

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Report

<b>Committee:</b>	Hampshire Health and Wellbeing Board
<b>Date:</b>	18 March 2021
<b>Title:</b>	Towards a New Transport Plan for Hampshire
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#### **Purpose of this Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to engage members of the Board in a dialogue to help inform the development of a new Local Transport Plan (LTP4) for Hampshire.

#### **Recommendation(s)**

2. That the Hampshire Health and Wellbeing Board:
  - To note the process by which the LTP is being developed and the opportunity for Board members to influence its future direction.
  - For Board members to consider responding to the local transport plan engagement

#### **Executive Summary**

3. Our approach to transport policy can directly impact the health of our residents. Transport directly impacts air quality and road traffic accidents. There is a bi-directional relationship between transport and physical health; car users are less likely to be physically active. Transport, through its impact on the environment can impact mental health through noise pollution, community severance and social isolation. The impacts of transport on health impact our communities differentially, with the negative impacts more likely to affect our most disadvantaged communities.
4. Hampshire County Council has a statutory requirement to have in place a Local Transport Plan (LTP). The current LTP (LTP3) was produced in 2011 and was subject to a minor review in 2013. A new Local Transport Plan

(LTP4) is being developed which will supersede the current LTP and will form the primary transport policy for Hampshire County Council to 2050.

5. Hampshire County Council are seeking to engage with the Board and its member organisations to start a conversation with anyone who wishes to express their view as to what should be included in a new plan. Any views expressed will be given full consideration in the development of a new LTP4 that will be consulted on later in 2021.

## **Contextual Information**

6. Our approach to transport policy can directly impact the health of our residents. There are direct effects on air quality and road traffic accidents. There is a bi-directional relationship between transport and physical health and our environment influences our transport choices. Transport, through its impact on our environment is a contributing factor to mental health through noise pollution, community severance and social isolation. Our transport policy choices are more likely to affect our most disadvantaged communities.
7. The Local Transport Act 2008 makes it a statutory requirement for the County Council to produce a Local Transport Plans and associated policies. The County Council published a Local Transport Plan in 2011, which set a 20-year vision and strategy for local transport, for the period 2011-2031. Much has changed since 2011 and it is considered an appropriate time to review the plan and extend its time horizon to 2050 to be coterminous with the “Hampshire 2050” vision and the declaration of a climate emergency and adoption of carbon neutrality targets.
8. The County Council is in the early stages of developing a new plan and is seeking to engage in a dialogue on the new plan. To date a significant amount of work has taken place to review the current policy setting, identify the key drivers of change, collated a robust local evidence base and scope out work on an integrated impact assessment. It has used this to develop a vision, a set of clear outcomes and two core design principles. It now wishes to engage widely to test this work and begin a conversation with those who would seek to influence the future direction of the plan.
9. This paper supports a presentation that will be delivered to the Board by Hampshire County Council’s Head of Integrated Transport. Following this initial engagement, the County Council will then review all the comments made and draft a new plan. It is the intention that this would then be consulted on towards the end of 2021.
10. There are significant linkages between how we move about and the health and wellbeing of Hampshire residents. For example, there are clear direct

linkages related to road safety, our health and how active we are and between emissions from transport and illness. There are less direct but still important influences between accessibility to transport service and isolation/loneliness and accessing employment opportunities and mental health. In light of these strong relationships the board are encouraged to engage the first stage of the development of the new Local Transport Plan.

## **Coproduction**

11. The current stage of “engagement” is effectively the coproduction stage. This is where the County Council is seeking the views of others before setting out a formal plan for consultation. It is the point at which members of the Board or others can influence and shape the Local Transport Plan before it is written. On top of this various stakeholder events are taking place or are planned with specific audiences on tailored topics. For example, a digital conference was held on active travel which was attended by over 120 individuals representing walking, cycling and mobility groups.

## **Consultation and Equalities**

12. An integrated sustainability appraisal is required to be undertaken of the LTP. An initial scoping document which is available on the local transport plan micro site. [Local Transport Plan | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/local-transport-plan)
13. The engagement and consultation activities related to the LTP have been covered above.

**REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:**

**Links to the Strategic Plan**

<b>Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:</b>	Yes
<b>People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:</b>	Yes
<b>People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:</b>	No
<b>People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:</b>	Yes

**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.)**

Document

Location

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 protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are 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 in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

### **2. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

Equality Impact Assessments will be completed as required as part of the development of the new Local Transport Plan (LTP4) for Hampshire.