



Coventry Partnership Transport Theme Group
Wed 25th Nov 10:00 – 12:00
Ellen Terry Suite, St Mary's Hall

Present:

Cllr John McNicholas	Chair
Mike Barnes	Ring and Ride
Karen King	Community Transport
Clive Robinson	UHCW
Nigel Mills	Coventry City Council- Transport and Planning
Martin Trewinnard	Coventry City Council- Planning
Nigel Wain	Coventry Partnership
Graham Hine	University of Warwick
George Parsons	CEPOG
Dilip Chauhan	City Services- CCC
Simon Brake	Community Services-CCC
Duncan Ashleigh	Ring and Ride

Apologies:

Cllr Gary Ridley	Cabinet Member
Marion Harper	Physical and Sensory Impairment Partnership
Cllr Andrew Williams	West Midlands ITA
Esther Higden	PCT
Des Rogers	Ring and Ride
Lesley Kelly	Voluntary Sector Rep
Graham Aylott	Chamber of Commerce
Neil Ross	CENTRO
Andrew Page	CENTRO
Andy Littlewood	CCC
Bernard Delaney	National Express Coventry

1. Welcome & Introductions

Cllr McNicholas opened the meeting, introductions were given. The meeting welcomed John back to the chair after his absence.

2. Apologies

Apologies were noted as above.

3. Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed.

Matters arising:-

City Centre Area Action Plan

Martin reported that the City Centre Area Action plan was out for comment until 14th Jan. After the consultation has closed the plan will be submitted to the full cabinet in March. Martin explained that the plan consisted of general policies, covering routes and linkages, design and the 10 quarters, linkages to the station and the ring road. The consultation can be viewed :-

<http://www.coventry.gov.uk/ccm/navigation/environment/planning/city-centre-area-action-plan/>

It was agreed that the sub group who met to discuss the LTP comments should convene again to feed in any comments for the City Centre Area Action Plan..

Action Nigel to arrange for the sub group to meet to respond to the City Centre Action Plan

Cllr McNicholas suggested we invite a rep from City Development to present an update on the plan when it is published (at the April 14th Meeting?)

Mike raised concerns about the lack of visibility of the recent consultation on Ironmonger Row routing changes and asked how the consultation was advertised as it could have had ramifications for bus services. Nigel Mills thought it had been advertised through the Street News Publication.

Sub National Review

Nigel Wain reported that Rose Poulter had confirmed she would attend the Feb Theme group meeting next year to discuss the review

Partnership Conference

Nigel Wain reported that Christine had agreed to present on Independent Travel at the Partnership conference on 3rd December.

4. Local Transport Plan 3 – George Parsons

George presented the plans for the development of the Local Transport Plan 3:-

- The ITA would be responsible for producing the LTP
- CEPOG were assisting in its development.
- The LTP 3 will replace LTP2 which expires in Mar 2011
- It will include strategy and policies for 2011 to 2026
- It will include detailed delivery programme for the first 3 years
- The plan has 2 set of drivers- mitigating existing levels of congestion and ensuring the infrastructure for growth is in place.
- The first stage of the process is to consult on the Vision/Issues and Process document
- Schemes will need to be in the LTP if they are to be considered for funding
- There was an issue around how targets could reflect the variations across the region and how these could be disaggregated to LA areas for tracking.
- The allocation of funding across the region was also an issue

George clarified that the Regional funding Allocation and LTP would need to be aligned for the first 3 years.

The LTP currently sits with the ITA but the Leaders Board also wants an input to Transport. The structures are evolving.

Mike mentioned the need to link Coventry with Warwks and Solihull and Martin confirmed that the Regional Spatial Strategy had a list of major schemes across the sub region and work on LTP collaboration with Warwks was ongoing. It was agreed that the Warwickshire LTP should be added to the forward planner.

(See link to Warwicks LTP3 web page <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ltp3>)

5. LTP 3 Consultation Theme Group Response

Cllr McNicholas reminded the group that a sub group had already met and prepared some comments on the LTP vision. The paper was circulated with the agenda. The comments were reviewed by the meeting.

