

Summary of 1st Advisory Group meeting held on 29-7-19

Participants: (**) denotes members of the Advisory Group

- Andrew Carter, Chief Executive Centre for Cities (**)
- Dr Tom Cohen, Senior Research Associate, University College London Centre for Transport Studies (**)
- Carolyn Daher, Coordinator of the Urban Planning, Environment and Health Initiative Barcelona Institute for Public Health (ISGlobal)(**)
- Steve Gooding, Director, RAC Foundation(**)
- Darren Shirley, Director, Campaign for Better Transport (**)
- Peter Blake, Director of Transport, Greater Cambridge Partnership (Local context adviser - Greater Cambridge transport) (**) - note support role
- Philipp Verpoort, Co-Director, Sortition Foundation (Local context adviser - Sortition/deliberative democracy)(**)- note support role
- Isobel Wade, Head of Transport, Greater Cambridge Partnership
- Rachel Stopard, Chief Executive, Greater Cambridge Partnership
- Suzannah Lansdell, Associate, Involve
- Tim Hughes, Director, Involve

Apologies: Professor Michael Neuman, Professor of Sustainable Urbanism, University of Westminster (**)

Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Greater Cambridge Partnership and City Access Programme Background and Context
 - Peter Blake ran through key highlights from the paper (**attached**) in terms of the current and future situation in relation to travel in Cambridge and an overview of the consultation feedback to to date.
- Innovation in Democracy Programme and Citizens' Assemblies Backgrounds and Context
 - Tim Hughes ran through the key features of a Citizens' Assembly and the background to the Innovation in Democracy programme and partners (**attached**)
- Advisory Group Terms of Reference and Membership
 - The draft terms of reference was run through - small comments were noted in relation to clarifying the role of the different parties - GCP, Involve and the Advisory Group - this has been reflected in the current terms of reference (**attached**)
 - The group were specifically asked if there were any conflicts of interest in relation to their work and connection with GCP or Cambridge business. None were offered or recorded.

- The Advisory Group was asked specifically to look at its own membership and consider if there were any gaps and whether having a member not specifically focused on environment/climate change was an omission. The group felt that their respective experience covered the key areas and in particular that from Darren Shirley was sufficient to cover the topic of climate/environment for the purposes of the Advisory Group's role.
- Broad Overview of the Draft Agenda/ Overview of the Evidence Sessions and Advisory Group advice on proposed evidence
 - The Advisory Group had a wide ranging discussion reflecting on the broad shape of the Assembly weekends and in particular the framing and sequencing. They had reference to the evidence suggestions submitted (to date) from Consult Cambs website and from the collation of ideas from the stakeholder workshop (**attached**)
 - Key points noted included:
 - Not starting from congestion, but impacts and future sustainable visions
 - Exploring different scenarios /futures - growth impact.
 - To encompass more than congestion/cars but more holistically at reliable /efficient journeys and the range of modes - including walking / cycling as well as public transport
 - Air quality factors need to also explore health impacts more widely (e.g. sedentary lifestyles, noise pollution etc.)
 - Carbon and air quality could go together but there may be a current view that means they are dealt with separately - e.g carbon and environment impact
 - Economics - there is a cost in better public transport but there are also healthcare costs and savings relating to transport
 - Case studies - useful but take care and note the institutional and cultural differences of especially non-UK examples - good to use as inspiration.
 - There were some specific suggestions on ways to enable Assembly Members to engage with transport as a topic.
 - Ensure that evidence is also heard from those who are not traditionally heard - e.g. elderly, those with dementia, fleet operators.
 - See if it is possible to develop a common vision
 - Consider developing packages of measures/combinations of interventions
 - A further worked up draft of the outline plans will be circulated to the Advisory Group as soon as possible.
- Expert lead proposal
 - Peter Blake will provide a GCP context at the Citizens' Assembly, however often Citizens' Assemblies work with an expert lead whose role is to provide independent advice to the Assembly Members and

Involve (as process designers but not content specialists) throughout the time the Assembly is meeting. The Group was action to submit suggestions asap.

- Date of Next meeting(s) and communications arrangements
 - Availability had been sourced from the Advisory Group and some potential dates identified. The Group recognised the challenge of the summer timeline and agreed that some work in between meetings or where members were unable to attend may be undertaken over email.
 - Any other business - none.