

LINCOLNSHIRE

STRATEGIC TRANSPORT BOARD

Monday 7th October 2013

Governance Arrangements

Background

1. At the its last meeting, the Board adopted the Governance Assurance Framework that had been prepared in line with the Department of Transport's (DfT) Guidance.
2. It was also highlighted to the Board that DfT had signed off Part 1 of the Framework and that discussions were ongoing with regard to Part 2. Until Part 2 was agreed, DfT had indicated that the Board could not make a decision on its final priorities.
3. Despite various requests to DfT to clarify exactly what changes and clarifications they require to Part 2 of the Framework to make it acceptable, they have (at the time of writing) failed to respond. The reason behind this is not clear, but it is suspected that it may be linked to the emerging Growth Deals and Strategic Economic Plans which will have an increasingly important role in securing funding for future major highway and transport schemes. An update on these initiatives as they relate to the Local Transport Board follows as Item 6 at this meeting.
4. It is not anticipated that any concerns raise by DfT will fundamentally affect the adopted process as it closely mirrors that set out in their guidance. Hence, in the absence of any clear guidance from DfT, it is proposed that the Board pushes on and makes a decision on its priorities for using the allocated DfT funding and reviews that decision if the need should arise at some future date.

RECOMMENDATIONS

a) That, in the absence of any further guidance from DfT, the Board makes a decision on its priorities at this meeting

b) That, should the need arise, the decision is reviewed in the light of any comments subsequently received from DfT.

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