

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL****LOCAL COMMITTEE (GUILDFORD)**

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**SUBJECT:** Guildford Draft Local Transport Strategy and Forward Programme – Part A

**DIVISION:** All

**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

This paper presents the development of the Guildford Local Transport Strategy (LTS) and Forward Programme – Part A. It makes no recommendations or decisions but requires the Committee to take note of the ‘work in progress’ to develop the Draft Local Transport Strategy and Forward Programme – Part A. 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 transport related interventions to the identified current problems.

The annex contains a forward programme of transport infrastructure that SCC 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.

The Guildford Local Transport Strategy and Forward Programme is being developed in phases:

Part A: identifies existing local infrastructure and challenges on the network

Part B: will include mitigation measures to address current problems outlined in Part A and the impacts of future development growth which may have an impact on the transport networks.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:****The Local Committee (Guildford) is asked to**

- (i) Note the ‘work in progress’ in producing the Draft Guildford Local Transport Strategy and Forward Programme (see Annex 1) – Part A, and its suggested objectives. Note that Part B will be completed following the adoption of the

Borough Local Plan.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Delivering the Guildford 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 Guildford 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 Guildford 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 Guildford Borough Council officers. It has been subject to officer consultation in both the County Council and Borough Council.
- 1.3 The draft Guildford Local Transport Strategy and Forward Programme was taken to the Informal Guildford Local Committee on 10 July 2014 and 24 September 2014. Members of the Committee were given the opportunity to give their comments, which could then be incorporated into the Local Transport Strategy and Forward Programme – Part A. Other engagement has included:
  - 4 September 2014 – Transportation Task group
  - 24 September 2014 – Formal Local Committee
  - 30 September 2014 – member feedback requested by this date
  - 21 October 2014 – Transportation Task Group
  - 13 November 2014 – Private Local Committee

**2. ANALYSIS:**

- 2.1 The strategy aims to identify current problems and issues on the borough's transport network and where possible, list possible transport related interventions 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 the completion of Part B after the adoption of the Borough Local Plan, the Local Transport Strategy and Forward Programme will be subject to a formal public consultation.

#### **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 Guildford Local Transport Strategy and Forward Programme and will accompany Part B of the Local Transport Strategy.
- 6.2 No negative impacts on any protected characteristic group were identified.
- 6.3 No changes to date have been made to the Local Transport Strategy and Forward Programme as a result of the EIA.

#### **7. LOCALISM:**

- 7.1 The Guildford 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 This paper presents the development of the Guildford Local Transport Strategy (LTS) and Forward Programme – Part A. It makes no recommendations or decisions but requires the Committee to take note of the 'work in progress' to develop the Draft Local Transport Strategy and Forward Programme – Part A.

## **10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:**

10.1 Following the adoption of the Borough Local Plan the Guildford Local Transport Strategy and Forward Programme Part B will be updated and subject to a formal public consultation. The document will be revised to take account of any changes following the public consultation and will then 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:**

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### **Annexes:**

Annex 1: Guildford Local Transport Strategy and Forward Programme

### **Sources/background papers:**

- Surrey Transport Plan (LTP3)
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