

Transport Planning Society

Meeting Date	13 June 2019
Report Title	Chair's Report
For Decision or for Information?	For Information
Decision Sought	N/A
Report Summary	This report summarises my main activities since the last Board meeting and other key issues.

Chartered Transport Planning Professional (CTPP)

Fantastic news – we are now a chartered profession!

The CIHT has been granted an amendment to its Royal Charter to award the title Chartered Transport Planning Professional (CTPP) to those who successfully complete the Transport Planning Professional (TPP) qualification.

As you will know, this is the result of many years of hard work from TPS and CIHT representatives – I would particularly like to thank our Director of Skills, Keith Buchan, and his team for his extreme efforts and perseverance and determination over the years to make this happen – this a great achievement for the profession and our Society – thank you Keith!

As you may have seen I provided a quote for the press release to CIHT and we have shared this on social media (Twitter and LinkedIn) and got great coverage and a very positive response from the profession. Details here: <https://tps.org.uk/news/becoming-a-chartered-transport-planner-becomes-a>.

Some examples of the coverage:



Stephen Bennett
@Benji_dxb



HUGE news for transport planners everywhere - we are now a chartered profession !! Well done @CIHTUK and @TransPlanSoc for making this happen. Becoming a Chartered Transport Planning Professional becomes a reality [ciht.org.uk/news/becoming- ...](http://ciht.org.uk/news/becoming-...)

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Victoria Hills MRTPI
@VictoriaRTPI

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Many congratulations @Benji_dxb this has been a few years in the making...with too many people to thank here.. but as a past chair of @TransPlanSoc I'm delighted!!! #transport #planning #profession



T.A.C
@TAC_Apprentices

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Great news - with the launch of the degree apprenticeship in transport planning next week! A great new route to chartered status has never been more open!



London Car Free Day
@carfreedayLDN

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Replying to @Benji_dxb @jofield1 and 5 others

Great stuff! More diversity in the profession means more diversity of thought & perhaps, more streets for people @JSadikKhan? We certainly hope the transport planning profession will become more forward-looking; thrilled to have Jo joining us in Sept.:



Glenn Lyons
@GlennLyons2

Following

Excellent news, underlining the significance of our profession to the stewardship of the future.

HUGE news for transport planners everywhere - we are now a chartered profession !! Well do...

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Andi Redhead · 2nd
Associate Director and Transport Planning Team Leader at WSP
2d

Fantastic news - I'm looking forward to upgrading my TPP to CTPP. Hopefully this new status and recognition will encourage more Transport Planners to progress with the Transport Planning Professional qualification.



Stephen Bennett
Director (Transport Consulting) at Arup and Chair of the Transport Planning Society
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Helen Hemstock · 1st
Chief Executive Officer at the RideWise
2d

Good to see this vital role being recognised as a chartered profession.



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We have received a Marketing Plan for CTPP from CIHT – see below. We will work closely with them to raise the profile of the chartered title and to get as much positive coverage for the Society as we can. Any further ideas for activities to promote the title are invited from Board members.

CTPP Marketing Plan (Draft)	2019							
	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Activity								
Press Release - Approval by Privy Council	x							
Transportation Professional article		x						
CIHT Awards Dinner (13 June)		x						
TPS Annual Dinner (13 June)		x						
CIHT AGM (19 June)		x						
Letter to TPP holders - apply for CTPP		x						
Letter to universities offering Transport Masters from PSC Chair		x						
Press release - 1st recognised bodies approved		x						
Press release - 1st CTPP awarded			x					
TPM - announcement? presentation?			x					
Promotional Literature incl Transportation Professional Adverts		x	x	x				
Banner Stand Designed		x	x	x				
Presentation Designed (For Promotion purposes)		x	x	x				
Web content agreed		x	x	x				
CIHT Council presentation						x		
Transportation Professional L&D Guide - article						x		
CTPP Case Studies Produced							x	x
CIHT Young Professionals Conference								x
TPS Transport Planning Day								x
Highways UK - focus at CIHT stand / presentation								x
CIHT Annual Lunch Booklet - Advert								x
CIHT Annual Lunch								x
Press Releases								
Design								
Info								
Presentations								
Events								

Board Member Calls

I have now completed my individual calls with every Board member to discuss their current/future involvement on the Board, roles, responsibilities and any other issues. This was a very useful exercise and thanks to all for your time in speaking with me. I propose to do another round at the end of the year to check in with everyone.

