

## **Transport & Connectivity Board update – March 2020**

The Transport and Connectivity Board were grateful to WSP for providing their offices for their meeting at the beginning of March. The meeting included a number of updates from DfT etc which, whilst helpful at the time, have probably been overtaken by events now.

One of the key messages we did receive was from Dr Bob Moran of DfT, who is leading the decarbonisation of transport work. His message was stark – offsetting is not an option for transport in our journey to achieving the government’s 2050 climate change target. We await the initial strategy from Government but as Place Leaders we are going to have an important role to play in delivering that transport solution.

In the afternoon we welcomed guests from Sustrans, Public Health England and the Association of Directors of Public Health as we discussed Active Travel. Our very own Devon CC gave a great presentation of what they were up to in Exeter and all the presentations are well worth a look if you get the chance – perhaps in some of that downtime between emergency planning meetings!

We will be using the output from the afternoon session to develop a position statement on Active Travel for Adept. On that note our challenge piece on Aviation was launched just as flybe went under and the Heathrow third runway JR decision was announced – timing is everything and congratulations to Hannah and our Coast PR team for the work done on that.