

Local Transport Plan: LTP3

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Purpose of Report

1. This report is to update the Partnership on the preparation of LTP3.

General Update

2. The Council's draft LTP has now been approved for consultation*. There are strong linkages with the Local Investment Plan, with identification of priority schemes (see 3 below) and an overall emphasis on planning for strategic development to meet Community Strategy as well as LTP Objectives.
3. The LTP is designed to ensure Oxfordshire can:
 - Plan the long-term transport infrastructure and service requirements for housing and employment growth in the county in accordance with Local Development Frameworks;
 - Improve transport corridors or areas under particular strain to meet Plan objectives;
 - Work with partners and Stakeholders to influence Travel Behaviour and promote public transport use, cycling and walking;
 - Secure funding, both in association with development and bids to government

4. Following the last round of consultation, changes have been made to the Plan, including:

- Recognising that, with the development of the Eco Town proposal, a specific approach to Bicester is needed that differentiates it slightly from the other larger towns in the Plan;
- A streamlined, smarter set of Policies;
- A revised approach to the identification of schemes, with emphasis on the strategic infrastructure required to support development, and local strategies for the county's main towns. A very long list of schemes would raise expectations which could not possibly be delivered in the present financial climate;
- A relatively short, concise overall Plan document, supported by more detailed Policy Document and Implementation Plan and a detailed Strategic Environmental Assessment. In addition, a 4-page Executive Summary has been produced, a copy of which is attached.

5. Full public consultation on the Plan will get underway on 4 October for three months. This will be an online based consultation and all partners are encouraged to participate and give views at:

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/LTP

6. There will be an opportunity during the consultation period for meetings to be held with key partners (on request), to discuss the Plan further. If you would like to speak to us about this or any other aspect of the Plan please contact the team at:

localtransportplan@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Recommendation:

That the SPIP notes this report.