

CABINET

Monday, 22 February 2021

HCC TRANSPORT CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Report of the Sustainable Transport Planner

Recommendation

It is recommended that Cabinet notes the response to Hampshire County Council's Local Transport Plan 4 consultation attached at Appendix 1.

Summary

Hampshire County Council (HCC) is consulting residents and other stakeholders on the proposed vision, outcomes and guiding principles to inform the development of the Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4), which will replace the existing LTP3 to provide a framework to guide all future transport planning and investment.

Statutory Powers

Localism Act 2011

Strategic Implications

1. Transport is a cross-cutting issue that underpins all areas of the Corporate Plan. Most actions fall within the Tackling Congestion objective, but the actions also deliver against the Council's Economic (Prosperous Place), and Health and Wellbeing (Healthy Communities) Corporate objectives.

Introduction

2. HCC is currently consulting stakeholders on proposals for the proposed vision, outcomes and guiding principles to inform the development of the Local Transport Plan 4, which will replace the existing LTP3 and provide a framework to guide future transport planning and investment across Eastleigh and Hampshire.
3. Further information about the consultation can be found at:
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/localtransportplan>

Background

4. The consultation opened on 15 January and closes 28 February 2021.
5. The Council's response is attached at Appendix 1
6. The response draws particular attention to the HCC 2050 carbon neutrality target and the challenges posed by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on public transport.
7. This consultation response forms the first stage in discussions with HCC concerning the future of travel and transport in the Borough and the development of the LTP4.

Financial Implications

8. Transport initiatives are delivered through local funding (Developer Contributions, Council Tax) and national funding (Grants). The Council has a long history of supporting schemes. Whilst there are no direct financial implications to the Council in relation to this report, LTP4 will likely have a significant impact on the availability of funding for projects delivered in Eastleigh over the period of the plan.

Risk Assessment

9. The proposed vision and associated outcomes for travel and transport will impact on all residents of the Borough and may disproportionately affect low-income household and vulnerable road users if not considered by HCC at an early stage in the development of travel and transport policy.
10. The risk of not submitting a response to the consultation is that Hampshire County Council may decide on a course of action without appreciating the risks and local implications for communities.
11. Through the development of the Plan, HCC may identify infrastructure and service requirements that cannot be delivered without additional funding or investment. There is a risk that the Borough Council could be expected to bridge funding gaps of future schemes.

Equality and Diversity Implications

12. The Equality Act is not relevant to the decision in this report because it is a response to a consultation by an external organisation. Therefore, it is considered that for this decision the Equality Duty does not need to be addressed and an Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) has not been carried out.
13. EBC recommends that HCC should undertake a detailed EQIA on LTP4 to ensure that any impacts on people with protected characteristics are identified, minimised, mitigated and managed.

Climate and Environmental Implications

14. Very significant shifts in travel behaviour are required to achieve the proposed outcome of the Local Transport Plan to reduce transport-related carbon emissions to net zero (neutrality) by 2050.

Conclusion

15. The Cabinet is asked to note the response to the consultation at Appendix 1.

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Appendices Attached: 1 - EBC response to HCC LTP 4 consultation

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - SECTION 100D

The following is a list of documents which disclose facts or matters on which this report or an important part of it is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. This list does not include any published works or documents which would disclose exempt or confidential information.

Background Papers - None.