

Appendix 3

Existing Local Transport Plan

1. On the 4 March 2011 the Council approved that the existing Local Transport Plan 2 (2005/6 to 2010/11) should be adopted on an interim basis in response to delays in identifying a preferred development option for Hereford within the Local Development Framework Core Strategy. The critical linkage between the transport strategy and the strategic land use policy have are widely acknowledged within the main body of this report and are key to the planning and implementation of housing and economic growth in the County.
2. The existing Local Transport Plan (LTP2) remains fit for purpose and forms a sound basis for determining transport matters. Until the planned review of the existing strategy is completed no further action is required.

Progress to date in reviewing the existing Local Transport Plan

3. During 2010/11 a draft Local Transport Strategy was prepared and publicly consulted on during the autumn 2010. The consultation asked people's opinions on the four key strategy areas.
 - The Hereford Transport Strategy
 - The Market Towns and Rural Communities Strategy
 - The Road Safety Strategy
 - The Highway Management Strategy
4. Feedback from the consultation was generally positive with the majority of respondents agreeing with the proposals identified within the strategy. Of the comments received many felt the strategy was aspirational but questioned its deliverability. Feedback from this and other consultations will be taken forward in the ongoing review of the Local Transport Strategy.

Proposals for revised Local Transport Plan

5. Whilst LTP2 remains fit for purpose, and provides an ongoing, sound basis for determining transportation matters its relevance will reduce over time. Since the autumn 2010 consultation central government guidance on the role for local transportation has developed to reflect the priorities of economic growth, carbon reduction and localism. Capital funding for local transport has also reduced and this should be reflected within the revised Local Transport Plan. In addition, the Council has been successful in bidding for funds through the Local Sustainable Transport Fund programme and has secured some additional funds for the period 2011 to 2014 which will enable us to deliver measures to support the local economy including the upgrading of Broad Street and also to help improve rural access.

The revised LTP will consist of the following interlinked documents:

- Transportation Strategy (2011 to 2031) – this forms part of the Council's Policy Framework and is the element which needs to be agreed by full Council for adoption
- Transport Delivery Programme (2011/12 to 2014/15)
- Specific Transportation Policy Documents

Transportation Strategy (2011 to 2031)

6. The Transportation Strategy review will be informed by the themes and outcomes identified in the Joint Corporate Plan, the 9 Localities, Sustainable Communities Strategy, Economic Development Strategy and Local Development Framework. In addition, government published its new national road safety strategy, 'Strategic Framework for Road Safety' in May 2011 and this will also help inform revisions to the Strategy. It will also link with the Department for Transport's January 2011 White Paper 'Creating Growth, Cutting Carbon - Making Sustainable Local Transport Happen' and the local transport challenges identified, namely:

- Supporting growth
- Reducing carbon emissions
- The health impacts of transport
- Accessibility to public transport

Transport Delivery Programme (2012/13 to 2014/15)

7. Sitting underneath the Transportation Strategy will be a rolling delivery programme which identifies the specific programmes for delivering transport improvements including asset maintenance, major schemes and smaller integrated transport schemes which support public transport walking and cycling. This programme will be informed by the Local Sustainable Transport Funded programme called Destination Hereford to ensure coordination of activity with the mainstream LTP funded work.

Specific Transportation Policy Documents

8. This series of concise policy documents will inform delivery of the Transportation Strategy by providing more detailed policies for a range of transport issues (see list below). Many of these are existing policies, included within LTP2, which are being updated. A number of specific reviews are underway which will further inform these policies including the Bus Services Review, Community Transport Review and Hereford Parking Capacity Review. A more detailed programme for the finalisation of these policies will be reported to Cabinet when the Transportation Strategy is considered in May 2012.

- Car Parking Policy
- Community Transport Policy
- Cycling Policy
- Freight Policy

- Public Transport – Bus Policy
- Public Transport – Rail Policy
- Transport and Climate Change Policy
- Transport Development Control Policy
- Smarter Choices Policy
- Public Realm Policy

Timetable for adopting the revised Local Transport Plan Transportation Strategy

9. The strong linkages between the LDF and LTP were established through joint consultation and technical studies over the past 2 years and it is essential these links remain in developing both future land use and transportation strategies. The process of approving these documents should therefore be undertaken in tandem.

The proposed timetable for approving the revised LTP strategy is indicated below:

Date	Item
September 2011	Transportation Strategy consultation Transportation Strategy consulted on at the same time as the LDF Core Strategy – Revised Preferred Option Consultation and Relief Road Community Poll
May 2012	Cabinet consider Draft Transportation Strategy (alongside Draft Core Strategy)
July 2012	Council adopt Transportation Strategy (alongside approval of Draft Core Strategy)