

**BOURNEMOUTH, DORSET AND POOLE MULTI AREA AGREEMENT
TRANSPORT THEME GROUP
MEETING HELD ON 28 APRIL 2009 AT UPTON HOUSE, POOLE.**

Present:

Jim Stewart (Chair)	-	Poole Harbour Commissioners
Julian McLaughlin (Lead Officer)	-	Borough of Poole
Matthew Beaumont (MAA Manager)	-	Dorset Business
Andrew Smith	-	Yellow Buses
Mike Holmes	-	Bournemouth Borough Council
Peter Speroni	-	Dorset County Council
Andy Shaw	-	Dorset county Council
Cllr Bob Lawton	-	Bournemouth Borough Council
Cllr Ron Parker	-	Borough of Poole
Ian Parsons	-	Highways Agency
Mike Moore	-	Road Haulage Association
Nigel Hammond	-	Government Office South West
Phil Dominey	-	South West Trains
Andrew Murray	-	Manchester Airports
Rebecca Skinner	-	Transport Adviser, SW RDA
John Probert	-	Wyvern Group
David Wright	-	Highways Agency
Stuart Reynolds	-	Hampshire County Council

Presentations by:

Rick Clayton	-	Borough of Poole
Ken Pearce	-	Borough of Poole

Apologies: None received

		ACTION
1.	Summary of Actions	
	Outstanding: MB to feedback on commonality and potential linkage between MAAs.	MB
	JS had contacted DCCI who were considering their position on business representation for the Theme Group.	JS
	SED Multi Modal Transport Study – Strategy Development. Although detail had yet to be confirmed an invitation would be received by each member of the Group sent by Atkins. Feedback via JMCL in order to help co-ordinate the overall response. The draft document would be circulated for approval at the next Theme Group meeting (or sooner) and distributed to Board.	All JMCL MB

Intelligent Transport Strategy. PD outlined current RTI rail information in place (including Bournemouth Airport) and that rail needed to be included in future work. PD had provided current information to Chris Francombe already. KP to liaise accordingly.	KP
There was unanimous support towards the ITS which it was felt would provide significant benefits to the operation of the SED conurbation network and JMcL outlined that detail would now need to be dealt with by each of the three Highway Authorities in terms of approving/ progressing funding for the programme.	Authorities
Geo-Economics Report/Review of Aims. JMcL thanked attendees for their useful views and agreed to add the theme group response to the research for distribution to Programme Group.	JMcL
MB to distribute to Programme Group.	MB
Highways Agency Memorandum of Understanding. It was agreed that IP/Chris Francombe would further refine the draft MOU for final consideration at the next MAA Theme Group meeting on 10 August.	IP/CF
MH requested that reference to Boscombe rail station is removed (para 5.6).	CF
Terms of Reference/Scope. JMcL outlined that Terms of Reference (ToR) for the MAA could be found in the MAA Action Plan, (pp 60-76) and requested that attendees refresh their knowledge prior to discussion of a draft ToR for the Group. (Prepared by JMcL).	All JMcL
MH agreed to provide the Housing Theme Group ToR as a guide and MB confirmed the MAA Action Plan could be found on www.investindorset.co.uk .	MH
Membership. A discussion of current membership took place with JS indicating that business participation was being considered by DCCI. RP also noted Bournemouth & Poole Partnership (LSP) may be interested in future representation.	RP/JMcL
Future Meetings/Speakers. Agreed speakers – 10 August: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ian Parsons, Highways Agency (Freedoms & Flexibilities) • Andrew Murray, Bournemouth Airport • Phil Dominey, South West Trains 	IP AM PD

Further potential speakers – 5 November	
• Environmental Theme Group, Chair/Lead	MB

2. **Minutes of Last Meeting/Key Actions from 29 January Meeting**

MB had circulated Mark Hepworth’s Geo-Economics research paper. Anyone wishing to receive a further copy could email julian/mclaughlin@poole.gov.uk. All

MH had attended the PUSH meeting.

Outstanding: MB to feedback on commonality and potential linkage between MAAs. MB

Theme Delivery Plan had been finalised without any further change needed.

JS had contacted DCCI who were considering their position on business representation for the Theme Group. JS

No further PIs had been received thus far.

JP had liaised with MM who was now in attendance.

3. **SED Multi Modal Transport Study – Strategy Development**

Rick Clayton (Project Manager) gave an informative presentation with emphasis given to the forthcoming high profile consultation.

JS asked what was needed from the Theme Group. In addition to individual organisations responding to the ‘problems and issues’ element of consultation there would be an opportunity for the Theme Group to provide a co-ordinated strategic response. The Theme Group would be one of a number of important Wider Reference Group consultees.

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Feedback via JMCL in order to help co-ordinate the overall response. JMCL
The draft document would be circulated for approval at the next Theme Group meeting (or sooner) and distributed to Board. MB

MM asked if freight hauliers had been included for within the study. He stressed that their movement on the network was mainly a function of customer location. RC confirmed

freight was indeed included for. The Chairman thanked Rick Clayton for his presentation.

