

## **Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee's Commentary on the Local Transport and Connectivity Plan, National Bus Strategy – Bus Service Improvement Plan and 20 mph Policy and New Approach**

At its last Meeting, the Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee requested to consider the above reports prior to their consideration by Cabinet at its meeting on 19 October 2021. The Committee considered the reports at a special meeting on 13 October 2020 and its comments on each item are recorded below:

### **Local Transport and Connectivity Plan**

- The Committee felt that there should be further detail in the plan in relation to freight.
- The Committee felt that the policies outlined should have an evidence base which linked cause and effect of how each policy was predicted to cause car-use reduction in line with the targets. The Committee also wished to see assurance in the document regarding monitoring progress against the targets.
- The Committee expressed concern about how the public were going to be consulted; how the Cabinet were going to consult with the right people; whether a target had been set for how many residents they hoped to reach; whether that target had been benchmarked and what questions were going to be asked to cover such a wide range of policies. The Committee requested to see the consultation document prior to it being sent out to the public.
- The Committee requested that opportunities for Scrutiny input be added to the timeline document.
- The Committee requested that officers come back to the Committee with opportunities to engage in the Oxford Strategy Policy Development (acceleration of LCTP2).
- In relation to the Indicators the Committee wished to see indicators around Car Ownership, Shared Transport, Car Sharing and Car-Pools.
- The Committee wished to see greater clarification around the Budget.

### **National Bus Strategy – Bus Service Improvement Plan**

- The Committee felt that more detail needed to be added around Bus Transport outside of the City, including Transport Hubs and how people will get to the Transport Hubs and consideration should be given to single ticketing by operators.
- The Committee indicated that they would like the issue of Youth Fares considered, including the issue a loan system to enable parents to afford passes.
- The Committee queried why there had not been enough of a review of the available evidence of what leads to a reduction of congestion – including, reducing the capacity of car parking and road space, road pricing and parking pricing and asked the Cabinet to consider asking officer to carry out a literature review of what reduces car use.
- The Committee felt that lessons could be learnt for future decision making around the recent decision not to implement traffic filters and the time lost due to it.

- The Committee queried whether the Digital and ICT Capacity of the Council capable adequate for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century particularly in relation to getting people on Buses and Public Transport.

### **20 mph Policy and New Approach**

The Committee welcomed the report but expressed concern over how priority amongst parishes would be decided and requested that specific mention was made in the Plan regarding the unique position of Oxford City not having parishes. Concern was also expressed about 30 mph schemes being put in place in the meantime which would then be quickly replaced by 20 mph schemes and regarding police enforcement.