

Local Transport Plan Implementation Plan update

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1. Summary

- 1.1. Statutory requirements for transport plans require a long-term Local Transport Plan Strategy complemented by shorter term LTP implementation plans which set out how funds will be used to implement schemes on the ground. This report seek the views of the Scrutiny Committee on the draft Local Transport Plan (LTP) Implementation Plan 2018/19. The document is a statutory requirement of the LTP process and replaces the current plan that covered until the end of 2017. The plan is short term (2 years), to allow a review of the longer-term LTP Strategy (currently known as Somerset's Future Transport Plan) during its implementation period.
- 1.2. The document links to the 2016-2020 Somerset County Plan Visions of:
 - More jobs, homes and local co-operation
 - Better health, roads and rail.

2. Issues for consideration / Recommendations

- 2.1. The Committee are asked to consider and comment on the document prior to taking for adoption at Cabinet in May.

3. Background

- 3.1. In March 2011, Somerset County Council (SCC) adopted its current Local Transport Plan (LTP), which we have called the 'Future Transport Plan' (FTP), covering the period from 2011 to 2026. The FTP outlines the long-term strategy for transport in Somerset.
- 3.2. Alongside the FTP, shorter-term Implementation Plans have been developed. The first, reflecting uncertainty over funding locally and nationally at the time, covered a one-year period (2011/12). The second spanning 2013 to 2017 was developed to largely fall in line with the County Council's electoral cycle. This, the third Implementation Plan will cover a period 2018/19 & 2019/20 to allow an opportunity to review the LTP Strategy and some of the numerous supporting transport policies that feed into it. It is envisioned that the fourth implementation plan will be published in late 2019/early 2020 covering the period to 2021 to fall back in line with the electoral cycle.
- 3.3. This implementation plan briefly looks at progress since 2013, shows delivery against key priorities and gives an update on Major Schemes. The document will also look at how the Council might make the best of the opportunities currently available, what we plan to deliver in the near future, and at the challenges and

risks involved.

4. Consultations undertaken

- 4.1.** Specific consultation has not been undertaken for the LTP Implementation Plan, However full consultation was undertaken for the FTP when it was developed and summarised in the document: Supporting Technical Note – Consultation and Assessment (<http://www.somerset.gov.uk/policies-and-plans/plans/future-transport-plan/>). It is intended that further consultation will be undertaken next year as part of the planned refresh of the long-term Local Transport Plan Strategy.

5. Implications

- 5.1. Financial:** There are no financial implications. The LTP Implementation Plan simply sets out how we intend to utilise funding that the Council has been allocated.
- 5.2. Legal:** Publication of a LTP Implementation Plan is a statutory requirement under the Transport Act 2000 as amended.
- 5.3. Business Risk:** There is considered to be no business risk in adopting the proposed plan. Failure to adopt a plan would present business risk in terms of non-compliance with statutory requirements.
- 5.4. Due-Regard Implications:** The needs of people with protected characteristics have been considered in preparing the LTP Implementation Plan. Programmes funded through the plan will help meet the needs of people with poor mobility, people with disabilities, younger and older people who may be vulnerable road users. Some of the funding will be used to improve safety for road users and to provide improved facilities that promote more sustainable travel and associated health & wellbeing through physical activity.

6. Background papers

- 6.1.** Appendix A - LTP Implementation Plan 2018/19

Note For sight of individual background papers please contact the report author