4. **Intelligent Transport Strategy**

Ken Pearce (LTP Manager, BoP) outlined the recently published strategy noting the key strands of potential activity. KP noted both Capital and Revenue implications and that in general the former was affordable within existing LTP budgets.

IP sought reassurance that HA operational staff were aware of progress and PS confirmed this to be the case and outlined the significance of the strategy in reducing congestion, moving forward with key Olympic aims for 2012 as well as wider efficiency for business.

MM sought confirmation that work would proceed with full communication with surrounding Councils. PS confirmed this to be the case with the aim of providing map based regional/sub-regional information on transport conditions to network users.

SR offered the HCC/ROMANSE experience that confirmed the major benefits of such a systems approach.

PD outlined current RTI rail information in place (including Bournemouth Airport) and that rail needed to be included in future work. PD had provided current information to Chris Francombe already. KP to liaise accordingly.

KP

The significance of RTI for both port and airport was also considered to be important.

There was unanimous support towards the ITS which it was felt would provide significant benefits to the operation of the SED conurbation network and JMcL outlined that detail would now need to be dealt with by each of the three Highway Authorities in terms of approving the programme.

Authorities

MH highlighted BBC's support of the ITS project but noted that with the recent RFA2 delay in financial support for the Bus Showcase Corridor project had lessened the urgency for the ITS from BBC's point of view.

PS added that significant joint working opportunities existed in terms of systems, control room and general economy of scale if the Council joint control room was now moved forward.

RP reminded attendees that the timescales for RFA2 projects were indeed flexible given the region's likely potential for further adjustment and review if other priority schemes were themselves delayed.

It was agreed that the MAA had been very effective in promoting the current sub-regional schemes and would help further in the future.

5. **Geo-Economics Report/Review of Aims**

JMcL circulated the transport chapter of the recent research project with the following comments made:

Rail:

PD agreed to provide factual information relating to current train journey times between London and Bournemouth/Poole. PD would also summarise confirmed improvements and further plans for the mainline service. It was noted that the Olympic bid had included for greater improvement than is likely to happen. SR sought reassurance that any improvement would not be detrimental to the upline service provided.

Bristol and Cross Country services were also discussed. PD considered there to be potential for developing freight container system beyond Southampton to Poole.

Road:

It was agreed to delete "shorter journey time" as DW noted that reliable journey times was the main objective.

"Canford Bottom" to be replaced by "Ameysford".

To include mention of accommodating future growth.

Sea:

Additional mention of the need to improve Port access for freight between the Port and the A31T (subject of the SEDMMTS).

Air:

Emphasise the nature of Bournemouth Airport as a regional airport. Improve its linkage to rail (by road).

Add Southampton Airport as an additional airport benchmark. Include for the leisure/tourism sector in addition to business sector.

Add title "Green transport" below the "air" paragraph and move "marketing the vision" up one paragraph.

JMcL thanked attendees for their useful views and agreed to redraft the content of the research for distribution. MB to distribute to Programme Group.

JMcL
MB

6. **Regional Funding Allocation 2**

JMcL distributed the regional list of priority schemes (2009-2019) for information. In doing so JMcL noted that this was still subject to DfT approval. RS confirmed this to be likely during June 2009.

7. **Highways Agency Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

IP provided a summary of the progress towards agreement but stressed the need for further work, especially to include for an indication of the likely transport impacts of a range of development. IP/DW confirmed that such a departure would need Ministerial approval and HA need to know that partners are fully aware of the implications of any relaxation in development control.

It was agreed that IP/Chris Francombe would further refine the draft MOU for final consideration at the next MAA Theme Group meeting on 10 August.

IP/CF

IP would present at the next meeting but felt that a lack of model would not slow agreement.

MH requested that reference to Boscombe rail station is removed (para 5.6).

CF

8. **Terms of Reference/Scope**

JMcL outlined that Terms of Reference (ToR) for the MAA could be found in the MAA Action Plan, (pp 60-76) and requested that attendees refresh their knowledge prior to discussion of a draft ToR for the Group. (Prepared by JMcL).

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JMcL

MH agreed to provide the Housing Theme Group ToR as a guide and MB confirmed the MAA Action Plan could be found on www.investindorset.co.uk.

MH

9. **Theme Group Interplay**

MB provided brief summary of the MAA set up and governance.

10. **Membership**

A discussion of current membership took place with JS indicating that business participation was being considered by DCCI. RP also noted Bournemouth & Poole Partnership (LSP) may be interested in future representation.

RP/JMcL

11. **Future Meetings/Speakers**

It was agreed that the presentations had been useful and that this format should continue into future meetings.

Agreed speakers – 10 August:

- Ian Parsons, Highways Agency (Freedoms & Flexibilities)
- Andrew Murray, Bournemouth Airport
- Phil Dominey, South West Trains

IP

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PD

Further potential speakers – 5 November

- Environmental Theme Group, Chair/Lead

MB

12. **Dates of Future Meetings**

- 2.30pm on 10 August 2009 at Poole Harbour Commissioners offices
- 2.30pm on 5 November 2009 at Poole Harbour Commissioners offices

Advance apologies received for 10 August

- Mike Moore, Road Haulage Association
- Andrew Smith, Yellow Buses (substitute possible)

Julian McLaughlin
29 April 2009