

Transport Planning Society

Meeting Date	22 nd November 2018
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.

Introduction

As agreed, this Chair's report is written so that it will save time at the Board meeting, and to provide the Board with an understanding of my principle TPS activities since the last Board. I am happy to answer any queries on it and will update on any issue.

Following the attendance of the observer at the last Board meeting, Isabelle Clement, Director of Wheels for Wellbeing, I have now heard from Isabelle. She was impressed by the meeting and the substantial range of matters covered, however, as she indicated at the end of the last meeting, she does not think she has the time to devote to the Board but appreciated the opportunity provided. She is however potentially interested in the Policy Group so I have put her in touch with Stephen and Claire to take that forward.

Activities

My activities since the last meeting have been focused on the following:

- Transport planning day campaign: there has been a substantial amount of work on going with this campaign and I do not intend to cover it in this report as there is a separate report on the agenda but just to say that it has been a very successful campaign and many people have spoken to me to say what a difference it has made to the standing of the Society and their interest in it. The event in the House of Commons was very successful and our thanks go to Jo Field in particular for all her hard work and all those other people who contributed.

- Attendance at the European transport Conference in Dublin: this is also subject to a report from Tim.
- Meetings on employment/legal/financial liabilities in respect of those people paid by the Society: a separate confidential report is on the agenda from Kate.
- CTPP: a report has been prepared by Keith Buchan and I on this critical matter.
- The long term future of the Society: I have been reflecting on the longer term future of the Society as my time as Chair draws to a close and again have prepared a separate report on this.

Other activities which are indirectly relevant to the TPS and in which I have been engaged include:

- New advice on the integration of planning and transport which is still being prepared under the auspices of the CIHT but with many other parties actively involved. Both the DfT and MHCLG are taking a keen interest.
- Further meetings with Government officers. I have now arranged a meeting with Sarah Richards, Chief Executive of PINs, the day after the Board meeting.
- Transport for New Homes: I have spoken about our work at the launch event in London for this report from the Foundation for Integrated Transport and also in Leeds. There has been a lot of interest.
- I spoke at a recent dinner of the UK Business Council for Sustainable Development at the ICE on the importance of the early and effective consideration of transport as part of development and will be at a dinner in the House of Commons with the same organisation with the opportunity I hope to do the same.
- I am speaking at a TCPA event on new garden settlements on the subject of transport and am still expected to draft the TCPA transport policy and one specifically for new garden settlements – after TPD and the Advice!
- Further meetings with Government, both DfT and MHCLG, via the CIHT on ensuring all those engaged in transport and development are utilising the most up to date guidance and not past practices.

Looking ahead

In addition to the above, following a request from Jo Field, the TPS and Jo's company have jointly submitted a bid for a Public Affairs Award. We have been shortlisted and I will be attending the dinner when the winner will be announced together with Jo on the 29th November. This clashes with the Transport Summit being held on the 29/30th November but I will be at the event just not the dinner.

There are also 2 opportunities where we can present papers to raise our profile and re-affirm our objectives namely: the next TPM in Oxford and the 3rd Annual Public Health & Sustainable Transport Summit in March in Bristol. I am proposing that we submit papers.

There is also clearly the decision to be made on whether we embark on another transport planning day campaign. There is a report on the agenda on the TPD and will be a further report in January looking at the lessons learnt.

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12th November 2018