

REPORT OF THE  
Cabinet / Leader  
PART I

**128. HAMPSHIRE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

1. The Cabinet, at its meeting on 11 February 2011 considered the proposed Hampshire Local Transport Plan (LTP), based on a draft LTP strategy, which was subject to a 12-week public consultation carried out between July and September 2010, following a report to the Cabinet in June 2010. Hampshire County Council is required, under the Local Transport Act 2008, to produce a third LTP to replace the current LTP by the end of March 2011. The third Hampshire LTP comprises a long-term (20-year) 'strategy' setting out policies and a short-term (three-year) 'implementation plan' to cover delivery. The statutory duty to produce a LTP every five years is replaced by a general duty to keep LTPs under review and update them as the County Council sees fit.

2. The proposed third Hampshire LTP, seeks to:
- set out the County Council's transport policies and their relationship with national and local policy objectives within a concise single document;
  - take into account: the need to support Hampshire's economy; an increasing emphasis on highway maintenance, sustainability and managing reductions in public spending (although the long-term nature of the strategy will look beyond this period of financial constraint); and
  - be a corporate document, relevant to Hampshire, but also meeting Government expectations on content.

3. In keeping with the strategic nature and spatial context for strategic transport planning, a single LTP for Hampshire has been produced. The 'strategy' element covers both county-wide transport priorities and approach and three geographically-based area strategies to provide a more local focus which reflects the different characteristics of these areas and the different local transport issues in each. The area-based local transport strategy for South Hampshire encompasses a common high-level strategic approach shared with Southampton City Council and Portsmouth City Council in order to address cross-boundary transport issues.

4. The proposed third Hampshire LTP is available in the Members' Rooms. Chapters 1 to 7 taken together form the long-term 20-year proposed strategy. Chapter 8 sets out the three-year Implementation Plan.

5. Chapter 1 '*The Transport Vision*' sets out a proposed vision for transport in Hampshire:

"safe, efficient and reliable ways to get around a prosperous and sustainable Hampshire".

The chapter aims to make it clear what the County Council is able to deliver through the LTP, by emphasising constraints, including the substantial reduction in funding for transport and local government. The chapter also now takes into account recent

Government policy developments, such as localism, “big society”, and their potential implications.

6. Chapter 2 *‘Transport Priorities’* sets out 17 county-wide priorities and policy objectives for transport, based on those shared with Cabinet in June 2010. The overall priority of making the most of what is already in place, has been revised to emphasise the role of transport networks in supporting economic growth and competitiveness. The chapter clarifies the meaning of some of the priorities and what role the County Council will play, either directly or indirectly, through seeking to influence partner organisations and private operators. This is a key part of the LTP, illustrating the importance of the whole County approach, and demonstrating its importance in taking a strategic view of transport.

7. Chapter 3 *‘The Hampshire Context’* contains background information about Hampshire and provides a synthesis of wider policies and plans that have been taken into account in the development of the strategy part of the proposed LTP, and aims to show how the LTP contributes towards the delivery of the Hampshire Sustainable Community Strategy.

8. Chapter 4 *‘Monitoring and Review’* covers the approach to monitoring progress and arrangements for keeping the LTP under review. The County Council has the freedom to choose which indicators best serve its needs and requirements, and has chosen a small number of indicators that either reflect public satisfaction or are measures for the management and maintenance of transport infrastructure.

9. The next three chapters cover the three area-based local transport strategies, Chapter 5, *‘Transport Strategy for North Hampshire’*; Chapter 6 *‘The Transport Strategy for the Central Hampshire and the New Forest area’*; and Chapter 7 *‘South Hampshire Strategy’*.

10. Chapter 8 *‘Implementation Plan’* sets out a three-year programme of expenditure on schemes and improvements that the County Council intends to deliver for transport. The Implementation Plan forms part of the LTP document and contains details of the proposals for delivery of the policies and priorities within the Strategy during the first three years of the Plan, April 2011 to March 2014. It demonstrates how both capital and revenue funding, available to the authority from central Government support, council tax and developers are to be used to deliver Hampshire’s transport objectives. The implementation plan will take the form of a three-year rolling programme which will be updated annually to reflect the decisions reached by the County Council on capital and revenue spending as part of the annual budget setting process.

11. The Cabinet approved the Local Transport Plan Strategy and Implementation Plan for recommendation to the County Council, subject to the inclusion of a reference to market towns in the South Hampshire Section, which had been omitted from the LTP text.

## RECOMMENDATION

That the County Council:

- (a) approves and formally adopts the third Hampshire Local Transport Plan as an element of the Council’s overall policy framework,

- (b) approves making the implementation plan component of the Local Transport Plan a three-year rolling programme that is considered annually as part of the County Council's Capital and Revenue Programmes, and
- (c) approves delegation of decision-making authority to the Executive Member for Environment to make changes of a minor nature to the Local Transport Plan to reflect changes in policy, as part of a process of regular review, to ensure the Plan remains current.