

Transport Planning Society

Meeting Date	2 May 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.

TPS Annual Lecture (21 March 2019)

I was thrilled to host my first event as Chair after the AGM. This was the TPS Annual Lecture by our Transport Planner of the Year for 2018, Anne Graham, entitled: 'From Local Link to Metro Link: A Decade of National Transport Planning'. Anne is the Chief Executive Officer of the National Transport Authority in Dublin. We had about 50 people turn up for the event where Anne reflected on her time at the helm of the NTA and the last ten years of national transport planning in Ireland. We had lots of good questions both in the room and online, and a good discussion in the pub afterwards.

National Planning Policy Guidance (26 March 2019)

I attended a meeting with Lynda Addison at MHCLG with DfT and CIHT on NPPG. This was to discuss the pending CIHT advice on Better Planning, Better Transport, Better Places for People, and how this can influence the MHCLG's guidance.

There was a useful discussion on the guidance and the challenges and opportunities.

It was agreed that finalising the CIHT advice quickly was critical as MHCLG see this as coming first and informing their guidance. CIHT needs to publish this as soon as possible and also look at its dissemination nationally by the professional bodies together.

On a separate issue the MHCLG new Building Better, Building Beautiful Commission has asked TPS/CIHT (and RTPI?) for evidence and a meeting. Lynda is leading on this.

Transport Planning Day Campaign 2019

With Jo Ward's help I arranged and confirmed the appointment of the Campaign Manager, Jo Field of JFG Communications. This was done in consultation with David as our Treasurer and the TP Day Steering Group who had delegated authority for the appointment following the last Board meeting.

I convened TP Day Steering Group meetings on 12 and 24 April. The latter included Jo Field who will now manage the activities going forwards, under the supervision and support of the Group.

Further details are provided in the TP Day Board report.

Skills Sub Group meeting (12 April)

I convened the first TPS Skills Sub Group meeting, which comprises myself, Kate Morris and Keith Buchan. We had a long and useful session discussing the current activities, resources, governance/ meetings, and key issues for the PDS, TPP and apprenticeships. We have identified a number of issues for further discussion and review.

We will reconvene on 17 May to continue the discussion and particularly to plan for TPP Project Management Group (PMG) meeting in June.

Board Member Calls

I am in the process of speaking with each Board member individually to discuss their current/future involvement on the Board, roles, responsibilities and any other issues. At the time of writing I have spoken with:

- Laura Putt – 17 April
- James Gleave – 26 April

Further calls are planned over the next week or so.

Supporting Institution Meetings

As new Chair I am planning to meet with all four of our Supporting Institutions to discuss scope for further collaboration and cooperation, and address any issues. At the time of writing I have met with CIHT and CILT. I provide meeting notes below for reference.

CIHT (24 April)

CIHT: Sue Percy (Chief Executive) and Sue Stevens (Director of Education & Membership)

TPS: Stephen Bennett (Chair) & Lynda Addison (Board member)

CIHT organisation set up / status

SP advised TPS to focus on governance and avoid conflicts of interest

SP advised that TPS may not yet have the scale to make charity status worthwhile –

TPS to research further

Regional organisation and operation

SP advised that regional engagement is a challenge and needs good governance (e.g. GDPR)

CIHT has Regional Engagement Officers – SS to provide contact details to SB to connect regional reps in both organisations

Transport Planning Day campaign 2019

SB explained plans for 2019 Campaign, CIHT supportive – TPS to keep CIHT informed

Skills

SB advised he will now sit on TPP PMG

SS advised that CTPP application has been submitted and is expected within weeks – SS to share marketing plan for promotion of CTPP

SB advised he is aware of budget issue to be discussed at next PMG

SP suggested we develop a new partnership relationship between CIHT and TPS for TPP – SB to raise at TPS Board meeting with a view to SP attending a future TPS Board meeting to discuss

LA advised that she will be engaging with universities in regions with John Dales for TPS TP Day Campaign

SS suggested joint CIHT/TPS campaign linking academia better with industry needs (e.g. advise on course content) – LA to discuss with JD and work with SS to develop this idea, SS add to agenda for next TPP PMG

Website links

TPS is linked from TPP area of CIHT website. SB requested a TPS link on the CIHT Associated Organisations page (<https://www.ciht.org.uk/knowledge-resource-centre/resources/associated-organisations/>) – SS to review

TPS website has direct link to CIHT here: <https://tps.org.uk/society/supporters>

Policy and research

LA is linking CIHT Sustainable Transport work with TPS

Clare Woodcock (Clare.Woodcock@mottmac.com) is TPS Policy Group lead

International locations and plans

To be discussed at future meeting

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CIHT appointed representative on TPS Board - CIHT rep on TPS Board is currently Nick Boyle. SP queried reps status on Board – ‘Appointed’? – SB to review

Future contact and meetings - PMG 25 June, another meeting like this later this year

SB offered to attend any relevant CIHT conferences or events to promote TPS – SP/SS to consider any opportunities

CILT (26 April)

CILT: Kevin Richardson (Chief Executive) and Daniel Parker-Klein (Head of Policy and PTRC Director)

TPS: Stephen Bennett (Chair)

Regional organisation and operation – scope for further collaboration

KR advised that regional operations is a challenge. CILT has had success with Special Interest Groups (SIGs) focusing on topics rather than regions and using Webinars to connect more people to events – KR to provide contact details for Erin Mian(Meehan?) to SB to connect with TPS Regions coordinator (Laura Putt)

Transport Planning Day campaign 2019

SB explained plans for 2019 Campaign, CILT supportive – TPS to keep CIHT informed

Skills – TPP, Apprenticeships

CILT successful through Career Ready ‘Think Logistics’ programme

SB advised that chartership application made for TPP qualification – expected in weeks. KR queried if CILT members will need to join CIHT/TPS to get qualification – SB to review and advise

TPS/CIHT to share joint marketing plan for CTPP when available to involve CILT

Website and social media

SB requested TPS links on CILT website:

- Under Partnerships (or other relevant area) - <https://ciltuk.org.uk/About-Us/Professional-Sectors-Forums/Partnerships>
- Under Professional Development - <https://ciltuk.org.uk/PD> - could link to TPS transport planning skills area: <https://tps.org.uk/profession>

DPK to action

Policy and research

DPK suggested we review and consider further activities related to CILT Future 2035 work – DPK suggest actions to SB

SB advised that TPS has Policy Group – DPK aware through RTPS Board role

KR suggested proactive thought leadership activities likely to be successful

International activities

CILT has a franchised model, governance is a challenge

UAE difficult due to local partner requirements

KR suggested TPS could link overseas members with CILT branches

AOB

None

Press and Publicity Activity

I have submitted an article to CILT Focus magazine's 'Your Platform' column, that was in response to the use of the term 'transport planner' in the logistics industry, as per the "Seven Bridges of Königsberg" article in the March 2019 issue of Focus. This will be published in the May edition. Huge thanks to Tim Morton for drafting the article – the editor replied personally and said: "It was a wonderfully written piece and gave a clear and balanced viewpoint on when a transport planner is not a transport planner."

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.

Stephen Bennett, TPS Chair

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