

## **Transport for Woking – Terms of Reference**

### **Objectives**

Transport for Woking is an advisory officer/ stakeholder multi agency partnership. Its aim is to coordinate transport strategies and measures to improve movement in and around the Borough of Woking. The primary goal is to improve the quality of life for the residents of the Borough and surrounding areas.

### **Membership**

Transport for Woking has a broad membership including (but not limited to):

- Woking Borough Council.
- Surrey County Council.
- Highways Agency.
- Network Rail.
- Bus, rail and other transport operators, including Community Transport.
- Community, user and business representatives.

### **Outcomes**

The main outcomes for Transport for Woking are:

- Collaboration to facilitate sustainable growth by enhancing safety, improving movement and managing capacity.
- A transport strategy for Woking, which will be used consistently in: -
  - the Borough's Local Development Framework (LDF);
  - the Borough and County Sustainable Community Strategies;
  - the County's Local Transport Plan (or equivalent document);
  - and
  - advice on transport in the development control process.
- The development and introduction of transport improvements whether by the members of the partnership or third parties.
- The ongoing management of the transport network and related issues, including the coordination of traffic management, road-works and public transport services.

## **Methodology**

Transport for Woking is focussed on the prompt delivery of improvements. It is not a talking shop.

The structure and methodology of the partnership will develop over time. In its initial phase, Transport for Woking will be a voluntary partnership with no executive powers or funding. Representatives of partner organisations will need to seek authority and funding for partnership activities from within their respective organisations. Where joint initiatives are agreed one partner will need to take the lead and others make the appropriate contributions. For the Borough and County representatives, this will include ensuring full dialogue and accountability through elected members.

Members of the partnership will try to keep each other informed of relevant developments.

The chairmanship of the partnership shall be decided by the partnership and could rotate on a regular basis. The partnership may elect to form sub-groups to deal with specific issues.

The partnership will meet as frequently as it deems necessary. Meetings will be kept to a minimum to reduce costs. Where possible information will be distributed electronically or be placed in a shared work space.

Each member of the Partnership will be responsible for keeping their own organisation informed of the activities of the partnership.

## **Policies**

The policy objectives of the partnership will be consistent with the wider policies of the member organisations. With agreement, the partnership can work on initiatives that may seek to amend existing policies. However the partnership will not campaign publicly against any policy of a partnership member.

Although the partnership is focussed on transport, its role also encompasses relevant non-transport policies and improvements.