



PAPER B

Purpose: For Decision

Committee report

Committee	CABINET
Date	14 SEPTEMBER 2017
Title	TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE TASK FORCE REPORT
Report to	CABINET MEMBER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This report seeks approval of the report of the Island Transport Infrastructure Task Force and endorsement of the recommendations included within it as set out in full in the Appendix of this report.
2. The outcome of this report will be a framework to inform the development of an Islandwide transport infrastructure and services development plan.

BACKGROUND

3. In September 2016 the council asked Christopher Garnett to convene a Transport Infrastructure Task Force (TITF) to consider the infrastructure challenges to economic growth for the Island.
4. Since that date the TITF has held a series of hearings with a wide range of agencies and interested parties and has now provided the council with its findings which include a series of recommendations.
5. The vision of the TITF was to consider a multi modal transport system for the Island that is safe, secure, accessible and affordable; and which promotes economic development and underpins the social and environmental wellbeing of the Island community.
6. In summary the objectives and scope of works of the TITF were to:
 - Be mindful of the economic logic of infrastructure challenges and requirements;
 - Assist the council in preparing an integrated Islandwide transport infrastructure and services development plan ensuring that transport services to/from and on the Island are safe, secure, accessible and affordable;

- Prepare a capital investment strategy to enable the implementation of the infrastructure development plan (over the medium term five to ten years) and associated sustainable revenue forecasts to support its delivery.
7. The TITF met monthly and during the hearings it became clear that the scope of the work that the TITF could undertake would need to be reduced and it focused on consideration of transport related issues that would support economic growth on the Island. Therefore it has not identified potential funding streams, nor has it considered how to ensure that changes to the infrastructure have a positive impact on the visual environment and maximise opportunities to reduce the Island's overall carbon footprint as all of these issues are considerations to be built into the design and delivery of individual infrastructure projects and services.
 8. The full report can be found on the council's website in the link provided at the end of this report and this includes detail on the membership of the TITF and the list of organisations and agencies that attended hearing sessions.
 9. The principal recommendations set out in the report relate to:
 - Cross-Solent links;
 - Island gateways;
 - Reducing congestion;
 - Sustainable transport; and
 - Greater use of technology.
 10. The recommendations are set out in full in the Appendix of this report.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

11. The aim of the TITF was to consider the needs of the Island in respect of infrastructure growth that would be needed to enable the economic growth of the area. This directly supports the strategic context of supporting economic growth.

CONSULTATION

12. As set out in paragraph 7, the TITF met monthly and held a series of hearings, involving a total of 37 different organisations, which either provide transport services for the Island or have views on the services that are provided.
13. The information gathered at hearing sessions was collated and used to inform the report that has been presented to the council.
14. It is likely that in taking forward recommendations contained within the report, individual projects/service developments will involve further opportunity for consultation and community engagement, but this will be undertaken on case by case basis.

FINANCIAL / BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

15. There are no direct financial implications of endorsing the report and its recommendations as all recommendations will require further work and investigation and/or further decisions and it is at this later stage that the financial/budget implications of each recommendation can be fully considered.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

16. There are no direct legal implications arising from the consideration of the report of the TITF. The council may have legal duties and responsibilities in relation to individual recommendations, but these will be considered at the appropriate time when individual projects/services are developed.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

17. The council, as a public body, is required to meet its statutory obligations under the Equality Act 2010 to have due regard to eliminate unlawful discrimination, promote equal opportunities between people from different groups and to foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it. The protected characteristics are: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
18. This report is not recommending approval of any new policies or proposals and therefore does not require an equality impact assessment. However, where recommendations do lead to the development of individual schemes or changes to policy these will individually require assessment as appropriate.

OPTIONS

19. Options have been considered in respect of this report as follows:
 - Option 1 - To endorse the report of the TITF and agree the recommendations as set out in the Appendix of this report.
 - Option 2 - To endorse the report of the TITF and agree the recommendations with amendments as considered appropriate by Cabinet.
 - Option 3 - Not to endorse the report or agree the recommendations as set out in the Appendix of this report.

RISK MANAGEMENT

20. Proper consideration of the need for infrastructure is critical to enabling and facilitating growth which supports economic growth on the Island. The council needs to understand infrastructure requirements in order to properly plan for growth.
21. Without a longer term understanding and programme for enabling investment in infrastructure the council could be at risk of negatively impacting upon economic growth on the Island. At a time when the council is actively involved in a programme

of regeneration, there is a reputation risk if the required infrastructure to accompany regeneration is not properly considered.

EVALUATION

22. Options 1 and 2 will enable the council to properly plan for investment in infrastructure both through its own capital programme and through additional opportunities for funding and working with partner agencies on their investment plans.
23. Option 3 does not provide for any certainty with regard to infrastructure provision and will impact upon the potential for attracting investment on the Island.

RECOMMENDATION

24. To endorse the report of the TITF and agree the recommendations as set out in the Appendix of this report.

APPENDICES ATTACHED

25. [Appendix](#) – Recommendations following consideration of the TITF report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

26. Report of the Island Transport Infrastructure Task Force
<https://www.iwight.com/azservices/documents/1190-TITF-Report-FINAL.PDF>
27. Appendices of the Island Transport Infrastructure Task Force Report
<https://www.iwight.com/azservices/documents/1190-TITF-Ferry-Assessment-FINAL.PDF>

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