

CITY COUNCIL - 7 FEBRUARY 2011

REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR TRANSPORT AND AREA WORKING

NOTTINGHAM LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 2011 TO 2026

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 All local authorities outside London have a statutory duty under the Transport Act 2000, as amended in the Local Transport Act 2008, to prepare a Local Transport Plan (LTP). The Nottingham LTP is the key policy and investment tool through which transport policy and improvements are delivered across the City Council's administrative area. The LTP also forms a part of the City Council's policy framework requiring approval by Full Council.
- 1.2 Improvements to the transport system bring benefits for all citizens, businesses and visitors to Nottingham. Good transport supports economic growth by improving access to key services and facilities, including enabling local people to access local jobs. Through the promotion of active travel and improving road safety, transport helps to enhance quality of life, support the transformation of Nottingham's neighbourhoods and reduce carbon emissions from transport.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 IT IS RECOMMENDED that the Nottingham Local Transport Plan covering the period from April 2011 to March 2026 be approved for adoption from 1 April 2011, with final revisions to the Plan to be agreed by the Corporate Director of Development and Portfolio Holder for Transport and Area Working.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 3.1 Producing a LTP fulfils the City Council's statutory duty under the Transport Act 2000, which states all local authorities outside London are required to prepare an LTP. The LTP also forms part of the City Council's policy framework. The current LTP expires on 31 March 2011 and the Department for Transport (DfT) require final new LTPs to be approved and adopted from 1 April 2011.

- 3.2 The LTP has been prepared taking into account the views of a wide range of partners, local businesses, transport operators, interest groups and colleagues and included three broad stages of consultation:

Early consultation on the proposed direction and strategic framework was tested through workshops with members of the Greater Nottingham Transport Partnership and One Nottingham partners in the Summer/Autumn 2009. Partners were asked to rank the importance of the LTP strategic priorities for transport. The goals of supporting the economy and reducing carbon emissions were jointly ranked as the highest priorities. In early 2010 the City Council participated in follow up workshops with the same groups to feedback on progress and developments with the LTP and to seek views on the proposed options and measures. This was done with the involvement of the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire County Councils to enable partners to feedback on key cross-boundary transport issues and measures to be included in their respective LTPs, including improved public transport, integration and interchange facilities, utilising technology to support flexible working and reducing the need to travel.

LTP challenges and options consultation document was produced and included an emerging transport vision, key challenges and options for transport initiatives and measures. Consultation took place over a five-week period in the Summer 2010, which asked respondents from local business, City Councillor officers, councillors, the voluntary and community sector, statutory environmental bodies, health, equality and disability groups their views through an online eight-question survey. A large proportion of comments were in support of the overall approach taken with the Plan.

Consultation on the LTP Strategy consisting of an eight-week public and partner consultation between November and January 2011. The consultation was promoted through a range of media including the City Council's website, Facebook page and a local press release. A summary leaflet was also sent to all city households with the December issue of the Nottingham Arrow asking residents to prioritise the importance of improving the transport system, local neighbourhoods, supporting greener travel options and making the most of the road network and they were invited to feedback thoughts on how transport can be made better in the future, resulting in around 800 comments fed back.

4 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 The LTP Draft Strategy 2011 to 2026 was subject to an 8 week period of consultation from 29 November 2010 to 24 January 2011. A consultation report has been published and schedule of proposed amendments has been prepared.
- 4.2 The LTP Implementation Plan 2011 to 2014 has been published online, the content of which is being agreed through the Council's budget process.
- 4.3 As referred to at paragraph 1.1 above, the preparation of a LTP is a statutory duty.

5 BACKGROUND

- 5.1 The Nottingham LTP forms the City Council's transport strategy and investment programme for delivering transport improvements across Nottingham City Council's administrative area from April 2011 to March 2026. This LTP is the third of its kind and replaces the previous LTP 2006 to 2011 which was jointly produced with Nottinghamshire County Council that covered the Greater Nottingham area.
- 5.2 The LTP has been prepared to align with the policies and objectives set out in the Nottingham Plan and Local Development Framework documents. The LTP comprises of two complementary components:
- LTP Strategy 2011 – 2026 outlines the long-term transport vision, strategy and proposals covering fifteen years
 - LTP Implementation Plan 2011 – 2014 details the funded programme of transport schemes and initiatives to be delivered over the three-year period.
- 5.3 The LTP Strategy has been developed to achieve five overarching strategic objectives for transport, which are:
1. Deliver a world-class sustainable transport system which supports a thriving economy and enables growth
 2. Create a low carbon transport system and a resilient transport network
 3. Improve access to key services, employment and training including creation of local employment and training opportunities
 4. Improve the quality of citizens' lives and transform neighbourhoods

5. Support citizens to live safe, independent and active healthy lifestyles

5.4 A series of key proposals and measures for achieving these objectives have been set out in the LTP Strategy. The delivery of these measures will be prioritised through the LTP Implementation Plan process.

5.5 **Priorities**

The LTP has been prepared to set the future ambitions for improving transport over the life of the plan period. Whilst there are very challenging financial times ahead, transport can play an instrumental role in leading the city to recovery following the effects of the recession and tightening budgets. Maintaining our current transport assets, the role of transport in supporting neighbourhood transformation, linking local people to good jobs and providing and enhancing the sustainable transport system are core priorities and form a short to medium term focus of the LTP, which will help deliver value for money improvements. The key implementation priorities can be summarised as:

- **Maintain our current transport system** following a decade of substantial investment into improving our transport infrastructure we will be prioritising investment to protect and preserve our existing transport system reflecting the economic and social importance to local communities
- **Support neighbourhood transformation** through enabling local citizens and communities to have a greater say in what local transport improvements are made in their local areas and neighbourhoods. These will include footway improvements, local accessibility, parking and traffic management schemes
- **Linking local people to jobs and training** through improving transport services and facilities to key employment areas and education sites
- **Support sustainable transport modes** through continued investment in public transport, walking and cycling, including the introduction of more 20mph zones in residential areas across the city
- **Greening of the transport system** by pursuing clean and efficient vehicle choice for fleets and buses and providing electric charging infrastructure.

5.6 All documents associated with the preparation of the LTP are available online at: www.mynottingham.gov.uk/ltp3

6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)

- 6.1 The content of the LTP Implementation Plan will form part of the Medium Term Financial Plan, as part of the Council's budget process. This will be subject to final approval at Full Council in March.

7 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS AND EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS)

- 7.1 Comprehensive risk assessments of transport proposals inline with corporate risk management guidelines covering all risk aspects (including operational, financial, infrastructure) are a core requirement of the LTP process.
- 7.2 The legal obligation to prepare a plan is referred to elsewhere in this report.

8 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)

- 8.1 The LTP has been subject to an Integrated Impact Assessment covering the statutory equality impact assessment, statutory strategic environmental assessment and a health impact assessment. This report is available online at: www.mynottingham.gov.uk/ltp3

9 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

- 9.1 None

10 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

- 10.1 Nottingham Final Local Transport Plan Schedule of Amendments, Nottingham City Council January 2011
Nottingham Local Transport Plan Consultation Report, Nottingham City Council January 2011
Nottingham Local Transport Plan Draft Implementation Plan 2011 – 2014 Nottingham City Council January 2011
Nottingham Local Transport Plan Strategy 2011 – 2026 Draft for Consultation, Nottingham City Council November 2010

Integrated Impact Assessment Report, Nottingham City Council
December 2010
Guidance on Local Transport Plans, DfT July 2009

COUNCILLOR JANE URQUHART
PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR TRANSPORT AND AREA WORKING