

## RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 18 July 2017

**Decision No:** (CAB 17/18 19023)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT
SUBJECT:	TRANSPORT FOR THE SOUTH EAST
AUTHOR:	Mike Harris

### THE DECISION

- (i) Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council jointly join TfSE as a single member with a single vote.
- (ii) The success of the joint arrangement should be jointly reviewed with Portsmouth City Council after a year to ensure that the interests of both cities and the wider Solent area is being represented effectively with this proposed approach.

### REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1 TfSE has the potential to be a powerful lobbying voice for the SE in regards to transport infrastructure. The Solent area has a significant infrastructure deficit which is holding back economic growth and productivity. Whilst part of the solution to this is the creation of the Solent Combined Authority, a powerful voice for the wider region on transport funding also has the potential to be a powerful asset for the area. If TfSE is effective it will enable more transport infrastructure resource to come to the region.

2 Having made a joint submission, with Southampton and the Isle of Wight, to the Secretary of State to create the Solent Mayoral Combined Authority it makes sense to jointly link on this body bearing in mind the importance of transport and infrastructure to the agenda for the proposed Solent Mayoral Combined Authority. However, the Isle of Wight have decided that they wished to be an individual member on TfSE and so on this basis it is proposed that Portsmouth and Southampton jointly join TfSE to reflect the desire of the needs of the Solent.

### DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1 Not to join – rejected given the loss of influence over strategic transport developments.

2 To join independently – rejected, given the history of successful collaboration with Portsmouth, particularly in the transport sector, including working through Solent Transport. The scale of the TfSE projects are likely to mean that the issues are Solent based considerations. The opportunity to develop single membership can be reviewed.

**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

None

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None

**CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD**

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Date: 18 July 2017

Decision Maker:  
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:  
Pat Wood

**SCRUTINY**

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in *(if applicable)* *(this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in ( <i>if applicable</i> )