

APPOINTMENT OF PENINSULA TRANSPORT BOARD CHAIR

15 July 2024

I. 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 process for appointment of the STB Chair and Vice Chair as set out within the Peninsula Transport Constitution, as appended to this note.
- b) The Board thanks the Member for Devon County Council, Cllr Andrea Davis for undertaking the role of Chair for the last three years and acknowledges her hard work and support provided to the STB during that time;
- c) The Board approves the appointment of the Member for Plymouth City Council, Cllr Mark Coker, as the incoming Chair of Peninsula Transport;
- d) The Board approves the appointment of the Member for Somerset Council, Cllr Richard Wilkins, as the incoming Vice Chair of Peninsula Transport.

1. Background

The role of Peninsula Transport Chair has been undertaken by Cllr Andrea Davis since 2021. Cllr Davis' contribution has been invaluable in developing the STB over this time and achieving the significant milestone of publishing a regional Transport Strategy. Cllr Davis has also been central to maintaining the investment in the resilience work required at Dawlish which has seen this now develop into the South West Rail Resilience Programme, which aims to address the wider impacts of climate change on the rail network within the peninsula. The Board and Peninsula Transport Team would like to thank Cllr Davis for her hard work, support and guidance during this period.

The Peninsula Transport Chair and Vice-Chair (Cllr Mark Coker), as set out in the STB constitution, are elected for a term of two years within the Local Authority representation on the STB Board. The Chair and Vice-Chair appointments will rotate once every two years amongst the elected members, defined alphabetically.

Due to the General Election on July 4th, the appointment of a new Chair and Vice Chair for Peninsula Transport has been delayed until the end of the pre-election period.

2. Chair Responsibilities

The role of Peninsula Transport Chair is to provide leadership to the Sub-National Transport Board; ensure Board meetings are run effectively and inclusively; and be an effective advocate and representative for Peninsula Transport.

The Chair will manage and lead Board meetings on a quarterly basis, and any additional meetings when required. Informal Member Briefings are arranged as required between formal Board meetings and will also be chaired by the Chairman. These informal meetings are intended to provide Members and Senior Officers with the opportunity to be briefed on key issues and topics ahead of any decisions required at Board level.

The Chair will represent Peninsula Transport at regional and national events as required. This will be agreed with the Peninsula Team and Lead Officer.

The Peninsula Transport core team will provide regular updates and briefings to the Chair and Vice Chair to provide guidance and leadership.

3. New Role Appointments

In line with the constitution, it is proposed that the role of Chair transfers to the Plymouth City Council elected Member, Cllr Mark Coker.

In line with the constitution, it is proposed that the role of Vice Chair transfers to the Somerset County elected Member, Cllr Richard Wilkins.

4. Financial Considerations

The transfer of Board Chair does not have any financial implications for the STB and the accountable body.

5. Environmental Impact Considerations

There are no environmental considerations associated with this paper.

6. Equality Considerations

There are no equality considerations associated with this paper.

7. Legal Considerations

There are no specific legal considerations associated with this paper.

8. Risk Management Considerations

The Programme Director maintains and manages a Risk Register covering all aspects of the operation of the STB. The transfer of Chair and the potential impacts is reflected within the risk register.

9. Public Health Impact

There are no public health impacts associated with this paper.

10. Summary/Conclusions/Reasons for Recommendations

In line with the STB constitution, the transfer of chair and vice chair roles is recommended to proceed as recommended.

APPENDIX A – DFT GRANT FUNDING LETTER MAY 2024

APPENDIX B – PENINSULA TRANSPORT BUSINESS PLAN 2024/25