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Report

LOCAL TRANSPORT PLANS UPDATE

Purpose of Report

1. To update the Committee on the 2006/07 local transport capital funding settlement, final 2007/08 to 2010/11 planning guidelines, completion of Second Local Transport Plans (LTP2) and outcome of the Greater Nottingham Transport Innovation Fund pump priming bid.

2006/7 Settlement

2. The annual local transport capital settlement was announced in December by the DfT which detailed the allocations each authority would receive for 2006/07.
3. Allocations to be received by the authorities for 2006/07 is performance related. As a result of strong performance in terms of delivery in 2004/05 and the quality of the Provisional Greater Nottingham LTP2, the authorities will receive an additional maximum 25% funding for integrated transport measures (ITM) from the base guideline figure. Together with allocations for maintenance and funding of the 'Turning Point' and A612 Gedling major schemes, the Greater Nottingham Plan will receive a total of £29.601m for 2006/07.
4. In terms of the North Nottinghamshire Plan settlement, the County Council's base allocation has been increased by an additional 12.5% for integrated transport measures following the DfT's assessment of delivery in 2004/05 and the quality of the Provisional North Nottinghamshire LTP2. Together with a maintenance allocation of £5.83m, a total of £10.243m has been allocated for this Plan. The table below provides details of the 2006/07 allocations.

Table 1: Local Transport Allocations for 2006/07

Authority	Integrated Transport Measures [ITM] (Base guideline)	Maintenance	Major schemes	Total
Nottingham City (Gtr Nottm share)	£7.904m (£6.323m)	£3.024m	£3.500m	£14.428m
Nottinghamshire (Gtr Nottm share)	£4.888m (£3.893m)	£4.295m	£5.99m	£15.173m
Greater Nottm Sub - Total	£12.792m (£10.216m)	£7.319m	£9.490m	£29.601m
North Nottinghamshire	£4.390m (£3.893m)	£5.853m		£10.243m
Total	£17.182m (£14.109m)	£13.172m	£9.490m	£39.844m

5. Due to an error by the DfT in the apportionment of funding between the City and the County Councils for Greater Nottingham the funding allocations shown in the table above are different from those originally published.

2007/08 – 2010/11 Final Planning Guidelines

6. Final base planning guidelines for integrated transport measures from 2007/08 to 2010/11 have also been announced. These planning guidelines have been derived by a formula and will form basis of funding allocations to each authority over the LTP2 Plan period and are to be incorporated into final LTPs. The details of these guidelines are set out in the table below.

Table 2: Final Planning Guidelines 2007/08 to 2010/11

	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Nottingham	£6.214m	£6.583m	£6.974m	£7.388m
Nottinghamshire	£3.851m	£4.106m	£4.377m	£4.665m
Greater Nottingham Sub-Total	£10.065m	£10.689m	£11.351m	£12.053m
North Nottinghamshire	£3.850m	£4.106m	£4.377m	£4.666m
Total	£13.915m	£14.795m	£15.728m	£16.719m

LTP and APR Assessment

7. The authorities have received feedback from the DfT on the progress made towards the implementation of LTP1 through assessment of the 2004/05 Annual Progress Reports (APRs) for both Greater Nottingham and North Nottinghamshire. This revealed that progress to deliver transport measures in Nottinghamshire was amongst the best in the country. The Greater Nottingham APR was judged the best in the country with a score of 94%, while the North Nottinghamshire APR scored 88%. This resulted in both APRs being rated 'excellent' by the DfT, the top category, with each receiving a

12.5% increase in ITM funding as a result. Only 11 of 85 APRs across the country received this level of bonus.

8. The DfT also assessed the Provisional Second Local Transport Plans after they were submitted in July 2005, and together with the APRs, this assessment influenced the allocations the authorities have received for 2006/07 as detailed above. The assessment categorised the Plans into three groups, notably 'very promising', 'promising' and 'need substantial improvement'. The Greater Nottingham LTP2 was classed as 'very promising' by the DfT, while the North Nottinghamshire Plan received a 'promising' classification. Greater Nottingham received a further 12.5% increase on its ITM budget as a result of this assessment.

Next Steps to Finalise LTP2

9. The authorities need to now finalise their LTP2s for submission at the end of March 2006. This will include finalising the five-year implementation programme, setting of targets, setting out full Accessibility Strategies, completion of Strategic Environmental Assessment reports and addressing the comments raised in the detailed feedback received on the Plans from the DfT, together with issues highlighted through the final round of consultation from stakeholders and the public.
10. Formal approval of the Plans by each authority are required prior to submission.

Transport Innovation Fund (TIF)

11. In October, the authorities jointly submitted a pump priming bid for Transport Innovation Funding to support the development of a Workplace Parking Levy and associated smartcard, monitoring and scoping work forming a package of innovative measures to tackle congestion in Greater Nottingham.
12. At the end of November the DfT announced however that the Greater Nottingham bid was unsuccessful. Dialogue is now taking place with the DfT as to a potential way forward.

RECOMMENDATION

13. It is RECOMMENDED that Members of the Committee note the contents of the report.

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