

Meeting: **JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT**

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TRANSPORT ISSUES UPDATE

Purpose of report

1. To update the Committee on key transport issues for the Greater Nottingham area.

A453 (M1 to Nottingham) widening scheme

2. The County Council, other local authorities and businesses are continuing to campaign for this key strategic infrastructure which has the potential to unlock huge economic benefits in Nottinghamshire. In addition to the £20million local contribution offered by the County Council, Rushcliffe Borough Council are understood to have now offered £0.5million to support the timely delivery of the overall scheme.

Local Sustainable Transport Fund update

3. Delivery of the Key Component elements of the Local Sustainable Transport Fund has now commenced following a governance framework and delivery model having been established. The £4.935 million programme will deliver smart ticketing improvements, enhanced business travel support, the continuation of partnership working to promote cycling and piloting a community smarter travel hub.
4. On 3rd August the Department for Transport (DfT) announced that the Nottingham Urban Area Local Sustainable Transport Fund Main Bid had been successful in getting to the next stage.
5. If successful the Main Bid will build on the Key Component work programme and secure up to £10.82 million of further funding for 2012/13 – 2014/15 to deliver an integrated package of measures to influence people's travel behaviour through four complementary work packages:
 - **Smartcard support and personalised travel planning:** Extending the range of transport services available via smartcards to achieve integrated

- ticketing between modes including further education students and personalised travel planning services to improve access to work and training opportunities;
- **Establish a network of Smarter Travel Hubs** for local delivery of sustainable travel solutions across the urban area and funding to create the physical environment to support low carbon travel choices including roll out of 20 mph limits;
 - **Active Travel Solutions** to provide activities and services for children, families and schools to encourage more walking and cycling including cycle training and associated services and a programme of community and area-wide events;
 - **Developing the low carbon transport network** focused to meet future business needs including supporting the uptake of electric vehicles for fleet and public transport, establishing a car club and supporting greener driving as well as cycle infrastructure development and associated promotion;
6. The bid partnership is now preparing to submit a Full Business Case for the Main Bid by 20th December 2011 for a decision in summer 2012. An inception meeting took place with the DfT at the end of August to agree the scope of the Business Case and a further visit by DfT delegates was hosted on 16th November to understand the Main Bid proposals better.

Nottingham Express Transit Phase Two

7. Funding for two more lines of the tram comprising NET Phase Two was confirmed by Government in March 2011 albeit with a reduced Government funding contribution. Following this announcement, the Tramlink Nottingham consortium was appointed as preferred bidder for the scheme.
8. Work is progressing towards a contract being let in late 2011. Construction work would start early in 2012 and is due to be completed by 2014.

Workplace Parking Levy update

9. Licensing of the City Council's Workplace Parking Levy commenced on 1st October 2011. The Workplace Parking Levy team is currently undertaking compliance and enforcement activities to ensure the majority of employers have obtained a license and are licensed correctly, that discounts and associated employers are verified. A communications campaign to encourage compliance and additional car park management support is also underway. Charging is scheduled to commence in April 2012.

Recommendation

10. It is recommended that the Committee note the content of this report.

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