

# TAMAR BRIDGE AND TORPOINT FERRY JOINT COMMITTEE: DRAFT MINUTES 28 AND 29 OF 5 DECEMBER 2014



## BUSINESS PLAN 2015 – 2019 (minute 28)

The General Manager presented the written report setting out the draft Business Plan for 2015 – 2019 from which he highlighted the increased toll revenue generated from additional traffic and the assumption of 1% growth over the period of the Plan. He advised that there had been no fundamental change to key priorities and financial details would be completed when year end outturn figures were known.

A debate ensued, the main points of which were noted as follows:-

- i) it was suggested that for clarity, the words 'as necessary' be removed from the operational priority to promote electronic tolling;
- ii) it was considered that the improvement priorities should contain mention of the intention to explore appropriate alternative mechanisms for toll reviews.

In answer to issues raised in debate, the General Manager advised that:-

- i) the success of electronic tolling was dependent upon the attractiveness of the package. The Joint Committee had previously taken the view that the income generation balance should be 60% tag and 40% cash and this was reflected in the Business Plan;
- ii) investigations were continuing into the possibility of removing the Bridge and Ferry from the restrictive 1954 legislation to which other large crossings were not bound.

Arising from consideration of the report and debate, it was proposed by Councillor Hobbs, seconded by Councillor Wheeler, and

## **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE CABINETS AND FULL COUNCILS OF CORNWALL AND PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCILS**

That the Business Plan 2015-2019 be approved subject to:-

- i) the deletion of the words 'as necessary' from point six of the operations priorities and
- ii) the addition of the investigation of appropriate alternative mechanisms for toll revisions to the improvement priorities.

It was further

**RESOLVED** That an update report be submitted to the next meeting..

## 2015/16 REVENUE ESTIMATES AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME (minute 29)

The Joint Treasurer (Cornwall) presented the written report setting out the proposed revenue budget for 2015/16, indicative figures for the subsequent 3 years, and the proposed capital programme.

Arising from consideration of the report, it was proposed by Councillor Pearn, seconded by Councillor Hobbs, and

### **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE CABINETS AND FULL COUNCILS OF CORNWALL AND PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCILS:-**

- i) That the proposed revenue budget for 2015/16, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved;
- ii) That the proposed capital programme, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, be approved;
- iii) That the longer term forecast to 2018/19 be noted.