Action

It was agreed that Martin would add the specific Transport projects that were included in the Coventry Core strategy in Paragraph 2 of the vision, then the comments would be circulated to the sub group and submitted prior to the 18th Dec deadline.

6. RouteForward Update - Dilip Chauhan

Cllr McNicholas welcomed Dilip on his return to the Theme group.

Dilip updated the group with the latest progress on Routeforward:-

- The core Routeforward services (travel bureau and independent travel) were mainstreamed from April 2009
- Following a review of children's transport the travel bureau will transfer to CLYP to be located nearer the budget holders on 18 Dec
- The independent travel (2 x Travel Coordinators) will transfer to Community Services.
- Routedirect was still running as a pilot and will be re-launched as a chargeable service from April 2010.
- Christine had now left Routedirect and Dilip would be taking up a new post in Waste services from Jan 2010
- A further review of Transport within the council was taking place lead by Simon Brake

Overall it was positive to see that the key elements of Routeforward had been mainstreamed although Cllr McNicholas emphasised the need to ensure that even with the management changes the experience of the successes of the project should not be lost.

Dilip thought that the personalisation agenda would strengthen the need for Independent travel and there would be many positives by locating the services closer to the commissioners.

Concern was expressed that the move of the travel bureau would dilute the efforts the Theme group to continue to have a coordinated approach to Demand Responsive Travel across Coventry. Dilip promised to ensure this was covered in the handover to CLYP. Nigel Wain commented that ensuring a coordinated approach had been included in the Priorities for the LTP3.

John asked for the minutes to record the thanks to Dilip and Christine for their contribution to the Theme group over the years and wished Dilip well in his new job.

7. Council Transport Review Simon Brake

Simon reported that an overall review of Council Transport as part of the abc programme was being carried out. Simon would lead on the review supported by Pricewaterhouse Coopers, The baseline of current expenditure would be completed by Mid Dec. A programme of work streams would report in spring with a policy recommendation in June. Implementation was expected to be over 18 months The review would not cover members travel, waste, activities of subcontractors and the time people take to travel, a main focus would be on Sustainability. The review does not extend beyond the authority and included staff travel policy, car park passes, green travel and use of teleconferencing.

During discussion Simon confirmed the review may include grant funded transport and a review of 450 vehicles in the fleet

Mike suggested that the VCS would welcome the opportunity to be involved in the design of any new service as they may offer alternative ways of doing things.

Simon offered to attend future Transport Theme group meetings when possible and Cllr McNicholas asked for the Theme group to be briefed when the report is due, perhaps at the meeting on 9th June.

Action

Nigel agreed to add Simon Brake and Denise Smith to the Theme group distribution list.

8. Transport Eligibility Spreadsheet

Nigel referred to the Transport eligibility spreadsheet that Alison Porter had prepared prior to her leaving, the main missing data relates to Routeforward.

Action

Dilip agreed to complete the Routeforward section so it could be finalised and circulated.

It was agreed that the Theme group should take ownership of the spreadsheet to ensure it was kept up to date.

9. Community Cohesion Action Plan

Nigel referred to the Community Cohesion Action plan which had been drafted by a sub group and approved at an earlier meeting. Most of the actions were ongoing but there was one around improving behaviour of passengers on transport :-

- Explore further the prospect of running a 'Respect' campaign to make people feel confident about using public transport

Action

It was agreed that in the New Year Nigel Wain would set up a meeting of the original sub group who proposed this action to consider how it could be taken forward.

10. Vice Chair for the Group

Cllr McNicholas formally proposed that Mike Barnes should be nominated as the Vice Chair for the group and this was seconded by Nigel. This was agreed unanimously by the group.

11. Communications

PrimeLines in Coventry had now received three awards.

12. Items for Future Meetings

Date of Next meetings all Wed 10-12:- Feb 10th, April 14th, June 9th, Aug 4th, Oct 6th Dec 8th

Forward planner items

- Sub Regional Review Rose Poulter Feb
- Warwickshire LTP3
- Action Plan Updates
- City Centre Plans
- Moving On (ABC Review) June
- Respect campaign

13. Any other business

.Martin informed the group he would be leaving in April, Cllr McNicholas thanked Martin for his work and wished him well for the future.

Nigel Wain
18th December