

Agenda Item 7

Report to the Transport for South Hampshire Joint Committee

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Subject: Local Transport Plan 3 South Hampshire Joint Strategy

Purpose of the Report

To provide the Joint Committee with an overview of the 12 week consultation undertaken over the summer on a draft Local Transport Plan 3 (LTP 3) South Hampshire Joint Strategy, apprise the Joint Committee of the changes made in response to the consultation, and to seek approval from the Joint Committee to progress the LTP 3 South Hampshire Joint Strategy through the democratic processes of the respective Local Transport Authorities (LTAs).

Recommendations

- 1. That the Joint Committee approves the Local Transport Plan 3 South Hampshire Joint Strategy for submission to the respective Local Transport Authorities for their democratic processes.**
- 2. That the Joint Committee notes the Consultation Report Executive Summary.**

Introduction

1. On 30 September 2009 the Joint Committee gave approval for a jointly developed strategy covering the South Hampshire area, to be produced collaboratively by the three Transport for South Hampshire (TfSH) authorities, which would then be incorporated into each Local Transport Authority's Local Transport Plan 3 (LTP3). LTP3 is a statutory document, which all Local Transport Authorities in England must produce and adopt by April 2011.
2. The three Local Transport Authorities have been working together on the development of a 20 year draft strategy for South Hampshire, setting out the vision, challenges, outcomes and policies for transport in the sub region. This draft consultation strategy has been subject to a 12 week public consultation period.

3. This report outlines the key outcomes from the LTP3 consultation, the revisions to the LTP3 Strategy following the consultation, and the next steps for the development of the LTP3.

Local Transport Plan 3 Consultation

4. The 12-week consultation on the draft Joint LTP3 Strategy with stakeholders and the wider public commenced on 8 July 2010, and concluded on 29 September 2010, providing an opportunity for all interested parties to influence and shape the development of the Joint South Hampshire Strategy.
5. A concise draft South Hampshire Joint LTP3 Strategy with accompanying questionnaire was released for consultation. A consultation was also undertaken by Hampshire County Council on county-wide priorities and two other area based strategies. The South Hampshire Strategy and response forms were available on-line, in hard copy in the Civic Offices and libraries within Southampton and Portsmouth, and on request.
6. To accompany the summary document, a number of stakeholder events were held jointly by the three authorities, as well as more localised events held in each of the Local Transport Authority areas.

Results from the Consultation

7. A total of 161 responses were received from the Consultation. A Summary of the Consultation Report is attached at Appendix A, which sets out the key findings from the consultation. The full Consultation Report is available as a background document for Members.

Changing Policy Context

8. Since the new Government has taken office, a series of policy announcements have been made which impact on the development and implementation of transport policy.
9. In particular, there has been a significant step away from Regional Government evidenced by the abolition of regional government offices, and with it the regional strategies including the South East Plan, and a step towards localism and the development of Local Enterprise Partnerships. Importantly, these changes in policy are occurring within an increasingly constrained funding environment, which will have a significant impact on the delivery of transport improvements.

Local Transport Plan 3 Joint Strategy Revisions

10. The Strategy has been reviewed and changes made in light of both the results of the consultation, and the Coalition Government policy and

funding announcements. The revised South Hampshire Joint Strategy is attached at Appendix B.

11. In addition to a number of small textual changes, the key changes from the 12 week consultation are as follows:
 - (i) addition of a new Policy A “to develop transport improvements that support sustainable economic growth and development within South Hampshire”;
 - (ii) rewording of the outcomes from the strategy;
 - (iii) addition of a seventh challenge to cover the need to mitigate the negative impacts of transport activity on people, communities and habitats;
 - (iv) inclusion of additional delivery mechanisms.
12. A table of changes that have been made to each section of the draft strategy document is attached at Appendix C.

Next Steps

13. With approval from the Joint Committee, the LTP3 Joint Strategy for South Hampshire will be progressed through the democratic processes of the Local Transport Authorities and authority be delegated to the TfSH Senior Management Board to agree any further changes to the wording of the strategy that may be required to take account of future funding and policy announcements, in preparation for adoption by each Local Transport Authority by 1 April 2011.

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background papers

The following documents disclose facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and has been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report.

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None