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Policy Title: SCRP Stakeholder Advisory Board (SAB) terms of reference

The Southeast Communities Rail Partnership aims to:

1. work in partnership to improve accessibility for communities,

2. assist in the process of improving public (including community) transport and other sustainable systems such that the increase in car usage can be contained without detriment to the way of life of communities, particularly the young, the old, those who are disadvantaged or excluded, and

3. assist Partners in the achievement of their own objectives.

The SCRP pays particular attention to:

 business regeneration,

 sustainable tourism,

 encouraging volunteering,

 environmental enhancement,

 encouraging sustainable travel and modal shift, and

 improving security and the perception of safety in and around stations and on trains

The SCRP covers the following lines:

1. Arun Valley (Gatwick to Chichester)
2. Hastings to Tonbridge
3. Marshlink (Hastings-Ashford)
4. North Downs Line (Gatwick to Reading)
5. Seaford to Brighton
6. Sussex Coast (Brighton to Littlehampton)
7. Tonbridge to Redhill and Reigate
8. Uckfield and East Grinstead to Oxted
9. Windsor to Reading

There are line groups for each of the above, comprising in most cases rail and bus companies, local authorities, rail interest groups and local community, education, and business representatives. The purpose of the meetings is to discuss current issues of

interest, share best practice and information, collectively lobby the rail industry for improvements and undertake partnership working to achieve station environment and access and rail service improvements along these respective lines. Each line group has the services of a permanent line officer, usually for 17.5 hours per week. SCRP also works with local volunteer station adopters at over 50 stations across the franchise.

The SCRP is guided by the **Stakeholder Advisory Board**, and is currently constituted as follows:

* Southern Railway
* Great Western Railway
* Southwestern Railway
* Southeastern Railway
* Network Rail
* East Sussex County Council
* West Sussex County Council
* Surrey County Council
* Kent County Council
* Brighton and Hove City Council
* South Downs National Park
* Surrey Hills AONB
* 1066 Country Marketing
* Gatwick Airport Ltd.
* Independent (SCRP CIC)
* Chairs of the eight-line groups

Observers on the SAB include Association of Community Rail Partnerships, Department for Transport and Passenger Focus.

The **Stakeholder Advisory Board** generally meets twice a year to consider current significant issues and to confirm or alter strategic direction. It receives regular reports from the line groups, other projects, and the Board of SCRP CIC.

**SCRP CIC.** The day to day finance and overall management of the work of SCRP is organised by the not for profit limited liability company SCRP CIC. This provides statutory and good management governance and practices and employs the staff who manage the activities of the line groups and wider SCRP work. The board is constituted of directors, usually volunteers, and includes representatives of the CRP SAB.

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| April 2019 | | Kirsten Firth | | To include North Downs and West Coastway lines, to update list of representatives | | |
| May 2020 | | Fiona Morton | | To include Sussex Coast | | |
| June 2020 | | Fiona Morton | | To include Southwestern railway | | |
| Aug 2020 | | Fiona Morton | | To include Southeastern railway and update lines | | |
| Feb 2022 | | Fiona Morton | | To include Windsor to Reading Line | | |