

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Maker:	Report to the Economy, Transport and Environment Select Committee
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Title:	Local Transport Plan 4
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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to give the ETE select committee the opportunity to comment on the draft Local Transport Plan 4 before a decision is made to undertake public consultation.

Recommendation

2. That the Select Committee consider the draft LTP and make comments as they deem appropriate

Executive Summary

3. An LTP sets out the transport strategy for Hampshire and establishes the policies, strategies and high-level plans that guide how it will meet its statutory duties as a highway authority. It provides guidance to others, helps us choose and select our priorities and secure funding for measures to meet some of our most difficult movement challenges. As such it is a core part of the County Councils policy framework. Following a thorough process of engagement, data collection and impact assessment a draft LTP has been developed. A working copy (i.e. not the final publication version) is appended for consideration as Appendix 1. Also included is a working draft of the consultation survey form as Appendix 2.
4. A new LTP is needed because there have been significant changes in the policy and funding backdrop which means that the existing LTP is becoming increasingly out of date. It is also expected that the role of LTP's will shortly change and become directly related to future Government grant allocations for transport funding. Core LTP funding is currently allocated based on a formula, however the Government has signalled its intention to consider a return to the original LTP approach, when funding allocations were related to the quality of the LTP (in addressing national policy objectives) and its

delivery. In the case of current national Transport policy, LTPs are potentially going to be judged against their effectiveness in supporting and catalysing decarbonisation of the transport system, improving air quality and supporting modal shift to active travel and public transport.

5. The new LTP seeks to establish agreement to a vision of what transport should look like in 2050, four transport related outcomes covering climate change, environment, economy and society, and two core guiding principles for how we plan, design and delivery transport improvements in Hampshire. Collectively these highlight the problems and challenges we face and indicate the direction we propose to take to solve them.
6. The LTP includes core and theme policies which are set to achieve the outcomes, vision and core principles. These are the rules that apply to how Hampshire County Council proposes to manage and change the infrastructure and applies to what Hampshire does as a highway authority and what others might want to do to change the transport network. As rules, they are things Hampshire will not want to compromise on. Consultation will be an important test to see if the ones proposed will be viewed as making a difference to the desired outcomes.
7. The biggest difference to previous LTPs is:
 - a. creation of a user utility hierarchy
 - b. a movement and place framework to help us decide how best to change our streets and spaces and balance competing needs;
 - c. a new approach to integrating land use and transport planning by clearly defining what sustainable transport looks like;
 - d. an approach to adapting our infrastructure to respond to climate change;
 - e. policies that support decarbonisation and electrification of the vehicle fleet;
 - f. policies that set out how the County Council will make use of new technology to address transport challenges; and
 - g. policies that set the ambition to deliver a transformational change in public transport, walking and cycling networks and systems.

Next Steps

8. If approved for consultation the County Council will consult on the draft plan. This will involve a 12 week consultation being undertaken. Following consultation, the feedback received will be analysed and used to review the draft document. The intention is then to take a revised LTP for approval through the relevant governance structures, which for a document forming part of the statutory policy framework, would require recommendation from Cabinet for approval by Full Council. If adopted the plan would replace the

existing LTP and become part of the new policy framework for the County Council.

9. Select Committee may wish to consider what role it would like to play to support the post consultation approval process.

REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	no
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	no
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	no
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	no
OR	
This proposal does not link to the Strategic Plan but, nevertheless, requires a decision because:	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents	
<p>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.)</p>	
<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

1. Equality Duty

The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

The purpose of this report is to seek comment from the Economy, Transport, and Environment Select Committee on the draft Local Transport Plan. It is not anticipated that this will have any direct impact on people with protected characteristics.