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Test Valley Transport Action Group

Tuesday 26 September 2006 at 5.30pm in Conference Room 2, Beech Hurst.

Present:

Councillor Bidwell (Chair)
Annie Tomlinson (TVBC)
Dick Hewett (Test Valley Community Services)
Linda Bagwell (John Hanson School Governor)
Ben Clifton (HCC)

Apologies:

Roy Clough (Test Valley Association of Parish Councils)
Michael Leggatt (Winchester and Eastleigh Healthcare NHS Trust)
John White (Romsey Good Neighbours)
Carolyn Nixson (Friends of the Earth)
Sheila Ridge (ENHAM)

Welcome

The Chair noted that there were considerably fewer members present and asked those present if they wished to continue – all agreed to continue. It was decided to include in the notes of the meeting a note to seek what could be done for future meetings to ensure better attendance. Meeting times were as normal; perhaps the venue was not as successful as Romsey? Perhaps any thoughts could be passed on when the notes of the meeting are read.

ACTION: All members to respond to this note.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Agreed as an accurate record of the meeting held on 26 April 2006.

Community Plan Update

AT highlighted the 6 monthly review of the performance of the Community plan. The two

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specified priorities supported and promoted by the group were set out in the context of the performance report and AT indicated any 'milestone indicators' and planned progress' for the last 6 months and the forthcoming 6 months. It was agreed the relevant pages from the performance report would be attached to the notes of the meeting so that all members were aware of the progress being made in respect of the priorities. It was noted also that the first priority – access to health establishments had made good progress, but that the second, concerning school travel plans was not. It was decided to include an agenda item on school travel plans at the next meeting in December. AT to collate a list of all schools in Test Valley indicating their travel plan status and whether any schools with a travel plan are currently seeking the implementation of any Safer Routes to Schools schemes.

Corporate Plan Review

AT made reference to the review and publication of TVBC's own Corporate Plan. It was noted that the Council is committed to working with its partners to deliver the objectives of the community plan. Transport is a key element of the corporate plan underpinning many other elements of the plan. Copies are available from TVBC if required.

Core Strategy

AT indicated that under a new planning system a series of planning policy documents are being produced to replace the Test valley Borough Plan. The Council is about to begin a consultation, seeking the views of the community on what issues are important to the Borough. The first stage of this is production of the Core Strategy. Consultation on the Core Strategy will take place in November/December 2006 – for an early indication of the issues likely to be included, a paper was produced by AT. AT asked that the group think about whether all the issues were included and what infrastructure the Borough would require to sustain both the existing community and additional dwellings likely as a result of the South East Plan. It was decided to roll this issue over to the next meeting as it was hoped that there would be better attendance and also the Issues and Options paper for the Core Strategy would be available for comment. However, it was decided to add the transport issues highlighted during the meeting to notes of the meeting as a prompt for members next time.

Update on progress on access to hospital pilot (overlap with one of the priorities of the group)

AT indicated that the Borough Council has taken the lead on chairing the Access to Winchester Hospital Group. There have been several meetings over the summer and a questionnaire was sent out by the Trust in July to patients who lived in Andover and were travelling to Winchester; this resulted in a 50% response rate. The questionnaire

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highlighted the fact that 70% travel to hospital by car and the remaining 30% travel by public transport, community transport, ambulance, or patient transport. This quantifies the scale of problem. The group has made a series of recommendations based on the detailed summary of findings. The recommendations can be found in full on the Council's web site. LTP funding is being sought to implement these actions and to roll the program forward to other areas within the Borough and other health establishments. AT to keep the group informed on progress.

Progress on other transport matters

- TVBC Deputy Mayor opened the next phase of the cycle route between the Bear and Ragged Staff and Timsbury route on 16 September. Feasibility work now is focussed on the new stage from Timsbury to Romsey.
- Cycle route from Chilworth Science Park to the top of the Avenue in Southampton almost completed.
- Cango in southern Test Valley is being stopped. A lack of passengers has resulted in the scheme being dropped in favour of shared taxi and some conventional bus services. AT to organise information on what is replacing them to go on the Council's web site.
- Passenger Transport Review in Test Valley currently taking place. HCC is undertaking a review of all commercial and subsidised bus services operating within the Borough. HCC want to define the need for public transport, develop sustainable options for meeting that need by engaging with stakeholders, groups and the community. The Test Valley Transport Forum was the focus of a workshop looking at public transport services and the results of that discussion will be fed back in a further workshop in November. The end scenario needs to be affordable and sustainable to allow it to be carried forward in the future. It was decided that all TAG members should be put on the Test Valley Transport Forum mailing list, as they may want to make their views known.

Any Other Business

None.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 6 December 2006 at 5.30pm in the large Council Chamber, Council Offices, Duttons Road, Romsey.