

Update on Local Transport Plan 3

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide a brief overview of the proposed content of draft chapters of the Strategy element of the third Hampshire Local Transport Plan (LTP3), and outline the approach for consulting on this draft strategy.

1.2 The LTP3 will be split into two parts:

- (i) a 20-year Strategy Document covering the period 2011-2031;
- (ii) a 3-year Implementation Plan covering the period 2011-14.

1.3 The Strategy Document will outline the broad approach to transport in Hampshire during the LTP3 Period, whilst the Implementation Plan will focus on how the Plan will be delivered initially over the 3-year period covered by the forthcoming Comprehensive Spending Review. The Government will not be announcing the outcome of this Review until later in the year, so at this stage the LTP3 preparation work is focussing on the longer term Strategy.

2. Emerging Draft LTP3 Strategy

2.1 It is proposed that the main body of the LTP3 Strategy will comprise six chapters plus the Implementation Plan, which would follow an Executive Summary and Introduction:

- (i) Chapter 3 – The Hampshire Context;
- (ii) Chapter 4 – The Hampshire-wide approach;
- (iii) Chapter 5 – North Hampshire area strategy;
- (iv) Chapter 6 – Central Hampshire and New Forest area strategy;
- (v) Chapter 7 – Urban South Hampshire area strategy;
- (vi) Chapter 8 – Indicators, Targets, Monitoring and Review;
- (vii) Chapter 9 – Implementation Plan.

Chapter 3 – The Hampshire Context

2.2 This chapter will describe in broad terms the geography and key characteristics of Hampshire. It will then list the important challenges that the LTP needs to address, such as improving economic competitiveness, tackling climate change, and coping with the effects of the recession. In the short-term investment in transport improvements will be limited. The policy context to LTP3 will be summarised, referring to national, regional and corporate policy documents that have shaped and influenced the plan. The 11 long-term ambitions for Hampshire set out in the Hampshire Sustainable

Communities Strategy will be summarised and then refined into a set of eight broad outcomes, that will be used to structure Chapter 4.

Chapter 4 – The Hampshire-wide approach

- 2.3 This chapter will explain the role transport can play at the County-wide level, over the 20-year timeframe of the LTP3. It will contain a long-term vision and a County-wide policy approach. The remainder of the chapter will set out in more detail what policies will be applied on a County-wide basis, under headings of eight broad cross-departmental outcomes, based on the 11 long-term ambitions for Hampshire set out in the Hampshire Sustainable Communities Strategy. This “outcomes-based” approach recognises that transport is a means to an end, rather than an end in itself. This chapter will demonstrate how transport can contribute to a range of wider policy areas (health, well-being, education, adult care).

Chapter 5 – North Hampshire area strategy and Chapter 6 – Central Hampshire and New Forest area strategy

- 2.4 These chapters will begin by setting out the challenges specific to each area. A spatial approach to transport planning within these strategy areas will then be used to structure the bulk of these chapters. This will allow elected members and the public to see what policy approach and what sorts of interventions that the County Council is seeking to deliver within their area over the longer-term once pressure eases on public-sector spending.

Chapter 7 – Urban South Hampshire area strategy

- 2.5 This chapter is being prepared jointly by the three Transport for South Hampshire (TfSH) authorities and will be shared a content in each of their LTP3s. It is proposed that the South Hampshire joint strategy will be structured using a set of 14 transport policies specifically relating to the whole TfSH sub-region. Packages of schemes that support each policy would then be identified.

Chapter 8 – Indicators, Targets, Monitoring and Review

- 2.6 This chapter will explain how the monitoring arrangements for LTP3 will work, setting out how these will incorporate National Indicators. It is proposed that the LTP3 long-term strategy is periodically reviewed and refreshed to keep pace with developments in national and corporate policy.

Chapter 9 – Three Year Implementation Plan (2011-2014)

- 2.7 This Chapter will set out a draft three-year Capital Programme of schemes that will be delivered. Schemes will only be included where certainty over funding availability and deliverability exists.

Detailed work will commence on this Chapter once indicative funding allocations from Government are made known.

3. Forthcoming public Consultation

- 3.1 It is currently planned to launch a 12-week public consultation on the draft Hampshire Local Transport Plan Strategy in the summer. Details of the consultation will be sent to a wide range of stakeholders and will be available via the Hampshire consultations web page and a Stakeholder forum is proposed. Comments will then be considered, and the Strategy amended, after which it will be taken to Cabinet and Full Council for decision.