

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
<b>Date:</b>	2 April 2013
<b>Title:</b>	Local Transport Plan – Review of Implementation Plan and Strategy
<b>Reference:</b>	4780
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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### 1. Executive Summary

1.1. The purpose of this paper is to seek formal adoption of a rolled forward and revised version of the Local Transport Plan's three-year "Implementation Plan", which forms the delivery component of the third Hampshire Local Transport Plan (LTP).

1.2. This paper seeks to:

- (i) summarise the changes of a minor nature proposed to the revised three-year Implementation Plan as part of the annual review and roll forward process;
- (ii) approve the revised three-year Implementation Plan as part of the Hampshire LTP, to replace the previous version of the Implementation Plan approved by the Executive Member for Environment and Transport in June 2012; and
- (iii) approve the Long-Term Strategy section of the Hampshire LTP, which has been subject to minor revision to improve factual accuracy, with no changes made to priorities or policy objectives, to replace the previous version of the LTP Long-term Strategy adopted by Full Council in February 2011.

### 2. Contextual information

2.1. On 24 February 2011, the County Council formally adopted the third Hampshire LTP. The LTP comprises two main components, a long-term (20-year) strategy setting out policies, and a short-term (three-year) implementation plan covering delivery. In March 2011, the Hampshire LTP was published as a formal strategy of the County Council in two parts. Part A comprises six chapters that make up the long-term strategy, and Part B

comprises the Implementation Plan. This was done with future revisions in mind.

- 2.2. At County Council, it was resolved that the implementation plan component of the LTP would be approved and would take the form of a three-year rolling programme that is to be considered annually as part of the County Council's Capital and Revenue Programmes. It was also resolved that delegated decision-making authority be given to the Executive Member for Environment to make changes of a minor nature to the LTP to reflect changes in policy, as part of a process of regular review, to ensure the Plan remains current.
- 2.3. On 12 June 2012, the Executive Member for Environment and Transport approved the first annual roll-forward of the three-year LTP Implementation Plan. This roll-forward reflected the outcomes of the annual budget setting process and a refresh of background information about Local Sustainable Transport Fund projects and bids, changes to national funding streams, and the Growing Places Fund administered by Local Enterprise Partnerships.

### **3. Roll Forward of Three Year Implementation Plan**

- 3.1. The three-year Implementation Plan published in June 2012 contains a number of tables setting out financial information on planned levels of expenditure against a range of categories, such as highway maintenance and integrated transport. The Implementation Plan requires rolling forward, removing expenditure figures for 2012/13 and adding figures for 2015/16, where these are available.
- 3.2. Now that the annual budget setting process has been completed, the expenditure information has been updated and rolled-forward to reflect the decisions reached by the County Council in February 2013 on levels of capital and revenue spending. The revised three-year Implementation Plan sets out planned expenditure on transport schemes and initiatives for the period April 2013 to March 2016.

### **4. Summary of minor updates proposed to the LTP Implementation Plan, as part of process of annual review**

- 4.1. In addition to the programmed spend, the Implementation Plan part of the Hampshire LTP also describes the various different funding streams from Central Government that are used to deliver transport improvements, which are allocated to Local Transport Authorities either via formulaic allocations or via a competitive bidding process. Alongside details of how these funding streams operate, details are given of development-related funding mechanisms such as Section 106 agreements and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). As some new funding streams for transport infrastructure that will support economic growth have been established since the 2012-2015 Implementation Plan was published, new text has been added to explain about these new funding streams and what projects in Hampshire have

secured funding. The main changes are summarised in the paragraphs that follow.

- 4.2. The section on Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) projects has been updated to reflect the fact that Hampshire County Council is involved in delivering three joint LSTF projects that were successful in securing funding from the DfT in June and July 2012. Firstly, the £17.8million Better Connected South Hampshire 'large' project, covering the Transport for South Hampshire area, including the cities of Portsmouth and Southampton. Secondly, the £3.9million Sustainable Transport Solutions for England's Two Newest National Parks project, covering six Local Transport Authorities including Hampshire. Thirdly, the £4.76million Walk to School Outreach project, overseen by Living Streets, where Hampshire is one of 11 Local Transport Authorities which are partners.
- 4.3. The section on the Regional Growth Fund has been updated to reflect the successful Solent LEP bid for £5million to unlock economic growth at the Solent Enterprise Zone at Daedalus near Gosport.
- 4.4. New paragraphs have been inserted to summarise the funding secured from the Highways Agency's Pinch Point Fund for five schemes in Hampshire worth a total of £14.8million, and to describe the funding being bid for via the Local Pinch Point Fund.
- 4.5. The section on the Growing Places Fund has been expanded to summarise the scope of the work planned at Daedalus that has received funding from the Solent LEP.
- 4.6. A copy of the revised LTP will be made available in the Members' Room.

