

ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL 20 JANUARY 2017

LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 2017-2030 (LTP4)

Summary

1. The Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel is to receive an update on the draft Local Transport Plan (LTP) for Worcestershire, which is currently undergoing public consultation.
2. Representatives involved in the Council's Strategic Infrastructure and Transport Planning have been invited to the meeting, as well as the Cabinet Member responsible for Economy, Skills and Infrastructure.

Background

3. The LTP sets the strategic vision and direction of highways and transportation services. The availability of reliable and efficient transport networks plays a major role in the effectiveness of the Worcestershire economy. Evidence has shown that a good transport network is important in sustaining economic success in modern economies. Where investment in transport infrastructure and services has been inadequate, this has been shown to adversely impact on future growth and competitiveness.
4. As set out in the report to Cabinet on 15 December 2016, the County Council is required to produce a Local Transport Plan (LTP) under the Transport Act 2000. Originally, Local Transport Authorities were required to produce a valid LTP every five years, involving close liaison with the Department for Transport.
5. This requirement was revised under the Local Transport Act 2008, which both enabled local authorities to set the length of their LTP periods, and reduced the involvement of the Department for Transport in the development and delivery process.
6. Worcestershire has had three previous LTPs: LTP1 (2001 to 2006), LTP2 (2006 – 2011) and LTP3 (2011 to date). Since the LTP3 was put together, funding mechanisms, socio-economic aspirations, development growth and the level of evidence available to support investment in schemes have changed. Additionally, many schemes included in the LTP3 have now been delivered or developed since their conception. It is now proposed to revise the LTP3 into the LTP4, to take account of these major changes.
7. Worcestershire's fourth Local Transport Plan is now available for public consultation until 17 March 2017, and is available at: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/LTP

It is anticipated that the final version will be adopted by Council in the summer of 2017.

Equality and Diversity Implications

8. An Equality screening exercise has been carried out to identify which of the policies and strategies comprising the LTP are of particular relevance in the lives of people who have one or more relevant Protected Characteristics (such as Age and Disability). This assessment will identify the potential negative impacts on any of the protected groups affected to inform the decision-making and so that any mitigating actions can be taken.

9. Equality impact analysis will be carried out for each of the areas where equality relevance has been rated as either Amber or Red.

10. The Council will ensure that the consultation in respect of the Plan is inclusive and that findings contribute to Equality analysis and any resulting action to mitigate negative impact of proposals. The findings of the Equality analyses will be summarised in the consequent Cabinet report and completed Equality Assessments will be appended to that report.

Purpose of the meeting

11. The Panel is asked to:

- consider and agree any comments on the draft Local Transport Plan (LTP4), which will be submitted to the Cabinet Member for Economy, Skills and Infrastructure, as the Panel's response to the consultation
- agree any further information or scrutiny work required at this time

Supporting Information

- Worcestershire's Local Transport Plan 2017-30 and consultation survey – copies of the draft Plan have been circulated to Panel members. The draft Plan and consultation survey are available on the Council's website at:
www.worcestershire.gov.uk/LTP

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

- Agenda and Minutes of Cabinet on 15 December 2016 – available on the County Council's website [here](#)