MINUTES OF QUALITY TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Held on Friday 28th January 2011 at Enterprise House, Newport

PRESENT

David Bottom – Chair Roger Barnard – IW Older Voices Morris Barton – Chamber of Commerce Edward Giles CC – Isle of Wight Council Valerie Lawson - Cycle Wight Rachel Mills – QTP Secretary Marc Morgan Huws – Southern Vectis

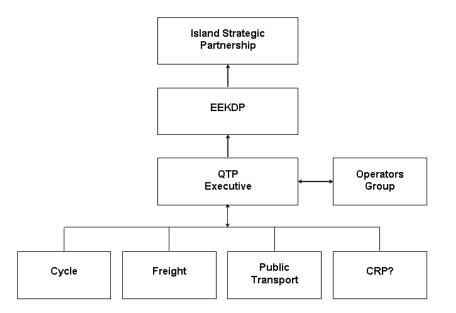
1. APOLOGIES

Ollie Boulter – Isle of Wight Council Patricia Collins – British Horse Society Tony Dickinson – Island Line Peter Hayward – Isle of Wight Council Andy Morris – Isle of Wight Council Tanya Simms – Southern Vectis David Rogers – IW Bus and Rail Users Chris Smy – Isle of Wight Council Hugh Walding – IW Friends of the Earth Chris Wells - Isle of Wight Council

Wendy Perera – Isle of Wight Council Steve Porter – Steve Porter Transport Brenda Wilkins – IW Advanced Motorist Ian Winn - Wightlink

2. FUTURE OF THE QTP

Chris Wells gave a presentation outlining the existing and proposed QTP structure. Changes to the structure were discussed by the full QTP in September 2009 and also by the Executive in November 2010. The Executive suggested:



The following points were raised:

- a) **QTP Function** QTP seen as opportunity for users to communicate with delivery agencies. Need to focus on strategic issues. How would proposed structure capture issues?
- b) **User Groups** The structure proposed by the Executive does not give the opportunity for 'user groups' to meet together. However joint user group may find it difficult to agree priorities.

- c) **Operators Group** CRP now includes all operators. Is the 'Operators Group' a duplication of the CRP (minus the council)?
- d) Ferries crucial to Island's success but not attending.
- e) **Council** Is the QTP just a 'tick box' exercise for the council?
- f) **Admin Support** Unsure whether the council will be able to continue with secretary function due to future restructure (Transport Policy function to move to Planning Services).
- g) **Rebrand** May now be good opportunity to rebrand including new admin support and financial contributions from operators.

Action : David Bottom to meet with MD's of Operators to discuss QTP future and financial contributions (meeting ASAP).

3. DRAFT ISLAND TRANSPORT PLAN

Chris Wells gave a presentation on the Island Transport Plan. Once adopted, the plan will be the Island's third Local Transport Plan (LTP) and will cover 2011-2038. In accordance with legislation, the plan will comprise of two parts – a Strategy and an Implementation Plan – and will be the subject of 4 statutory assessments including a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and a Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA). The draft plan, SEA and HRA are currently released for a 12 week consultation period ending on 4^{th} February 2011.

The group discussed the plan and raised the following issues:

- a) Concern that the plan lacked detail and needed more substance.
- b) No specific modal shift objective (only promote travel choice).
- c) Plan focuses on maintaining roads which is not the only answer.
- d) No mention of parking.
- e) Plan could be contradictory where states "for some car is the only option" and "if no access to car could suffer from social exclusion".
- f) Political will required to make difficult decisions.

David Bottom encouraged groups to submit their individual comments before the closing date.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

5. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Next full meeting will be arranged once David Bottom has met with operators.