

# report

meeting **JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING & TRANSPORT**

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## **A52 Multi Modal Study – Final Consultant’s Report**

### Purpose of Report

To inform the Committee of the recent publication of the Consultant’s final report on the A52 Multi-Modal Study [MMS] and of the process of the two Councils making observations on the MMS that involved this Committee.

1. The Government commissioned W. S. Atkins & Partners to undertake a MMS for the A52 from Clifton Bridge eastwards to Bingham in 2003. Following a lengthy period of data analysis, modelling and a period of public consultation, the Consultants published their final report on March 10<sup>th</sup> 2004.
2. The Report is now out for comments of all interested parties prior to the East Midlands Regional Assembly considering the report and submissions made at a meeting to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2004. The decision of the Assembly would then be sent to the Secretary of State for Transport.
3. Both Councils have been involved in the steering arrangements for the MMS set up by the Government.
4. A summary of the main findings of the Consultants is appended. It is not the purpose of this report to make detailed observations on the findings but to set out how the two Councils individually and jointly will be addressing the Consultants Report and making their observations to the Regional Assembly.
5. Whilst the Report concentrates on the transport elements, the Study also makes reference to environmental, social and economic/regeneration issues. Officers have expressed concern that the Report does not provide sufficient information to enable external parties to test whether statements made by the Consultants regarding economic/regeneration impacts, and the relative assessment of the options in this respect are soundly based. Other aspects of the Report can be dealt with in-house.
6. Accordingly, an urgent economic development/regeneration study has been commissioned by both Councils to examine these elements of the MMS and report back to the Councils in time for the findings to form part of the formal deliberations of both Councils to the overall MMS.

7. The programme is that formal reports setting out the views on the MMS will go to the respective Councils in June. Prior to this the Joint Committee will receive a report at its meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> May at which the joint elements of the submissions of both Councils will be addressed as will the implications for the Joint Structure Plan (dealt with in a separate report to this Committee). Accordingly, the Joint Committee will have an important role to play in advising both Councils on this important matter.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

8. It is RECOMMENDED that the report be noted.

### Background papers

None

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