

Key Recommendations from the Island Transport Infrastructure Task Force Report

APPENDIX

Ref	TITF Recommendation	IWC Recommendation
3.1	Cross Solent Transport	
3.1.3 (1)	In recognition of the community as a key stakeholder in cross Solent transport it is recommended that the Council convenes and leads a cross-Solent operators' partnership board, to provide meaningful engagement with the cross-Solent operators. The objective of the board would be to work together for mutual benefit of the cross-Solent operators and the economic development of the Island. Amongst other matters the board should consider the impact of new investment on the flexibility of new services, the potential for provision of increased services in evenings and shoulders, and travel offers for those in education or training.	<i>Cabinet welcome recognition of the impact of cross-solent transport on the local community.</i>
3.1.3(2)	Membership should include the cross Solent-operators, the Council, Solent Transport and businesses the partnership board should seek to develop and deliver a ferries strategy that is for the benefit of the economic development of the Island.	<i>It is recommended that a Solent Operators Partnership Board is convened with the final membership and drafting of governance arrangements and terms of reference to be delegated to the Cabinet Member with the Head of Place .</i>
3.1.3(3)	The Council and partners should lobby central government (National Health) to get financial assistance for those who have to travel to visit family in hospital.	<i>The recommendation of the task force is noted and in addition it is recommended that the Cabinet members for Infrastructure and Transport will write to the MP on this issue.</i> <i>It is recommended that this is a future agenda item for the appropriate Policy and Scrutiny Committee.</i>
3.1.3(4)	An independent study should be undertaken to evaluate the feasibility and cost benefit of a fixed link across the Solent (road or rail).	<i>The recommendation of the task force is noted and it is recommended that this is a future agenda item for the appropriate Policy and Scrutiny Committee.</i>
3.2	Technology	
3.2.2 (5)	Building on the Island's expertise in the digital sector, The Council should explore how and where the delivery of improved digital services can be accelerated.	<i>The recommendation of the task force is noted and in addition it is recommended that this is a key consideration of the digital conference which is being held in November 2017.</i>
3.2.2 (6)	To improve accessibility across transport modes, and provide the ability to introduce integrated travel information for bus, train and cross-Solent operators, The Council should work with mobile technology companies to improve network coverage across the Island. Additionally, the transport providers should ensure their services are Wi-Fi enabled for passengers.	<i>The recommendation of the task force is noted and in addition it is recommended that this is a key consideration of the digital conference which is being held in November 2017.</i> <i>Authority should be delegated to the Cabinet member for Infrastructure and Transport, with the support of the Head of Place to approach transport providers to seek further information on their plans for the provision of Wi-Fi services for passengers.</i>

3.2.2 (7)	The Council should work with transport operators to encourage the introduction of smart ticketing (for example, Solent Go) and in particular multi operator use smart payment opportunities.	<i>It is recommended that given the opportunities that exist it would be appropriate for the relevant scrutiny committee to consider this issue in more detail.</i>
3.2.2 (8)	National Rail information at Waterloo should include information on the Island and gateways.	<i>The recommendation of the task force is noted and that authority to work with South Western Railway on this issue be delegated to the Cabinet member for Infrastructure and Transport with the Head of Place.</i>
3.2.2 (9)	The Council should investigate future investment opportunities for alternative transport modes (e.g. hydrogen fuel and other low-carbon fuels; innovation in sustainable transport and/or autonomous vehicles). The Council may wish to consider a potential joint venture with a car company to test electric vehicles.	<i>The recommendation of the task force is noted.</i>
3.2.2 (10)	Technology can be used to support the implementation of The Councils parking strategy, both in terms of smart apps to pay for parking and opportunities to advertise parking space availability within towns.	<i>The recommendation of the task force is noted and will be considered through the implementation of the council's parking strategy.</i>
3.3	Highways and Interchanges	
3.3.2(11)	The funding for Newport junction improvements is welcomed, but should include signalling improvements to ensure improved traffic flows.	<i>The recommendation of the task force is noted and will be built into the design of all future junction works.</i>
3.3.2 (12)	A longer-term strategy for congestion in and around Newport is needed. This could include investigation of the feasibility of a Medina Crossing.	<i>The recommendation of the task force is noted. This is an issue that will be considered through the development of a transport strategy for the Island.</i>
3.3.2(13)	That Council and Island Roads review the specification for surfacing on minor (rural) roads and in addition ensure that surfacing is taken to the edge of the road.	<i>The recommendation of the task force is noted. This is a contractual matter and will be discussed with the PFI contractor.</i>
3.3.2(14)	Transport interchanges at Ryde Esplanade, Cowes and East Cowes are improved.	<i>The recommendation of the task force is noted. The council recognise that the transport gateways to and from the Island require investment and notwithstanding the potential investment from third parties that may already be planned, the council has specifically identified the Ryde Interchange as part of its regeneration programme.</i>
3.4	Bus Services	
3.4.2(15)	Southern Vectis provides a good service and the Council should ensure services are continued and that opportunities to enhance community services are fully explored.	<i>The recommendation of the task force is noted.</i>
3.4.2(16)	Investigate opportunities for improved ticketing initiatives for the occasional bus users.	<i>It is recommended that this matter is delegated to the Cabinet member for Infrastructure and Transport with the Head of Place to raise with Southern Vectis as part of regular discussions.</i>

