

## Infrastructure Leadership Group

27<sup>th</sup> February 2023

### HS2 Supply Chain School

Andrew Wilson - Programmes Manager at the School was introduced to the group to discuss HS2 and the School's collaboration. The group was informed of the HS2 Supply Chain School Launch event which is taking place on the 1<sup>st</sup> March from 10:00am – 12:00pm online. The event will provide an overview of the support programme HS2 along with the School and JV's have created to improve sustainability skills and performance of all companies connected with the UK's largest infrastructure project.

Ian Darrell - HS2 and Matthew Galvin – SCS Railways explained to the group that the programme will use a collaborative, standard approach to learning and competence linked to HS2 strategic objectives. Which will also rationalise the approaches used to manage and monitor supply chain sustainability performance. The group was also informed of the Supplier Relationship Management and activity as well as the pages that have been created on the School site for the programme.

The programme will be made up of:

- Skills workshops – on multiple sustainability topics
- Learning pathways – 5 pathways in total
- Sustainability Tool

The Sustainability Tool allows HS2 and their JVs to measure and manage the performance of suppliers against HS2's range of social, environmental and economic sustainability issues. The Tool is currently used by EFKB, SCS and LM JV on HS2 and provides the data required for PMU5, 6,7 and 9 reporting. Intention is for other JVs to adopt the Tool as part of this combined programme of support. The School programme of learning will then be complemented by a standard Tool to monitor sustainability impact and improvements.

### Actions:

- Partners can register for the launch event [here](#).
- Partners can find more information about the Tool [here](#).

### General School Update

Shaun McCarthy – Chair of the School updated the group on the School's current number of Partners, overall activity, and targets. Upcoming face to face and virtual Business Bytes were also presented to the group:

- [9<sup>th</sup> March Understanding Best Practice in Combatting Modern Slavery – face to face - Birmingham](#)
- [29<sup>th</sup> March Facilities for our Future – Annual FM Conference - virtual](#)

Infrastructure Partner ACO Water Management are also hosting a series of Biodiversity Lunch 'N' Learns:

- [25<sup>th</sup> April SuDs.. What can we learn from Beavers?](#)
- [23<sup>rd</sup> May Super Amphibian Highways](#)
- [14<sup>th</sup> June Habitat Matters: Inspiring Action for Urban wildlife Habitats.](#)

**Actions:**

- Partners to contact Rosie if they would like to host a Lunch 'N' Learn on a specific topic.

**Business Planning 2023**

The group was notified of the current focus areas for Infrastructure in 2023:

**Transport**

- Support RSSB to provide funded learning related to the Rail Sustainability Blueprint
- Continue to support the highways sector through our partnership with National Highways
- Build support to HS2 through collaboration with main works JV.

**Utilities**

- Set up a group to consider common contract clauses for sustainability, primarily for the water industry AMP 10 frameworks but accessible to the whole School

**Nuclear**

- Develop an offer for the Nuclear sector

**Ports**

- Develop an offer for the Port sector

**Sector-wide**

- Use Partners influence to encourage more suppliers to learn through the School

Targets for next financial year were also shown to the group along with the activity that will be completed in order to help achieve these targets. In regards to engaging with the supply chain it was suggested that a league table could be created to see which Partners have their supply chain engaging within the School. It was discussed that this could help with engaging Partners in the group to engage with their suppliers further.

**Partner Engagement**

Graham Arden- Skanska presented to the group the work Skanska has done and continues to do to help drive engagement with their suppliers. This includes creating learning pathways, hosting supply chain events & conferences, utilising workshop allocation, project team updates and more. Niko Sapounas - Octavius Infrastructure also spoke to the group about the ways in which Octavius Infrastructure engage their supply chain with the School, this includes setting a target for all of their suppliers to become Gold members of the School, promotion of SCSS events, self-assessments, using the Sustainability Tool and more.

Please refer to the pre-read for further information.

A Mentimeter poll focusing on supply chain engagement and partner dashboards was also conducted with the group. The results showed that Partners would like to see more focus on subcontractors and the water sector within the School.

**Action:** Rosie to follow up with the Partner team re Mentimeter results.

**Partner Dashboard Demo**

Rosie Watts – Project Officer at the School showed the group how to upload a priority supplier list and once uploaded how this information is collated into a Partner Dashboard, where Partners can monitor their supplier's engagement and activity within the School.

**Action:**

- Partners to contact Rosie if they have any further questions re the dashboard.
- Rosie to share the Partner Pack – which contains further tutorials and guidance with the group

**AOB:**



The School's Annual General Meeting is taking place on Wednesday 10th May from 10:00-12:00pm online, please register for the AGM [here](#).

The next leadership group meeting is taking place on the 18<sup>th</sup> April from 10:00am – 12:00pm on Microsoft Teams.