



BRISTOL TEMPLE QUARTER

STRATEGIC BOARD MEETING

Agenda item 3: Updated Strategic Narrative/Vision

Background:

At the previous Strategic Board meeting in December 2017 updated printed copies of the Strategic Narrative were circulated to Board Members. Colleagues from the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) asked for a further opportunity to review and provide comments on the Narrative document.

Update:

Comments were received from WECA colleagues following on from the Strategic Board meeting. In reviewing the comments provided, BCC officers were mindful of balancing the comments received from WECA against those received from other partners. Most comments were easily incorporated – either directly or through small changes to the phraseology of the narrative. The only exception to this was the request to remove the reference to the GWR route modernisation as being ‘the HS2 of the West.’ This was not incorporated owing to Network Rail’s previously outlined opinion on the importance of emphasising the value of the investment in the GWR route to Bristol and the wider West of England region.

The Strategic Narrative document has now been updated to accommodate the changes and the text has also been reviewed in order to improve overall readability.

An updated version of the narrative is attached to this paper (appendix 2) and a soft copy of the narrative is available to partners for their own use.

Recommendation:

The Strategic Board is asked to note and approve the revised Strategic Narrative document.

The Board is also asked to acknowledge that this is intended to be a living document and delegate authority to the Working Group to manage regular refinements to the document as required. Major changes will be brought before the Strategic Board for ratification.


Bristol City Council

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