

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (EPSOM & EWELL)**

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SUBJECT: Epsom and Ewell Local Transport Strategy and Forward Programme

DIVISION: All

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

This paper presents the outcomes of the development of an Epsom and Ewell Local Transport Strategy (LTS) and Forward Programme. It makes recommendations that the Committee approves the Local Transport Strategy and Forward Programme.

The county council is producing Local Transport Strategies and Forward Programmes for each district and borough in the county. The purpose of these strategies is to support the growth set out within district and borough local plans and provide a programme of transport infrastructure required to deliver this growth. They also provide an evidence base for future funding bids.

The strategies are 'live documents' which will be updated at regular intervals to ensure they remain relevant and current. They will become part of the Surrey Transport Plan.

They contain two main elements. The main document provides a commentary on the transport provision and transport problems in each district or borough. It also provides possible solutions to the identified problems.

The annex contains a forward programme of transport infrastructure that we would like to see implemented in the district or borough, subject to funding. The programme would seek to address the problems identified in the main document of the strategy and mitigate the impact of future growth on the transport network.

RECOMMENDATIONS:**The Local Committee (Epsom & Ewell) is asked to**

- (i) Approve the Epsom and Ewell Local Transport Strategy and Forward Programme (see Annex 1), and its suggested objectives.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Delivering the Epsom and Ewell Local Transport Strategy will support the county council's priorities to promote sustainable economic growth and secure investment in infrastructure. It also supports the borough council's vision to reduce the negative impacts of traffic. The Epsom and Ewell Local Transport Strategy will benefit Surrey residents and businesses driving the economy, accommodating sustainable population growth and reducing impacts on the environment.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

1.1 The Surrey Transport Plan is the county's third Local Transport Plan (LTP3). It is a statutory document. The Epsom and Ewell Local Transport Strategy and Forward Programme form part of the LTP3; both components are included as Annex 1 to this report.

1.2 The documents were prepared by Surrey County Council officers, working with Epsom and Ewell Borough Council officers. It has been subject to officer consultation in both the County Council and Borough Council.

1.3 The Epsom and Ewell Local Transport Strategy and Forward Programme was taken to the Informal Epsom and Ewell Local Committee on 24 April 2014. Members of the Committee were given the opportunity to give their comments, which could then be incorporated into the Transport Strategy and Forward Programme. Other engagement has included:

- 10 October 2012 – Informal members' workshop
- 22 October 2012 – Planners meeting
- October 2013 – Informal Local Committee
- 23 April 2014 – Informal Local Committee, with members being invited to comment
- April-May 2014 – further officer engagement
- 22 May – 2 July 2014 – public consultation
- August 2014 – revisions made to document following consultation
- 15 September 2014 – Formal Local Committee

1.4 A public consultation was carried out from 22 May – 2 July 2014 on the Surrey County Council website. Following this, revisions were made to the Epsom and Ewell Local Transport Strategy and Forward Programme and a finalised version was produced. Details of the consultation and engagement carried out can be found in the Consultation Report (Annex 2).

2. ANALYSIS:

2.1 The strategy aims to identify current problems and issues on the borough's transport network and where possible, list possible solutions to these problems and issues.

2.2 The strategy will become part of the Surrey Transport Plan.

3. OPTIONS:

3.1 As and when schemes are developed possible options will be investigated and evaluated.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

4.1 Following extensive engagement, outlined in section 1 above and including the Epsom and Ewell Informal Local Committee on 24 April 2014, the draft Local Transport Strategy and Forward Programme has been subject to a 6

week online public consultation, including close working with the Borough Council and officers at Surrey County Council.

- 4.2 As a result of the public consultation some changes have been made to the Local Transport Strategy and a summary of these can be found in a full consultation report in Annex 2 to this report.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 This report only provides estimated costs of possible schemes scheduled within the Forward Programme.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) has been drafted for the Epsom and Ewell Local Transport Strategy and Forward Programme.
- 6.2 No negative impacts on any protected characteristic group were identified.
- 6.3 No changes have been made to the Local Transport Strategy and Forward Programme as a result of the EIA.

7. LOCALISM:

- 7.1 The Epsom and Ewell Local Transport Strategy is a borough wide document which seeks to address transport issues and opportunities across the entire borough area. Specific schemes will have local impacts in their specified areas, and these will be assessed when a scheme is brought forward. The Forward Programme will be updated on an annual basis and will offer the opportunity for local input to be included in the programme during these revisions.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	No significant implications arising from this report
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	Set out below.
Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children	No significant implications arising from this report
Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults	No significant implications arising from this report
Public Health	Set out below

8.1 Sustainability and Public Health implications

Increased walking and cycling, where it replaces motorised forms of transport such as the car, will improve air quality and reduce carbon emission levels, which is a key objective of the Local Transport Strategy.

Transport is responsible for one third of carbon emissions in Surrey. Surrey's Local Transport Plan has a target to reduce carbon emissions from (non-motorway) transport by 10% (absolute emissions) by 2020, increasing to 25% reduction by 2035 from 2007 baseline of 2,114k tonnes.

Increased walking and cycling has a positive impact on personal health. The NHS identifies cycling as an activity which provides significant health benefits.

It is expected that increased levels of walking and cycling to and around the town centre will have a positive effect on the local economy with recent studies suggesting that pedestrians and cyclists actually spend more on a trip into a town than motorist.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

9.1 The Epsom and Ewell Local Transport Strategy and Forward Programme has been produced to support the development set out within the borough local plan and provides a programme of transport infrastructure. It also provides an evidence base for future funding bids.

9.2 It is recommended that the strategy is approved by the committee.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

10.1 The Epsom and Ewell Local Transport Strategy will be taken to a Surrey County Council Cabinet and Full Council. Subject to approval it will then be a public document on the SCC website as part of the Surrey Transport Plan. The Local Transport Strategy will be updated at regular intervals, and the Forward Programme will be updated annually.

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Consulted:

The draft strategy has been subject to a six week public consultation. Details of which can be found in Annex 2.

Annexes:

Annex 1: Epsom and Ewell Local Transport Strategy and Forward Programme

Annex 2: Consultation Report

Sources/background papers:

- Surrey Transport Plan (LTP3)
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