

PENINSULA TRANSPORT UPDATE

FY23/24 Business Plan Proposal

2 March 2023

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

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

- (a) The Board notes the proposed budget available for Peninsula Transport for FY23/24;
- (b) The Board note the STB Business Plan guidance received from the DfT which sets out the expectations for the content of Business Plans and priority areas for 2023/24;
- (c) The Board approve the draft Business Plan;
- (d) The Board agrees the plan can be formally submitted to Department for Transport; and
- (e) The Board approve the funding allocated for each key policy area and STB staffing.

I. Background

Peninsula Transport received a letter in March 2022 from Baroness Vere confirming the proposed budget for FY2022/23. The letter also set out a proposed budget for 2023/24 and 2024/25 Financial Years. We have now been advised by Department for Transport that the indicative budget of £649,000 should be used as the basis upon which the Business Plan should be compiled.

The STB Business Plan Guidance, published in December 2022 and circulated to members separately, sets out the expectations of the DfT for business planning. This guidance sets out the three main functions of the STBs as being:

- *Develop and maintain a transport strategy for your region;*
- *Provide advice to Ministers on prioritising transport investment; and*
- *To grow the capability of Local Transport Authorities in your region by developing a Regional Centre of Excellence.*

In compiling the plan for FY23/24, Peninsula Transport have sought to ensure these functions are covered in the proposed programme of work and the significant progress achieved in 2022/23 to be continued.

In 2022/23 the STB published:

- South West Freight Strategy (in collaboration with Western Gateway)
- Rural Mobility Strategy (in collaboration with Western Gateway)
- Carbon Transition Strategy
- International Gateways Strategy
- Alternative Fuels for Freight Strategy (in collaboration with Western Gateway)

We also made significant progress in developing our draft Transport Strategy and accompanying Strategic Implementation Plan.

2. Overview of Business Plan

The proposed work programme for 2023/24 has taken full consideration of the priorities identified within the DfT business planning guidance. Peninsula Transport will prioritise the following:

- Strategy consultation and adoption – our priority will be to consult upon and adopt a draft Transport Strategy
- SIP development & prioritisation – appraise and prioritise schemes against the Peninsula Transport Strategic Goals and Objectives
- Regional Centres of Excellence:
 - Carbon Quantification
 - EV Infrastructure Supply & Demand forecasting
 - LTP Support
 - Sharing Best Practice (subject to the potential availability of additional funding).
- Public Transport
 - Rail Strategy recommendations
 - Bus Network enhancements and better integrated services
- Freight – continued support for the South West Freight Forum and taking forward strategy interventions
- Rural Mobility – development and scoping of pilot schemes

We will deliver the business plan through a permanent team of core staff, supported by a wider resource pool and Local Authority officers as required.

Further detail on each of these areas is provided in the accompanying draft Business Plan.

3. Financial Considerations

As detailed above, the Business Plan has been devised based on the overall STB funding allocation of £649,000 from DfT. Table 1 below provides a breakdown of the indicative funding allocation for each of the areas identified above. The funding allocation has been distributed within known available budgets and is affordable.

Table I – Proposed Business Plan Budget Allocations

Income		23/24	Notes
DfT Contribution		649.0	Based on 2022/23 Award Letter
Local Contribution		159.8	
Income Total		808.8	
Expenditure		Proposed Budget	
Functional administration costs including comms		74.4	In line with 2022/23
Core Team costs		350.0	Estimate based on up to five new FTE roles
Operational Expenditure Subtotal		424.4	
EV Infrastructure Forecasting	Forecasting Tool Interface	20.0	In line with 2022/23 Proposal
	Stakeholder Engagement	15.0	In line with 2022/23 Proposal
	Recommendations, Strategy & Action Plan	25.0	In line with 2022/23 Proposal
Carbon Baseline Tool - Scenario Testing and Placetype		35.0	In line with 2022/23 Proposal
Rural Mobility Scoping & Pilot projects		60.0	
Freight - Steering Group support & monitoring		60.0	
Public Transport – Bus Network Integration		60.0	Carried over from 22/23 Business Plan
Public Transport – Rail Strategy Recommendations		60.0	Carried over from 22/23 Business Plan
Regional Centre of Excellence Support			TBC – additional funding will enable enhanced best practice sharing
Work Package Expenditure Subtotal		375.0	
Expenditure Total		799.4	
Staffing Contingency		49.40	

4. Environmental Impact Considerations

There are no environmental considerations associated with this paper.

5. Equality Considerations

There are no equality considerations associated with this paper.

6. Legal Considerations

There are no specific legal considerations associated with this paper.

7. Risk Management Considerations

The Peninsula Transport Programme Management Group reviews risk and assigns the required mitigation actions across the Peninsula Transport workstreams on at least a monthly basis.

A full risk register will be produced as part of the final Business Plan for FY23/24. This risk register will be monitored and reviewed regularly in conjunction with the DfT.

8. Public Health Impact

There are no public health impacts associated with this paper.

9. Summary/Conclusions/Reasons for Recommendations

In order to draw down on the allocated funding from the Department for Transport, a Business Plan is required to set out how the budget will be allocated and spent. This Business Plan demonstrates a further advancement in the management and organisation of Peninsula Transport, and will provide the DfT with confidence that the STB can deliver this ambitious plan.

TABLE 1: REVISED WORK PACKAGE PROGRAMME

Workstream	Start Date	Completion Date	Notes
WP07 EV & Technology	March 2021	February 2023	Paused in 2022 to reflect on national EV Infrastructure policy. Draft report now complete and final report to be presented at February Board
WP08 Rail Strategy Phase I	March 2021	February 2023	Draft report now being revised to reflect CP7 and GBRTT changes. Final report to be presented at February Board
WP23 Rail Mobile Connectivity	March 2022	Spring 2023	Development of Business Case in partnership with Network Rail for Project Reach. This is now being completed with a final update to be presented in the Spring.
WPI5 Detailed Transport Strategy	March 2022	Autumn 2023	Draft Strategy for Consultation to be presented to February Board. Consultation spring/summer 2023. Final publication in September 2023.
WPI7 Strategic Implementation Plan	March 2022	Spring 2023	First SIP to be presented to February Board for comment. Live document to be revised quarterly.
Decarbonisation – Baselineing	Dec 2022	March 2023	Carbon baselining exercise to be commissioned this month with results scheduled by end of FY 22/23.
EV Infrastructure Demand Forecasting	Dec 2022	April 2023	Development of EV Ready Tool to forecast EV supply and demand across the STB area based on a number of uptake scenarios and available to drill down to sub-postcode level. Proposal is prepared for Officer and DfT sign off.
Freight – Forum Support and Pilot projects	July 2022	March 2023	Ongoing provision of technical and facilitation support to the SW Freight Forum Development of potential pilot project to provide load matching service. Proposal in preparation.
Rural Mobility – Pilot Proposals	Dec 2022	March 2023	Development of a pilot prospectus based on specific locations in line with RM Strategy. Proposal is prepared for Officer and DfT sign off.