

**South East Wales Transport Commission
Location – Telephone Conference
23 April 2020**

Attendees:

Lord Burns (Chair)
Lynn Sloman
Elaine Seagriff
Stephen Gifford
James Davies
Peter McDonald (Head of Secretariat)
Matt Jones (Secretariat – Head of Policy)
James Dowling (Secretariat)
Mari Williams (Secretariat)
Gareth Potter (Secretariat Project Manager)
Will Wootten (Part of meeting. Technical Team)
Richard Jones (Part of meeting. Technical Team)

Apologies:

Peter Jones
Jen Heal
Beverly Owen (Technical difficulties)

Introduction and Overall Programme

Lord Burns introduced the meeting. He led a discussion on the timetable for the Commission programme, including the interim and final reports. The Commissioners talked about the likely impact of COVID-19 on the Commission's work and its final recommendations. Despite the Welsh Government being very much focussed on COVID-19 at the moment, the Commission's work is still a priority, and should not be delayed if at all possible.

Engagement

Over 2,500 contributions were received for the 'Have your Say' online consultation. Online surveys at key employers continue. Other face-to-face stakeholder engagement has been postponed.

Interim and Final Report

The Commissioners provided feedback on the work completed to date for the interim report. Work will begin in parallel on the final report.

Rail Update

Will Wootten presented a paper and answered questions on the options for re-organising rail services on the South Wales Mainline Railway. The discussion included the level of additional services that could be achieved, the infrastructure that would be required to achieve the additional level of services and the initial feasibility for additional stations along the South Wales Mainline.

Transport Stations and Service Standards

Richard Jones presented a paper which outlined how different transport modes could interact at key stations. The paper suggested rail stations at which public transport and active travel connections could be improved to encourage modal shift away from car travel.

Early Model Test Results

The paper reported on some early tests of the South East Wales Transport Model. The Commission considered the extent to which modelling should be used to inform the Commission's priorities and recommendations.

Next Meeting

The Commission will meet again in May – date still to be confirmed.