

Subject: Transport for the South East – Proposal to Government on Statutory Powers – Extract from the proceedings of the Policy & Resources Committee held on the 19 March 2020.

Date of Meeting: 23 April 2020

Report of: Executive Lead Officer for Strategy, Governance & Law

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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE***Action Required of the Council:***

To receive the item referred from the Policy & Resources Committee for approval:

Recommendation:

- (1) That the proposal to Government as set out in appendix 1 to the report be agreed;
- (2) That the Executive Director for Economy, Environment & Culture be authorised to respond positively to Transport for the South East on the proposal; and
- (3) That the need for a further report seeking formal consent from Council to the creation of the statutory body, following the response from the Secretary of State be noted.

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL
POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

4.00pm 19 MARCH 2020

HOVE TOWN HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBER

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Platts (Chair); Mac Cafferty and Bell.

PART ONE

150 TRANSPORT FOR THE SOUTH EAST – PROPOSAL TO GOVERNMENT ON STATUTORY POWERS

- 150.1 The Committee considered the report of the Executive Director Economy Environment & Culture regarding the creation of a new Statutory Transport Body composed of sixteen Constituent Local Authorities, including Brighton & Hove City Council, from across the south east.
- 150.2 Councillor Mac Cafferty said that the Green Group had concerns that some areas, such as bus franchises, had been omitted from the latest version and that the suggested carbon neutral targets didn't align across the region. This was a slight improvement on the previous strategy but was still some way from the ambition of the whole Council to reach carbon neutrality by 2030.
- 150.3 Councillor Bell asked which authorities had not joined this group, how we would ensure that the voice of Brighton & Hove residents would be heard and how any decisions would be made. The Assistant Director, City Transport said that all the constituent local authorities in the region were represented on the Transport for the South East Board. Councillor Pissaridou (Chair of the ETS Committee) was the Council's representative on the Board. The Board met frequently, and most decisions were made by consensus and voting arrangements, which were a formal requirement, were only used occasionally when things like budgetary issues were being considered.
- 150.4 Councillor Platts said that it was better to be in this Body than not as the infrastructure funding was needed, and this was an opportunity to link the money being made available by the Government to the City's infrastructure.
- 150.5 **RESOLVED:**
- (1) That the development of Transport for The South East as an emerging Sub National Transport Body, including its progress in delivering a Proposal to Government to enable it to become a Statutory Body, be noted; and.
 - (2) That the Proposal to Government be referred to Full council for agreement.

150.6 RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

- (1) That the proposal to Government as set out in appendix 1 to the report be agreed;
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- (3) That the need for a further report seeking formal consent from Council to the creation of the statutory body, following the response from the Secretary of State be noted.

