

PENINSULA TRANSPORT CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

3 September 2020

Please note that the following recommendation is subject to consideration and determination by the Board before taking effect.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

- (a) The current Chair (Cllr Geoff Brown) and Vice-Chair (Cllr Andrea Davis) retain their current roles until the first Board meeting following the 2021 local elections.

1. Background/Introduction

This paper recommends extending current arrangements for Chair and Vice-Chair until an appropriate date in 2021 due to the exceptional circumstances caused by the Covid-19 situation.

2. Main Text/Proposal

The Constitution of the Peninsula Transport Shadow Sub-National Transport Body sets out procedures for election and the role of Chair and Vice-Chair; stating in paragraphs 8.1. to 8.3 that:

- *The Chair and Vice-Chair will be elected for a term of one municipal year from within the Local Transport Authority representation on the SWPSSTB Board.*
- *The first election will take place at the inaugural meeting of the SWPSSTB Board and at the meeting scheduled nearest to the 12 month anniversary of the inaugural meeting, every year thereafter.*
- *The Chair and Vice-Chair appointments will rotate annually amongst the elected members of the SWPSSTB Board. The rotation will be defined alphabetically by Local Authority with no single organisation holding the chair for successive years. The Vice-Chair will become the Chair in the subsequent year.*

The Peninsula Transport Constitution was adopted by the partner authorities prior to the inaugural meeting of the Board in November 2018, with the Chair and Vice-Chair formally confirmed at the inaugural meeting in line with the Constitution.

The rotation of the Chair and Vice-Chair appointments did not take place at the meeting scheduled nearest to the 12-month anniversary, and a subsequent meeting was cancelled due to Covid-19.

Given that we are now some way into the second year of the partnership and local elections will take place in May 2021 which may result in a change in local authority Cabinet Member representation at the Board; it is recommended that the rotation of Chair and Vice-Chair is deferred until the first available meeting following the 2021 local elections.

When the rotation takes place, the Cabinet Member from Devon County Council, will become Chair and the Cabinet Member from Plymouth City Council will become Vice-Chair in line with the Constitution.

3. Options/Alternatives

The option to rotate the Chair and Vice-Chair appointments at this September 2020 meeting was considered and discounted due to the possibility that Member representation may change following local elections in May 2021, and the desire to avoid unnecessary disruption given the current pressures created by Covid-19.

4. Consultations

The proposal has been discussed informally with the local authority partners prior to being considered formally by the Board. No public or community consultation is considered necessary regarding this procedural matter.

5. Other Considerations

This report has no specific equality, sustainability, risk management, public health or legal implications.

6. Reasons for Recommendations

To ensure that the Governance arrangements for the Peninsula Transport Shadow Sub-National Transport Body have been actively considered and approved by the Board at the first available opportunity.