

DRAFT MINUTES

STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

03 MARCH 2021 10:00 am – 12.30 pm

MS Teams Video Conference

Attendees:

- Andrew Wickham (AW), Dorset LEP Board Member
- Brett Spiller (BS), Chapman Lily Planning
- Cecilia Bufton (CB), Chair of Dorset LEP Board
- David Lewis (DL), South West Energy Hub
- Greg Stone (GS), Highways England
- Jack Wiltshire (JW), standing in for Kate Tunks (KT), Dorset Council
- Jim Andrews (JA), Dorset LEP Board member
- John Selgren (JS), Dorset Council
- John Sutcliffe (JSu), Chair
- Julian McLaughlin (JL), BCP Council
- Liz Williams (LW), Governance & Performance Manager in Higher Education
- Lorna Carver (LC), Dorset LEP
- Marc Griffin (MG), WSP Global (transport)
- Mark Wray (MW), Knowledge Transfer Network
- Nick Gaines (NG), Dorset LEP Board member
- Nigel Martin (NM), Wessex Water
- Paul Read (PR), Dorset LEP Board member

Also present:

- Corrina Osborne (CO), Dorset LEP
- Rebecca Davies (RD), Dorset LEP
- Rosie Macnamara (RM), Dorset LEP
- Dugald Lockhart (DLo), Dorset Council
- Adrian Hale (AH) BCP Council
- Luke Rake (LR), Kingston Maurward College
- Maria Clarke (MC), Local Nature Partnership

Apologies:

- Jim Stewart (JS), Dorset LEP Board member
- Rob Asquith (RA), Savills
- Peter Lamb (PL), Savills
- Paul Richmond (PR)
- Sara Uzzell (SU), Dorset LEP Board member
- Martin Dobbs (MD), Bright Space Architects
- Kate Tunks (KT), Dorset Council
- Steve Atkins (SA), SSE

| Item | Subject/ Title | Action owner |
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| 1. | <p>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Apologies noted.</p> <p>Julian McLaughlin (JM) will become a permanent member of this Committee.</p> | |
| 2. | <p>Review of Infrastructure Summary</p> <p>JSu indicated to the Committee that the Infrastructure Summary aims to bring together all key policies, documents, groups, and a shared vision, and if any members have anything further to add/ contribute to the summary, to get in contact with Corrina Osborne (CO).</p> <p>Action: Committee members to contact CO if they would like to add anything to the Infrastructure Summary that was shared with the Group.</p> | <p>All Committee members</p> |
| 3. | <p>Transport across Dorset</p> <p>Jack Wiltshire (JW) and Julian McLaughlin (JM) presented slides on Transport across Dorset, including Funding such as the Transforming Cities Fund (TCF), the BIG Plan, a £50m fund for infrastructure, including digital infrastructure, which is fundamental to the recovery post Covid 19 and the Governance processes in place for overseeing all of this work. The presentation also went over the Local plan which will be refreshed in 2023.</p> <p>The presentation also went through the housing opportunities across Dorset that the TCF has opened up, which includes the 1000 new homes in Wimborne and the transport infrastructure such as cycle lanes and foot paths that will delivered as part of this scheme.</p> <p>Action: Committee members are encouraged to take part in the Transforming Travel consultation on https://www.bcpouncil.gov.uk/News/News-Features/Transforming-Travel/transforming-travel.aspx</p> | <p>All Committee members</p> |
| 4. | <p>Housing across Dorset</p> <p>This presentation was not able to take place.</p> | |
| 5. | <p>Digital across Dorset</p> | |

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| | <p>Dugald Lockhart (DLo) from Dorset Council and Adrian Hale (AH) from BCP Council gave a presentation called “Our Digital Vision #DigitalDorset” on the digital plans/ shared vision for Dorset and the opportunities in the near future for growth in this area. The presentation went through the future 5G network deployment, technology and infrastructure and all the future investment opportunities.</p> | |
| 6. | <p>Green Infrastructure – Local Nature Partnership</p> <p>Luke Rake (LR) and Maria Clarke (MC) gave a presentation on the Local Nature Partnership.</p> <p>MC indicated that she is the only officer working for the LNP. There will be opportunities for new Board members next year. MC also encouraged everyone to sign up to the LNP mailing list (this can be done via https://dorsetlnp.org.uk).</p> <p>With regards to the Stour Valley Park, BS highlighted that we need to look at the wider picture and include different opportunities for land management, such as for example a bus corridor, amongst other opportunities.</p> | |
| 7. | <p>Energy update</p> <p>CO gave an update on Energy. At the moment there is no particular group but there is an opportunity to look at the supply and future need, scenario mapping and what the future supply will look like.</p> <p>Action: CO will update the Committee further at the next meeting.</p> | CO |
| 8. | <p>Discussion</p> <p>DL discussed the work around the SW Energy Hub, the capital funding available including the Rural Community Energy Fund (more information here: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rural-community-energy-fund) and the new £350m Fund recently announced by OFGEM. DL has meetings with DC to identify shovel ready projects and will share this with the Committee.</p> | |

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| | JSu encouraged the Committee members to get involved in the subgroups, including the upcoming Energy one (more information to come) as a good way to pick up priorities, links to local plans, the LEP's Local Industrial Strategy, and connections into Government strategy, including zero carbon priorities. JSu also encouraged Committee members to put forward anyone suitable not on the Committee, and to get in touch with CO. | |
| 9. | Agree standing agenda items/ future work plan Action: Committee members to get in touch with CO if they would like to be involved in subgroups, including the Energy subgroup, or to put forward suitable subgroup members. | All Committee members |
| 10. | Any other business (AOB): none | |

Date of next meeting: 24 June 2021 10:00-12:00