

MINUTES OF MEETING

MEETING SUBJECT	ADEPT Transport & Connectivity Board	MEETING DATE	25 February 2022
RECORDED BY	Samantha Parfitt	TIME	10:00 -13:00
		VENUE	TEAMs

ATTENDEES PRESENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Kemp (MK) (CHAIR) • Adele Wearing (AW) • Adrian Gray (AG) • Allan Creedy (ACr) • Ann Carruthers (AC) • Anthony Ferguson (AF) • Ceren Clulow (CC) • David Davies (DD) • David Boyer (DB) • Edward Shortridge (ES) • Gary Bartlett (GB) • Graham Bygrave (GB) • Graham Vidler (GV) • Hannah Bartam (HB) • John Lamb (JL) • Kamal Panchal (KP) • Kathryn Vowles (KV) • Louise Clayton (LC) • Liz Burr (LB) • Maria Bates (MB) • Paul Crick (PCr) • Paul Fermer (PF) • Rob Catherall (RC) • Samantha Parfitt (SPa) • Sarah Spink (SP) • Shona Butter (SB) • Stephen Fidler (SF)
APOLOGIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anushia Vettivelu • Chris Henning • Chris Lee • Clive Thomson • Jamie Hlland • Julia Gould • Karl Taylor • Laura Waters • Mark Cobin • Sara Turnbull • Stuart Proffitt

ITEM		BY WHO	ACTION WHEN
1 & 2	Welcome and Apologies, minutes of last meeting & matters arising	MK	Agreed

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Updates from National Organisations

Department for Transport – Stephen Fidler, Robert Catherall & Anthony Ferguson

Active Travel Fund, expecting funding to be allocated in next couple of weeks with additional time being given to deliver. Detailed feedback should be received. Active Travel England likely to focus on transformational schemes. Group agrees would be good to invite them to a future meeting to understand what they are looking for.

BSIPs, decisions being made in the next few weeks. Expecting most authorities to receive some funding.

The Bus Recovery Grant, We are in discussions with the Treasury to secure additional funding, 60% confidence this will be announced Monday next week.

Levelling Up Fund feedback on unsuccessful/successful bids are ongoing this should be completed in January 2022. Work is underway on round 2 bids and how these should be approved.

Highway maintenance fund, 3 Year allocation to be announced within next few weeks. We want to link it to the delivery of Local Transport plans and decarbonising local transport.

Moving Traffic Offences (Part 6) Still progressing, awaiting SI's to be signed off. Consultation on TRO's will be with you shortly.

Recently had a workshop to start the update of the Network Management Duty Guidance. We plan to have this revised and published by this time next year.

Bus priority technical notes also being updated.

Manual for Streets should be out in next few months.

Currently collecting evidence from trials on E scooters and Micro-mobility to inform regulations.

Questions:

(KP) Any updates on Pavement parking?

Awaiting a decision.

(KP) When will there be any guidance with regards to micro mobility and e-scooters to assist with members.

Report comes out in a couple of weeks. Current legal situation on this will be review but nothing currently.

(PC) There are requirements for additional revenue funding for developing LTP's, pressure on resources/staff.

We are trying to achieve this as well as looking at other support in the form of regional centres of excellence, guidance and toolkits.

Local Government Association – Kamal Panchal

Work being done around road pricing and local councils being consulted with from all areas. If any councils in today's meeting would like to be involved to get in touch.

Questions:

(SS) Are STB's included in this?

Will check this although seeking council views initially.

HB

4.	<p><u>Updates from Working Groups</u></p> <p>The National Traffic Managers Forum – Liz Burr</p> <p>The next NTMF meeting is in March, Teams is allowing for better attendance rates and no need for travelling, although some authorities still not taking part.</p> <p>October's conference was successful and received good feedback. Topics include Women's safety and the forthcoming Commonwealth Games.</p> <p>Discussions within the working group for Network Management group include Part 6, EV charging and Small Cell Deployment.</p> <p>The Rights of Way Working Group – Shona Butter</p> <p>*Please refer to update paper</p> <p>The Road Safety Working Group – David Davies</p> <p>Road safety framework now expected in May, to include establishing a road collision investigation branch and roads policing review. The structure will be around safe systems. There is a conference on 17th March and focuses on what guidance is needed or problems are being encountered whilst trying to achieve vision zero.</p> <p>We are looking forward to reports on e-scooters but also need to understand how to address the large portion of private scooters.</p> <p>The Traffic Systems Working Group – Adrian Gray</p> <p>There continues to be risk of the availability of tungsten halogen lamps. We are working ARTSM in regards to withdrawal of ASTM lines. Local authorities are aware and have plans/guidance in place.</p> <p>Towpaths Management board next meet on 16th March. This guidance was put in the newsletter.</p> <p>The Digital Connectivity Group - Ceren Clulow</p> <p>*Please refer to update paper</p>		
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ITEM	<u>Session 2:</u>		
5.	<p>Speed Management Position Paper – Ed Shortridge</p> <p>We held a workshop in January, which was useful. The draft position paper to be circulated shortly after this meeting and would welcome feedback from the group, once comments received, I will then reissue a revised draft by the end of March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Presentation attached</i> 		
	<p>Passenger transport – where next? Perspectives from Urban Transport Group, Confederation of Passenger Transport and Association of Transport Co-ordinating Officers followed by discussion.</p>		

<p>6.</p> <p>7.</p> <p>8.</p>	<p>Jonathan Bray, Urban Transport Group Influences include levelling up agenda, quality of place and air quality. Charging for road space becoming more common. A need to get back to basics and Passenger transport is a key public service. Covid has changed travel trend with less commuting and increased travel for leisure. Challenges faced are buses services are changing to more niche roles such as park and ride. Peoples lives have been redesigned around the car with minimal need for Public transport. Subsidiaries for passenger transport slows the decline but doesn't increase growth. There is a big issue around balancing the cost of private car and passenger transport, the effect of the pandemic on demand, and the challenges of funding ending in April. Smaller commercial core means the government have a smaller network or end up paying for more of it. UTG will continue to make the case to be more streamlined, devolved and enhanced.</p> <p>Graham Vidler, Chief Executive, CTP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Presentation attached</i> <p>Jason Salter, ATCO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Presentation attached</i> <p>In addition to the presentation, wanted to highlight the SEN school transport issues. There is a significant gap due to less drivers and unlikely to be filled before the new September intake. Need to address the time and cost of licensing.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Discussion</p> <p>DfE – Home to school guidance revised in the spring. DFT – looking at marketing nationally and interested in how it is done locally and cross borders. Potentially a couple of mission statements, to look at the following areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Levelling up white paper and mission statement • Skills – Loss of drivers • Recovery • Comms, links back to recovery • Links to community transport and different solutions • Industry resilience and how to support SME's
<p>10.</p>	<p>New Chair of ADEPT Transport & Connectivity Board Ann Carruthers will be taking over from Mark Kemp as the new chair as Mark takes up his new role as President later in the spring. Mark would like to thank Adele, Anushia, Ed, Emily, Hannah and all who have played a part in his time as chair and as part of this group. We wish both Mark and Ann all the best in their new roles.</p>
	<p>Date of Next Meeting – 17th June 2022 VIA TEAMS</p>