



Cheshire & Warrington Local Transport Body

Date of Meeting: Friday 21 December 2018
Report of: Steve Hunter – Transport for Warrington Service Manager
Subject/Title: Transport for the North Update

1. Report Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update on progress made with Transport for the North (TfN). It follows on from a series of written reports considered by LTB meetings held over the last 3 years since the formation of TfN. A brief summary is provided of progress on a number of the work streams in this report and further updates will be reported verbally at the meeting.
- 1.2 The recommendations follow in Section 2 of this report, with progress reported on two key items, the formation of TfN as a Statutory Sub National Transport Body and on preparation of its Strategic Transport Plan. Section 3 briefly lists other TfN work streams on which a verbal update will be provided on progress at the meeting. A link is provided within this section to the papers of the most recent TfN Board meeting which took place on Thursday 6th December.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the CWLTB note the Transport for the North developments and continuing activities:
1. On the 1st April 2018 TfN became the first **Sub-National Transport Body with statutory powers** (which were awarded under the powers set out in the 2016 Cities and Local Devolution Act);
 2. That membership of TfN consists of the 20 Local Transport / Combined Authorities across the North of England and that therefore Warrington Borough, Cheshire West and Chester and Cheshire East Councils are all members, following the consent given by all of them during 2017.
 3. That the Cheshire and Warrington LEP is also a co-opted member of TfN.
 4. That the Local Enterprise Partnership and all three Local Transport Authorities across Cheshire and Warrington are fully represented on the TfN Partnership Board, TfN Board (Members and LEPs) and Executive Board (Local Transport Authority Officers) by Pete Waterman (LEP) Cllr Terry O'Neill (Warrington Borough Council), Cllr Sam Dixon (Cheshire West and Chester Council (Vice Chair of the Board) and Cllr Rachel Bailey (Cheshire East Council). Further to this an officer from each of the three authorities sits on the TfN Executive Board.

5. That the LTB notes progress made on all of the TfN work streams as listed and briefly summarised in Section 3 of this report.

3. Work Streams

3.1 Work continues on a considerable number of work streams. TfN is progressing all of these in partnership with the Department for Transport, Highways England, High Speed 2 Limited and Network Rail with considerable support provided by local authority officers from across the North including from across Cheshire and Warrington. A verbal update on progress made on these other work streams is to be provided at the meeting:

- a) Governance
- b) Strategic Transport Plan and Investment Plan / Funding
- c) Strategic Rail – including Northern Powerhouse Rail
- d) Rail Performance in the North
- e) Strategic Roads
- f) Strategic Development Corridor work
- g) Integrated and Smart Travel
- h) Stakeholder Engagement and Communications

3.2 Further detailed information on the TfN Board and a number of these work streams can be found in the papers for the most recent TfN Board meeting which took place on 6th December 2018 and also a link to details of the TfN Board:

- Details of the TfN Board can be found at:
<https://transportforthenorth.com/about-transport-for-the-north/our-board/>
- Papers from the most recent meeting of the TfN Board held on 6th December 2018:
<https://transportforthenorth.com/calendar/transport-north-board-6-december-2018/>