

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
<b>Date:</b>	10 March 2020
<b>Title:</b>	Local Transport Plan Development
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment approves the proposed approach to the development of a revised and updated Local Transport Plan for Hampshire.

### 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The Local Transport Act 2008 contains a statutory requirement for the County Council to produce and review Local Transport Plans and policies. The current Hampshire Local Transport Plan (LTP) was published in 2011. It set out a long-term vision for how the transport network in Hampshire would be developed, alongside an initial three-year implementation plan.
- 2.2. Whilst the current LTP has served an important purpose, there have been significant changes since 2011. There is a very different funding and policy environment with changing priorities and issues at local, regional and national level. The "Hampshire 2050" vision and the declaration of a climate emergency by the County Council require it to review how transport can help play its part in addressing these. Revising and updating the LTP will ensure that a vision, a strategy and action plans are in place to meet this challenge.
- 2.3. A report to Cabinet on 6 January 2020 (titled "Interim Progress on Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan") notes that the County Council "will need to ensure that reducing greenhouse gas emissions (mitigation) and increasing climate resilience of both our own assets and the wider Hampshire area is central to the work of the organisation and embedded within the delivery of key objectives in all departments". Reducing the climate impact of transport activities in Hampshire will be a key element of this as transport remains one of the most carbon intensive and least improved sectors so the revised and updated LTP will be a key enabler.
- 2.4. The revised LTP will also take into account the challenges we face in achieving sustainable development, including the presumption in favour of sustainable

development that is established by the National Planning Policy Framework. In order to achieve a future of “clean growth” transport (and its relationship with sustainable land use planning) must play a significant part.

- 2.5. The revised LTP will set out a framework under which local area and topic based strategies and their action plans will be developed. It will also include a consolidated and reviewed list of transport policies which will act in support of Hampshire County Council’s numerous relevant statutory responsibilities, and its Strategic Aims and visions.
- 2.6. As part of the review Hampshire County Council will need to engage and consult externally with a variety of stakeholders including Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) and National Park authorities, Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) and the transport and development industries as part of the of the revised LTP and others. The initial engagement will be in the style of a commissioning dialogue acknowledging our stakeholder’s role as target audiences for the document, but also the need to work collaboratively with them to help shape Hampshire as a place. The dialogue will result in the development of a consultation draft of a new LTP.
- 2.7. It will also be important to engage with other groups, including residents and people working in the county, young people, mobility and environmental pressure groups and adjoining authorities, to ensure that a wide range of views are represented.
- 2.8. A revised and updated LTP will also have significant impacts within the County Council across a range of different Executive Member portfolios covering Public Health, Children’s Services, Adult Services and Culture Communities & Business Services. It will be important to ensure that the updated LTP appropriately reflects wider departmental and corporate objectives and helps shape common outcomes. The LTP forms part of the policy framework for Hampshire which therefore requires final decision to be taken by Full Council.

### **3. Other options considered and rejected:**

- 3.1. The alternative option to continue to use the 2011 version of the Local Transport Plan as the guiding policy document for local transport within Hampshire was considered and rejected because the content is becoming increasingly out of date.
- 3.2. The option to do nothing was rejected due to the importance of Hampshire County Council actively playing a role in securing sustainable development in Hampshire, in a way that supports the Council’s Strategic aims, its emerging “Hampshire 2050” vision and the declaration of a climate emergency. In general, it would fail to recognise the many significant changes to the transport landscape since 2011.
- 3.3. It will also fail to address the duty of the Transport Act 2000 and the Local Transport Act 2008 to both produce and keep under review a Local Transport Plan and policies.

### **4. Conflicts of interest:**

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

5. **Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.**

6. **Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.**

7. **Statement from the Decision Maker:**

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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**10 March 2020**

**Executive Member for Economy, Transport and  
Environment  
Councillor Rob Humby**