

A46 Member Partnership



Date: 25th January 2017
Time: 2pm
Location: Committee Room 2, Shire Hall, Warwick

Present: **Members**

Cllr Vernon Smith, (Chair)
Cllr Adrian Hardman, Wychavon District Council (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Peter Butlin, Warwickshire County Council
Cllr Ken Pollock, Worcestershire County Council
Cllr Robert Vaudry, Stratford-on-Avon District Council
Cllr Andrew McKinlay, Cheltenham Borough Council
Cllr Elaine MacTiernan, Tewkesbury Borough Council
Cllr Stephen Cross, Warwick District Council

LEPs:

Ian Edwards (IE), Worcestershire LEP

Officers:

Andy Baker (AB), Worcestershire County Council
Dave Barber (DB), Warwick District Council
John Careford (JC), Stratford-on-Avon District Council
Shawn Riley (SR), Wychavon District Council
Adrian Hart (AH), Warwickshire County Council
Nicholas Dauncey (ND), Warwickshire County Council
Julie Wood (JW), Tewkesbury Borough Council
Jeremy Williamson (JWi), Cheltenham Borough Council
Amanda Lawson-Smith (ALS), Gloucestershire County Council

Guest Speakers:

Lisa Maric (LM), Highways England
Richard Mann (RM), Midlands Connect

Apologies: Paul Boulton, Coventry City Council
Cllr David Welsh, Coventry City Council
Cllr Heather Timms, Rugby Borough Council
Matthew Stanczyszyn, Rugby Borough Council
Sarah Spink, Midlands Connect

	<p>1. Introduction and Apologies (Chair)</p> <p>Cllr Smith welcomed attendees to the meeting and apologies were noted.</p>	
	<p>2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Key Actions (Chair)</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 18th October 2016 were agreed. It was noted that all actions have been implemented.</p>	
	<p>3. Highways England (Lisa Maric)</p> <p>LM gave a comprehensive presentation on the Route Strategies/Road Investment Strategy (RIS) process.</p> <p>AB asked about designated funds and how much could be bid for. LM stated that bids for studies would be needed to if a scheme was required.</p> <p>Cllr Hardman asked for an indication of the funding envelope for RIS2. LM replied that she was currently not aware of this but there was a need to identify funding priorities. A very robust evidence base was needed.</p> <p>Cllr Pollock asked whether the funding envelope was rigid or whether there was still room for flexibility. LM replied that timescales can vary within the programme, not many RIS 1 schemes were shovel ready and not all could be implemented at the same time due to potential network impacts.</p> <p>AH noted that one of the key roles for the Member Partnership would be to lobby MPs at an appropriate point to present a joined up message to Government on priorities for investment during RIS2 and RIS3.</p> <p>SR asked whether there were cost over-runs on RIS 1 projects. LM replied that some projects in RIS1 have the potential to be taken out, e.g. if a scheme was related to development proposals which were then not taken forward.</p> <p>LM also noted that there was no guarantee that funding would be carried forward to RIS 2, but if a scheme had a strong case for delivery it was more likely to be prioritised in future RIS periods.</p> <p>LM agreed to share her presentation and send a link to the current South Midlands Route Strategy document (April 2014) which includes the A46.</p> <p>The Group thanked LM for her presentation.</p>	LM
	<p>4. Midlands Connect (Richard Mann)</p> <p>RM gave a presentation on the emerging Midlands Connect Strategy and its role in unlocking growth in the regional and national economy.</p> <p>Cllr Butlin noted that productivity was a key priority with Government and that improving the existing M6 and M42 corridors would be difficult.</p>	

<p>Improving the A46 had potential to be a cost effective way of delivering growth and improving network resilience in the light of these constraints.</p> <p>AH commented that recent investment in the A46 (e.g. at Longbridge and Tollbar junctions) would add to the overall case for attracting further funding for improvements to the corridor.</p> <p>Cllr Cross referred to network problems which occur in the Warwick/Leamington Spa area when there is an incident on the M40 and noted that improving the A46 would help to provide network resilience.</p> <p>RM agreed to share his presentation with the Group.</p> <p>The Group thanked RM for his presentation.</p>	RM
<p>5. Local Plan Update (Adrian Hart)</p> <p>AH explained that the table showing the current status of all Local Plans in the area will be kept up to date as a live document for reference by the Member Partnership</p> <p>JC asked for the summary for the Stratford-on-Avon District Local Plan to be revised, and agreed to e-mail appropriate wording to AH.</p>	JC
<p>6. A46 Action Plan (Adrian Hart)</p> <p>AH highlighted a number of updates to the A46 Action Plan, and explained that it will also be kept as a live document for reference by the Member Partnership.</p>	
<p>7. Gloucestershire Business Event (Amanda Lawson-Smith)</p> <p>ALS confirmed the above event will take place on 24 February 2017.</p>	
<p>8. Future Items (Chair)</p> <p>There will be an officer meeting in April to develop a strategy for evidence gathering and targeted lobbying in relation to RIS2/RIS3 investment in the A46.</p> <p>The next A46 Member Partnership meeting will be held on Wednesday 7 June 2017. It was agreed that a tour of the A46 between the M69/M6 at Coventry and the M5 at Tewkesbury will take place in the morning, followed by the formal Member Partnership meeting in the afternoon.</p> <p>It was agreed to invite representatives from Leicestershire County Council, Leicester City Council and the Leicester & Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership (LLEP) to join the officer and member groups.</p> <p>It was agreed to approach Midlands Connect to give a presentation on the Midlands Motorway Hub Study at the next meeting.</p>	AH/ALS AH/ALS/SR AH AH

	<p>9. Date and Venue of Next Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 7th June 2017: 10-1 pm – A46 Corridor Site Visit 2-4 pm – Meeting of the A46 Member Partnership</p> <p>Wychavon District Council, Civic Centre, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Pershore WR10 1PT.</p>	
	<p>10.AOB</p> <p>None.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 4pm.</p>	