

Divisions Affected - All

Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 15th June 2022

Local Transport and Connectivity Plan

Report by Corporate Director for Environment and Place

RECOMMENDATION

1. **The Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee are RECOMMENDED to**
 - a) **Provide any comments on the Local Transport and Connectivity Plan and supporting documents prior to their consideration by cabinet.**

Executive Summary

2. This covering report provides the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee with background information about the Local Transport and Connectivity Plan (LTCP) cabinet report.

Background

3. We previously engaged with the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee in November 2021. Following this we consulted on the LTCP and supporting documents between January 2022 and March 2022. Analysis of the consultation results and amendments to the LTCP and supporting strategies have now been completed.
4. The LTCP cabinet report (appendix 1) seeks approval of the updated LTCP document, and the supporting strategies for adoption by the County Council on 12th July 2022. The report provides an overview of how the LTCP consultation was conducted, consultation results and proposed changes to the documents. It also provides some information about 'part 2' of the LTCP, further detail about 'part 2' is provided in this cover report.
5. The Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to provide any comments on the LTCP and supporting documents prior to their consideration by cabinet.

LTCP 'Part 2'

- 6. The LTCP cabinet report provides some information about the 'part 2' LTCP work which will commence following adoption of the LTCP. Further detail is provided in this paper for the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 7. The Part 2 strategies will include the area and corridor strategies, bus strategy, rail strategy, and digital strategy. The Active Travel Strategy will also be supported by updated walking and cycling design guidance and more Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs). The Oxford and Bicester LCWIPs which were part of the Part 1 consultation are being reviewed and updated, for adoption alongside the Area Strategies.

LTCP Part 1 (2021/22)	LTCP Part 2 (2022/23)
Bus service improvement plan	Area strategies
Freight and Logistics strategy	Corridor strategies
Active Travel strategy	Bus strategy
Innovation Framework	Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans
	Walking and cycling design guidance
	Rail strategy
	Digital Strategy

- 8. Work is currently ongoing to develop the area strategies and corridor strategies. These will provide an indication of how LTCP policies might be applied in different geographic areas. They will create more detailed plans to guide future scheme development, funding bids, responses to planning applications, developer negotiations and joint working with the district and city councils on local plan reviews and the Oxfordshire Plan 2050. The proposed strategies for development are outlined in the LTCP cabinet report.
- 9. The area and corridor strategy work is being led by a separate project team made up of officers from across the Environment and Place directorate. The project team have produced a draft phasing programme for the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committees information.

Area strategies:	First phase	Second phase	Third phase	Fourth phase	Comments
	Approval Winter 22/23	Approval Summer 23	Approval Autumn 23	Approval Spring 24	
Central Oxfordshire Travel Strategy					Needed for Core Schemes
Cherwell district wide					
Banbury					LCWIP progressing; required for Local Plan Review
Bicester					Approved LCWIP; required for Local Plan Review
Kidlington					LCWIP approved; start in Jan after COTS

South & Vale district wide					
Didcot					Needed for CPO enquiry
Abingdon					LCWIP started
Henley-on-Thames					Not started LCWIP
Thame					Not started LCWIP
Wantage and Grove					
Faringdon rural focus strategy					A420 work first as key component; no LCWIP
Wallingford rural focus strategy					Not started LCWIP
West Oxfordshire district wide					
Witney					LCWIP progressing
Carterton					Wait for A40 and Local Plan Review start
Woodstock					LCWIP this year
Chipping Norton					A44 corridor first; LCWIP progressing
Eynsham					A40 corridor first; LCWIP to be planned for 2023
Corridor strategies					
A40					Need Rail Study to conclude first
A41					Key part of Bicester strategy; Local Plan; EEH study
A44					
A420					Wait for EEH study to conclude
A4074					
M40/A34 SRN					Follow on from review of NH study
A415					
A417					

Corporate Policies and Priorities

10. Information about how the LTCP will help to deliver the County Council's strategic priorities can be found in the LTCP cabinet report (appendix 1).

Financial Implications

11. Financial implications of the LTCP can be found in the LTCP cabinet report (appendix 1).

Legal Implications

12. Legal implications of the LTCP can be found in the LTCP cabinet report (appendix 1).

Staff Implications

13. Staff implications of the LTCP can be found in the LTCP cabinet report (appendix 1).

Equality & Inclusion Implications

14. Equality and inclusion implications of the LTCP can be found in the LTCP cabinet report (appendix 1).

Sustainability Implications

15. Sustainability implications of the LTCP can be found in the LTCP cabinet report (appendix 1).

Risk Management

16. A comprehensive risk register has been kept as part of the LTCP project. Key risks associated with the LTCP moving forward can be found in the LTCP cabinet report (appendix 1).

Consultations

17. Information about the LTCP consultations can be found in the LTCP cabinet report (appendix 1).

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Annex:

- Annex 1:** LTCP cabinet report
- Annex 2:** LTCP consultation report
- Annex 3:** LTCP document
- Annex 4:** Freight and Logistics Strategy
- Annex 5:** Innovation Framework
- Annex 6:** Active Travel Strategy
- Annex 7:** Equalities and Climate Impact Assessment
- Annex 8:** Climate Impact Assessment

Background papers: Nil

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