

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 sustainable transport issues for the Greater Nottingham area.

### **Local Sustainable Transport Fund**

2. **Smartcard development and integrated ticketing:** A number of retail network ticket vending machines have been placed on order and installation is to be complete over the next 4-6 months. Ticketing vending machines will be placed at key public transport interchanges including along tram platforms on all three corridors and at key bus stops across the Kangaroo area. An order has also been placed with Payzone to allow “top up” stations to be implemented at a variety of newsagents promoting greater accessibility. Associated with the vending machines is an online web retail system. The purchasing software is currently in its testing stage to ensure effective integration with the Citycard product.
3. **Community smarter travel hubs:** Following a successful grant award process Nottingham City Council, Nottinghamshire County Council and Gedling and Broxtowe Borough Councils have appointed four Neighbourhood Smarter Travel Coordinators (NSTC’s) to establish and deliver a programme of smarter travel services to help local people into jobs and access services. National cycling charity Sustrans have been commissioned to establish hubs in the central and southern localities in the city whilst local cycle training charity RideWise have been commissioned to operate in the Gedling and Broxtowe boroughs. Service level agreements are being finalised for all four hubs to underpin the arrangements for delivering outputs, outcomes and evaluation activities.
4. **Car club:** A Nottingham car club tender process is currently underway to establish a commercially viable car club scheme utilising LSTF funding. Following informal meetings in the summer with two potential Car Club Operators in the summer, a scheme specification was drawn up and an

Open Invitation to Tender published at the beginning of November. It is proposed to initially establish the scheme in the city centre with future phases including car club locations introduced in surrounding areas and district centres. Once a preferred Car Club Operator is selected these options will be considered. An indicative launch is aimed for March 2014 subject to procurement and approvals.

5. **Future LSTF funding:** Existing LSTF funding is due to end March 2015. In early November an LSTF funding announcement was received from Norman Baker prior to his departure regarding the future LSTF funding. The letter explained that from April 2015 a new process for LSTF funding will be in place. £100m capital funding is being made available to the Local Enterprise Partnerships through the Single Local Growth Fund process. It is important to note that whilst LSTF funding is going into the Single Local Growth Fund, the funds will no longer stay ring fenced for sustainable transport measures. Therefore local authorities must argue the case for funding sustainable transport schemes in the context of supporting economic growth through their Strategic Economic Growth Plans. A further £78.5m revenue funding for LSTF projects has been announced for 2015/16 to be held centrally by the Department for Transport. The funding will be allocated through a competitive bidding process, however further details are awaited.

## **Recommendation**

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

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