

**Summary of recommendations to the executive and executive responses**  
**Scrutiny Committee: Connected Communities**  
**Date: 21-01-2025**

**Agenda item title: Local Transport Plan**

<b>Recommendation 1</b>	<p>As per a previous recommendation from Connected Communities Scrutiny Committee, environmental protection and enhancement needs to be better reflected throughout the high-level Local Transport Plan objectives and throughout its priorities for the transport network. This should reflect and align with our climate and ecological emergency declaration.</p> <p>[Note: Please explain whether the recommendation is agreed, partly agreed or not agreed to and what actions will be taken, or what actions are already in place].</p>
<b>Executive Response</b>	<p>Agreed.</p> <p>Throughout the LTP there is strong focus on the need to support and focus on the way the plan can align and support the environmental protection of the county. There are five core objectives listed in the LTP, one being “Tackling climate change and protecting and enhancing the natural and built environment. By creating a transport system that offers viable low emission options for most journeys and influences travel behaviours and decisions.”</p> <p>The plan identifies actions needed to be taken to achieve this objective</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce the amount of traffic travelling through the city centre.</li> <li>• Transition <b>to less polluting types of propulsion</b> through <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Providing more <b>Electric Vehicle charging points</b>.</li> <li>○ Roll out <b>zero emission buses in Hereford city</b>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Support transition of freight to sustainable modes</b> in the city centre.</li> </ul> <p>Within the plan there are also Action Plans for Hereford City and the Rural areas/Market Towns within these there are 11 objectives to support the Council Plan priorities –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work towards reducing county and council carbon emissions, aiming for net zero by 2030/31 and work with partners and communities to make the county more resilient to the effects of climate change.</li> <li>• Expand and maintain the transport infrastructure in a sustainable way and improve connectivity across the county.</li> </ul> <p>Decarbonising maintenance   Production of a Low Carbon Procurement Strategy</p>

	Decarbonising maintenance	Develop an approach to considering carbon in scheme design			
	Decarbonising maintenance	Reduce carbon emissions from street lighting			
	Decarbonising maintenance	Upgrade and enhance traffic signals			
	Transition to lower emission fuels	Increased provision of public Electric Vehicle chargers			
	Transition to lower emission fuels	Promote the use of peer-to-peer charging networks			
	Transition to lower emission fuels	Regular update of Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy			
	Digital Access	Promote online services and digital accessibility			
	Transition to lower emission fuels	Promotion of peer-to-peer charging networks			
	Transition to lower emission fuels	Delivery of LEVI funded on street charge points in all market towns			
	Transition to lower emission fuels	Delivery of EV charge points in council car parks			
Action –		Owner	By When	Target/Success Criteria	Progress
Ensure LTP Objectives align with the Climate emergency		Ffion Horton	May 2025	Completed LTP that aligns	Completed

<b>Recommendation 2</b>	<p>The Local Transport Plan team to work with other rural local transport plan teams in England, as well as our neighbouring authorities, to build on best practice and an alliance of rural local transport plans to strengthen the case for rural transport to the government.</p> <p>[Note: Please explain whether the recommendation is agreed, partly agreed or not agreed to and what actions will be taken, or what actions are already in place].</p>				
<b>Executive Response</b>	<p>Since the Scrutiny meeting the council has filled the Transport Planning Service Manager post with an officer from a neighbouring rural authority and the remaining posts for the team are to be progressed through recruitment. There continues to be close links to neighbouring councils and other rural councils remains strong</p>				
Action		Owner	By When	Target/Success Criteria	Progress
Continued attendance at workshops/regional meetings		Ffion Horton	Ongoing		


<b>Recommendation 3</b>	To provide the committee with a consultation strategy for the local transport plan, to include a timeline for the consultation and a list of consultees.			
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<b>Response</b>	Cllr O'Driscoll has been liaised with regarding the planned consultation for the LTP and future cabinet/full council meetings. Officers were not aware of the requirement to return to scrutiny prior to the consultation.			
<b>Action</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>By When</b>	<b>Target/Success Criteria</b>	<b>Progress</b>

<b>Recommendation 4</b>	To ensure that any active travel projects are 'shovel-ready' for any funding that becomes available.			
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<b>Executive Response</b>	Once the plan has been fully adopted it is anticipated that several priority projects will be identified and progressed through concept design, if funding is available. Progressing schemes to the colloquially referenced 'shovel ready' stage requires substantial external funding to be sought. .			

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