



Waterside Transport Update

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Description of current service/policy

A Waterside Interim Transport Policy position was set out in November 2017 and this report seeks to provide an overview of the various transport workstreams that have been progressed in the Waterside area since that time and provide information on a draft Waterside Transport Strategy, which will ultimately tie all the workstreams together and provide an update to the 2019 policy position.

Geographical impact: New
Forest

Description of proposed change

The main purpose of the report is to provide an update on several ongoing transport workstreams that affect the Waterside area and seek approval to submit Strategic Outline Business Case documents to the Department for Transport for two schemes – A326 highway improvements, and the re-opening of the Waterside rail line to passenger services. Approval is also sought to progress the A326 improvements subject to approval of the Business Case, and to undertake a public consultation exercise on the draft Waterside Transport Strategy in Spring 2021.

Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out?

No

A public consultation exercise is planned for Spring 2021 on the draft Waterside Transport Strategy, which will also seek the public's views on a range of potential transport interventions for the area. This consultation is likely to last for around 6 weeks and a report on the results/findings will be presented to the Executive Member for Environment and Transport following the end of the consultation.

Statutory considerations	Impact	Mitigation
Age: Neutral		
Disability: Neutral		
Sexual orientation: Neutral		
Race: Neutral		
Religion and belief: Neutral		
Gender reassignment: Neutral		
Gender: Neutral		

Marriage and civil partnership: Neutral		
Pregnancy and maternity: Neutral		
Other policy considerations	Impact	Mitigation
Poverty: Neutral		
Rurality: Neutral		

Neutrality statement (if all considerations have a neutral impact)

No equality impacts have been identified and at this stage the impact on people with protected characteristics is assessed to be neutral for all groups. A key focus of the various workstreams is to ensure that all user groups are catered for as part of the emerging transport proposals for the Waterside and that these are developed in a coherent manner, that does not unduly prejudice one group over another. When the public consultation exercise is undertaken every effort will be made to ensure that the consultation material is available to everyone, including those with protected characteristics.

Any other information