Supporting Institution Meetings

As reported at the last meeting, I previously held meetings with CIHT and CILT to discuss scope for further collaboration and cooperation, and address any issues. I have been chasing up actions from those meetings.

Since the last meeting I have met with ICE. I provide meeting notes below for reference.

ICE (7 June 2019)

ICE: Alan Taggart (Chair of the ICE’s Transport Expert Panel) and Howard Potter (Vice Chair of Transport Expert Panel and ICE TPS Board rep)

TPS: Stephen Bennett (Chair)

1. Planned activities of joint interest - talks, conferences etc

TP Day campaign 2019 – details can be found here: <https://tps.org.uk/transport-planning-day-2019>

2. Regional contacts and programmes

Regional coordinator and reps contacts - Howard to provide to Steve

3. Administrative matters to address

Howard to arrange separate meeting with Brendan van Rooyen

Topics to discuss include SLA for 2020, Knowledge Transfer activities, and business improvement

4. ICE Transport Panel transition to the wider Community of Practice

CoP taking time to set up - next year

TPS keen to be involved if there is a Transport Planning element – Alan to raise internally with ICE

Opportunity to work together

Engagement with Government

Research on national transport strategy?

Bus reform and future of bus market?

5. ICE representation on the TPS Board

Agreed Howard to continue in the short term

ICE to consider succession plan to find replacement for Howard on the TPS Board

6. AOB

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Steve to confirm that ICE members can get the CTPP title

Steve to provide future TPS Board meeting dates so Alan can come along and meet the Board and discuss the CoP progress.

A meeting with RTPI is in the process of being set up.

Transport Planning Day Campaign 2019

Following the appointment of the Campaign Manager, Jo Field of JFG Communications, and now Lynda is back from her travels, Lynda will take a lead on the TP Day Campaign. I will remain on the Steering Group.

Further details are provided in the TP Day Board report.

Skills Sub Group meeting (29 May)

We held a second TPS Skills Sub Group meeting (which comprises myself, Kate Morris, David Connolly and Keith Buchan). We had useful session discussing the current activities, resources, governance/ meetings, and key issues for the PDS, TPP and apprenticeships. We also discussed preparation for the TPP PMG meeting in June.

Transport Knowledge Hub Parliamentary Reception (14 May 2019)

I attended this event representing TPS. I spoke with Lilian Greenwood PM and thanked her for her continued support for our TP Day Campaign and her agreement to host a parliamentary reception for us again this year. I also spoke with a Confederation of Passenger Transport representative who is interested in further discussions about collaboration and caught up with reps from MHCLG, Transport for New Homes and Greener Journeys.

TPS Officers Meeting (24 May 2019)

I held what will now be a regular telcon meeting with Company Secretary, Kate Morris, and Treasurer, David Connolly, to review the agenda for the Board meeting and cover any other relevant TPS topics we need to discuss.

New Co-opted Board Member Meeting (29 May)

I met with the proposed new co-opted Board member, Jim Morey, with Joanna Ward. Further details of our proposal to appoint Jim to the Board are covered in Jo's separate report.

Women in Transport with the APPG on Infrastructure (4 June 2019)

I attended this event representing TPS, as did Jo Ward, and heard from Chris Grayling, Secretary of State for Transport and Ruth Cadbury MP and Jo Field talk about increasing women's role in the transport profession.

Press and Publicity Activity

My letter was published in CILT Focus magazine's 'Your Platform' column in May 2019 – link here: <https://tps.org.uk/news/when-is-transport-planner-not-a-transport-planner>.

I wrote a blog piece for Transport Times which was published in May 2019 – link here: <https://tps.org.uk/transport-planners-this-is-your-moment>.

Nick Richardson has offered me an article in Passenger Transport magazine, using his regular column. I am in the process of drafting this with Tim Morton.

I have also been offered to write a guest blog for the Transport Knowledge Hub which I will do when I can find some time!

Stephen Bennett, TPS Chair

8 June 2019