3.4.2(17)	The Council with Southern Vectis and the Isle of Wight College should investigate what improvements can be made to student access to transport. This could be linked to projects being delivered through existing sustainable transport programmes.	<i>It is recommended that this item is referred to the appropriate Policy and Scrutiny Committee to consider further.</i>
3.4.2(18)	Next stop announcements and Wi-Fi on buses (see section 3.2) should be rolled out across all scheduled services.	<i>It is recommended that this matter is delegated to the Cabinet member for Infrastructure and Transport with the Head of Place to raise with Southern Vectis as part of regular discussions.</i>
3.4.2(19)	Assess the feasibility of corridor improvements for bus services, including investigating the introduction of bus lanes where achievable.	<i>It is recommended that this item is referred to the appropriate Policy and Scrutiny Committee to consider further.</i>
3.4.2(20)	Whilst the investment strategy of Southern Vectis should be recognised and noted, it is a rate of investment that is unlikely to be sustainable in the longer term and needs to be monitored.	<i>The recommendation of the task force is noted.</i>
3.5	Island Line	
3.5.2 (21)	In order to identify and develop options for reducing the cost of Island Line over the longer term the Council should work closely with First MTR, DfT Rail and Network Rail. Collaboration will need to address the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolution of the economic uncertainty of the Island Line; • Provide for modernisation with new/up to date rolling stock; • The future of the pier; • Consider arrangements where the IOW steam railway could have access to Ryde St Johns Road; • Modernisation of all stations; • Provision of integrated travel information systems and smart ticketing options across different modes of travel; • How improvements at Ryde Interchange could provide for access for Hovertravel passengers from a new platform layout at the station. 	<i>The recommendation of the task force is noted and that authority to work with South Western Railway on this issue be delegated to the Cabinet member for Infrastructure and Transport with the Head of Place.</i>
3.5.2(22)	To support the modernisation of the Island Line, including the introduction of a 30-minute service frequency and investment in the future sustainability of Island Line.	<i>The recommendation of the task force is noted and that authority to work with South Western Railway on this issue be delegated to the Cabinet member for Infrastructure and Transport with the Head of Place.</i>
3.5.3(23)	Ensure Island Line remains part of the franchised National Rail Network.	<i>The recommendation of the task force is noted and that authority to work with South Western Railway on this issue be delegated to the Cabinet member for Infrastructure and Transport with the Head of Place.</i>
3.6	Cycling and Walking	
3.6.2(24)	To best inform investment in cycling and walking infrastructure, the Council should develop a Local Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy ¹¹ , to include the completion of the Newport – East Cowes route, linking to the new Isle of Wight College campus at Whippingham.	<i>The recommendation of the task force is noted. The council is committed to continue to investigate potential funding streams and opportunities for investment in sustainable transport for the Island. The council will be producing a cycling and walking strategy.</i>

3.6.2(25)	The Council should review the funding for maintenance of footpaths and bridleways.	<i>The recommendation of the task force is noted and this matter will be considered through the councils budget process.</i>
3.6.2(26)	The Council should consider working with partners to review and refresh the West Wight Cycle Route, recognising that it is a longer-term project with regard to delivery timescales.	<i>The recommendation of the task force is noted and this matter will be considered through the councils budget process.</i>
3.6.2(27)	The TITF recognises that the grants received for sustainable transport related work is important to the Island and recommends that The Council continues to build on its successful work in this area and continues to seek new and innovative projects which can promote sustainable transport on the Island and to bit for appropriate funding as it is announced .	<i>The recommendation of the task force is noted. The council is committed to continue to investigate potential funding streams and opportunities for investment in sustainable transport for the Island.</i>