitted to the Department for Transport, identified at Appendix A1; and
- d. That the procurement of an independent consultant to undertake the final value for money assessments of the business cases, be approved. The independent findings would be reported back to the Dorset Local Transport Body in advance of any final submission to the Department for Transport.

### 8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Body agreed to be contacted as appropriate by officers, once a suitable timescale for meeting dates was identified.

The meeting finished at 2.30 pm.

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