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## Report of the Director of City Development

### Scrutiny Board (City Development)

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2010

Subject: WEST YORKSHIRE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN (LTP3) 2011-26

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#### Electoral Wards Affected: All

Ward Members consulted  
(referred to in report)

#### Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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## Executive Summary

A new Local Transport Plan for West Yorkshire is required from April 2011 when the present five year plan expires. This document is being prepared for the West Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority by Metro working in partnership with the five West Yorkshire councils. The first draft plan has now been prepared and is currently open for public consultation. The document has been previously approved for consultation by the WYITA LTP Committee.

### 1.0 Purpose Of This Report

1.1 This report provides a briefing on proposals for the West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan 2011-26 (or LTP3) and seeks Members' comments on the draft document.

### 2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 Local Transport Authorities are required to prepare a Local Transport Plan. Since the Local Transport Act 2008, in Metropolitan areas this duty is the responsibility of the Integrated Transport Authority acting through the Passenger Transport Executive and local highway authorities.
- 2.2 To progress the document a core team of officers has been established within Metro to work with the district councils to prepare the LTP3 proposals. The first draft of the LTP3 strategy document has now been completed and a public consultation process has been initiated which runs from 25 October 2010 for 8 weeks. This builds on the earlier 6 week public consultation period already carried out in April this year on the Outline Strategy approach.
- 2.3 Consultation will be both web and paper based with face to face engagement at workshops and events. These include a special joint meeting of the Passenger

Consultative Committees, District Scrutiny and Overview Committees and numerous events involving special interest, business and user groups.

- 2.4 The final Local Transport Plan will include Implementation Plans which will set out detailed three year investment programmes covering all aspects of the strategy. These will be developed for a 6 week second round consultation period during January/February 2011 following the Comprehensive Spending Review announcements on 20 October and the Department for Transport financial settlement for future Local Transport funding which will follow later in the year.
- 2.5 The WY LTP3 Team will be in attendance at the meeting to present the draft strategy and facilitate Members' comments and input to the consultation. In addition all Members of Council will receive the consultation information and have an opportunity to feed back their views.
- 2.6 In terms of the consultation process the LTP3 team will be arranging the main on line consultation process including: media relations, newsletters, text service (Metro Messenger), twitter and facebook, Passenger Consultative Committees, Metro district liaison committees, chambers of commerce, public transport operators, neighbouring authorities, environmental bodies, and young peoples groups etc. In addition a resource pack is available for use by District Councils in terms of briefings and any additional local consultation.
- 2.7 The completed Plan needs to be published and operational by 1 April 2011.

### **3.0 Main Issues**

- 3.1 In summary, the Plan, branded 'MyJourney West Yorkshire' comprises a draft vision statement:

*MyJourney West Yorkshire Vision 2026*

*Connecting people and places*

*Working together to ensure that West Yorkshire's transport system gives people access to what they want and need easily, efficiently and in a way that supports the environment, the economy and their quality of life.*

- 3.2 To achieve this vision for transport in West Yorkshire **3 key objectives** (draft) have been developed:

**Objective 1:** To make substantial progress towards a low carbon transport system for West Yorkshire by:

- Reducing West Yorkshire's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from domestic transport (road and rail) to contribute to the achievement of national goals.
- Increasing the proportion of low carbon/emission trips.

**Objective 2:** To improve connectivity to support economic activity and growth in West Yorkshire and the Leeds City Region by:

- Reducing journey times on key commuter, business and freight routes
- Making journey times more reliable
- Increasing the proportion of trips made using the most efficient mode of transport (in terms of time, carbon and impact on others)

**Objective 3:** To enhance the quality of life of people living, working and visiting West Yorkshire by:

- Reducing the number of people killed and seriously injured on the roads
- Improve local air quality and reducing levels of noise from the transport network
- Increasing the number of trips made on foot and by bicycle
- Improving customer satisfaction with the transport system and services

3.3 The strategy has been developed around 4 strategic approaches:

- **Transport Assets** – ensure effective management of transport assets to gain maximum value for money, reliability and efficient use
- **Travel Choices** – encourage and influence more sustainable travel choices by understanding people’s needs and tailoring marketing, information, education and support activities to them, including measures to manage demand for car travel
- **Connectivity** – deliver an integrated, reliable transport system, that enables people and goods to travel as efficiently as possible (in terms of carbon, the economy and quality of life)
- **Enhancements** – make targeted technological and structural enhancements to the transport system for greater capacity and performance

3.4 A copy of the summary document is attached to this report at Appendix A and the full strategy is contained in Appendix B.

## 4 Legal And Resource Implications

4.1 This report raises no specific legal and resource implications.

## 5 Conclusions

5.1 This report covers the draft LTP3 strategy which is the statutory document required to be prepared for the Integrated Transport Authority to replace the present Local Transport Plan in April 2011. Currently this plan is out to public consultation for a period of eight weeks whereupon preparation of the final proposals will commence for submission to the ITA LTP Committee early in 2011. The proposals will be presented to Members for their consideration and comment at the meeting.

## 6 Recommendations

6.1 Members are requested to consider and comment on the draft proposals for LTP3.

## 7 Background information

7.1 Background documents relating to this report is as follows:

- i) West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan 2011-26 summary document.