

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (SPELTHORNE)

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SUBJECT: Spelthorne Local Transport Strategy and Forward Programme

DIVISION: Spelthorne

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

This paper presents the outcomes of the development of a Spelthorne Local Transport Strategy (LTS) and Forward Programme. It makes recommendations that the Committee approve 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 (Spelthorne) is asked to:**

- (i) approve the Spelthorne Local Transport Strategy and its suggested objectives.
- (ii) approve the list of schemes provided in the Forward Programme (Annex of the Spelthorne Local Transport Strategy)

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Delivering the Spelthorne Local Transport Strategy will support the County Council's priorities to promote sustainable economic growth and secure investment in infrastructure. The Spelthorne Local Transport Strategy will benefit Surrey residents and businesses, accommodating sustainable population growth, driving the economy 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 Spelthorne Local Transport Strategy and Forward Programme forms part of the LTP3.
- 1.2 The documents were prepared by Surrey County Council officers, working with Spelthorne Borough Council officers. It has been subject to officer consultation in both the County Council and Borough Council.
- 1.3 The Spelthorne Local Transport Strategy and Forward Programme were taken to the Informal Spelthorne Local Committee on 17th February 2014. Members of the Committee were given the opportunity to give their comments, which were then incorporated into the Transport Strategy and Forward Programme.
- 1.4 An online public consultation was carried out from 22nd May – 2nd July 2014 on the Surrey County Council website. Following this, revisions were made to the Spelthorne 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 boroughs transport network and where possible, list possible solutions to these problems and issues.
- 2.2 The strategy also aims to mitigate against planned growth in the borough, identified in the Spelthorne Core Strategy.
- 2.3 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. However, proposed schemes contained within the forward programme are not currently at that stage.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

- 4.1 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. Engagement has included discussion at the Spelthorne Informal Local Committee on 17th February 2014.
- 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.

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 Spelthorne 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 Spelthorne Local Transport Strategy is a borough wide document which seeks to address transport 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 a yearly basis and will offer the opportunity for local ideas 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 emission 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 Spelthorne Local Transport Strategy and Forward Programme has been produced to support the growth set out within the borough local plan and provides a programme of transport infrastructure required to deliver this growth. 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 Spelthorne Local Transport Strategy will be taken to a Surrey County Council Full Cabinet. 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 yearly.

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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: Spelthorne Local Transport Strategy and Forward Programme

Annex 2: Spelthorne Local Transport Strategy and Forward Programme Consultation Report

Sources/background papers:

- Surrey Transport Plan (LTP3)
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