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Report to: Inner South Community Committee
[Beeston & Holbeck, Hunslet and Riverside, Middleton Park]

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Inner South Community Committee – Draft Connecting Leeds Transport Strategy – Consultation

Purpose of report

1. To bring to members' attention details of the consultation on the draft Connecting Leeds Transport Strategy.

Main Issues

2. The draft Connecting Leeds Transport Strategy details how we are going to achieve our vision for Leeds, "to be a city where you don't need a car". The strategy outlines the key challenges and opportunities facing the city, our "big moves" and targets for 2030 in order to achieve the city wide vision, support the three overarching objectives to tackle Climate Change, deliver Inclusive Growth and improve Health and Wellbeing.
3. In order to realise our vision, meet our objectives and continue to deliver transformational change we need to work with individuals and businesses, regional bodies including the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and Transport for the North as well as Central Government.
4. It is clear however that these actions alone will not be enough to meet the scale of the climate emergency challenge facing us all and that further measures need to be considered as part of the Transport Strategy's development. The draft strategy therefore presents options to allow the continuation of our transport conversation with everyone in the city to agree the Connecting Leeds Transport Strategy.

About the consultation

5. This consultation is an opportunity for everyone inform the final strategy and join the conversation to shape transport policy.
6. A copy of the executive summary for the strategy is attached to this report. Full copies of the report and online questionnaire are available here: www.leeds.gov.uk/transportconversation. As part of the consultation process a webinar series has been launched to discuss topics of the strategy in more detail. All sessions are free and can be joined via a computer, smartphone or landline number. Further details can be found on the above address.
7. In addition to the webinars, we will be attending all community committees over the next couple of months as well dedicated sessions with seldom heard and equality groups. Printed copies of the strategy and questionnaire are available on requests and are supplied with a freepost return envelope. These can be requested via email at transport.strategy@leeds.gov.uk.
8. The consultation is live until Friday 26th March 2021.

Inner South Area

9. The draft strategy sets out our proposed approach to transport policy for the whole city. Whilst the strategy is not spatially defined, policies and measures detailed in the document and subsequent action plans will cover the Inner South Area.
10. The consultation on the draft strategy is opportunity to highlight issues effecting the local area.
11. There will be an opportunity for questions from elected members and residents after the presentation.

Recommendations

12. The Inner South Community Committee members are requested to note the contents of this report and the attached Executive Summary of the draft transport Strategy and contribute to the live consultation.