## **5. Annual Review of the LTP Strategy**

- 5.1. A review of the "long-term Strategy" component of the LTP, was carried out in January 2013. This review confirmed that the high level priorities and policy objectives adopted in February 2011 still accurately reflect the County Council's priorities, so it is recommended that no changes are required to this part of the LTP, other than a number of minor updates that seek to improve factual accuracy.
- 5.2. The LTP Strategy adopted in February 2011 contained a large number of weblinks to several background documents, in order to help keep the Plan as concise as possible. As part of the review process, it was identified that many of these weblinks had become 'broken'. Therefore they have been updated to reflect changes to website addresses since February 2011. These include recent changes to where a number of background documents were stored on the Department for Transport website. A number of statistics within the strategy section that provide useful context have been updated, where more up-to-date information has become available. Text in the Strategy section that relates to the LSTF has been brought up to date to reflect the four successful

bids for funding that the County Council is involved in delivering. The Glossary section of the LTP has also been updated slightly to include definitions of new funding streams, such as the Pinch Point Fund.

- 5.3. In conclusion, the only changes made to the long-term Strategy section have been of a minor nature in order to improve the factual accuracy of the section and reflect the current situation with schemes that have been delivered since February 2011, and projects awarded funding since then. The priorities and policy objectives for transport set out within the long-term Strategy have not been changed.

## **6. Recommendations**

- 6.1 That the revised and rolled forward three-year Implementation Plan, part of the Hampshire Local Transport Plan (LTP), be approved to replace the previous version of the LTP Implementation Plan approved by the Executive Member for Environment and Transport in June 2012.
- 6.2 That the Long-Term Strategy section of the Hampshire LTP, which has been subject to minor revision on matters of factual accuracy, be approved to replace the previous version of the LTP Long-term Strategy adopted by Full Council in February 2011.
- 6.3 That authority be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment to approve any future minor amendments to the LTP on matters of factual accuracy in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport.

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:****Links to the Corporate Strategy**

<b>Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</b>	<b>yes</b>
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Maximising well-being:</b>	<b>yes</b>
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Enhancing our quality of place:</b>	<b>yes</b>
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

**Other Significant Links**

<b>Links to previous Member decisions:</b>		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
Hampshire Local Transport Plan 3 - Revision and Roll-Forward of three-year Implementation Plan	3873	12 June 2012
Hampshire Local Transport Plan Strategy and Implementation Plan	1680	24 February 2011
Hampshire Local Transport Plan Strategy and Implementation Plan	1681	11 February 2011
<b>Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives</b>		
<u>Title</u>		<u>Date</u>
<b>Local Transport Act</b>		<b>November 2008</b>
<b>Guidance on Local Transport Plans</b>		<b>July 2009</b>

**Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents**

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

DocumentLocation

None

## **IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:**

### **1. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

- 1.1 The proposals in this report have been developed with due regard to the requirements of the Equality Act 2010, including the Public Sector Equality Duty and the Council's equality objectives. The website contains a summary [assessment of the impacts](#) on 'Develop Hampshire's highway network and transport systems'.
- 1.2 It is considered that the issues covered by this report will not have impacts requiring further specific actions by the Council above those already established in its existing policies and working procedures.

### **2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:**

- 2.1. The Local Transport Plan refers to how the County Council will look to improve levels of personal security through good standards of design of transport improvements, for example new brighter street lighting.

### **3. Climate Change:**

- 3.1. How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

The Hampshire LTP Implementation Plan contains a range of planned schemes, many of which seek to reduce the need to travel, improve travel choice through investment in sustainable forms of travel and exploit advances in technologies such as travel information and low-carbon vehicles.

- 3.2. How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

Measures to both mitigate and adapt to climate change form part of the LTP priorities, policy framework and the delivery aspects of the LTP Implementation Plan.