

**Report of** Director of City Development

**Report to** Scrutiny Board (Sustainable Economy and Culture)

**Date:** 22 September 2011

**Subject:** WEST YORKSHIRE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN –  
A LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND STRATEGY FOR LEEDS

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Otley and Yeadon	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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### Summary of main issues

1. At their 14 July meeting the Board discussed the new Local Transport Plan and the issue of future transport strategy for the city as a precursor to further more detailed consideration.
2. In order to supplement the information provided in the Local Transport Plan a Local Implementation Plan and Strategy for Leeds has been prepared and the draft document is presented here for the Board's review and comment. The document sets out a three year investment plan and the key elements of future strategy which are in development for the 15 year LTP period.

### Recommendations

3. Members are requested to note and comment on this paper and the draft Local Implementation Plan and Strategy for Leeds.

## **1 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 This report follows on from the initial discussions with officers at the 14 July meeting of the Board concerning future transport strategy for the city and brings forward for discussion the proposed Local Implementation Plan and Strategy for Leeds.

## **2 Background information**

- 2.1 As detailed in the previous report, a new West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan (LTP) was adopted by the Integrated Transport Authority (ITA) on the 1 April 2011. The LTP provides the overall investment framework and programme for West Yorkshire for the next three years with an overarching strategy and policy for the next 15 years. It is intended that over the 15 year period the Plan will be reviewed periodically to ensure that it reflects emerging transport trends, resources and travel behaviours and continues to reflect the needs of communities and businesses.
- 2.2 In order that policy and strategy at the local level can be effectively presented it has been agreed with the ITA that each of the five district council / highway and traffic authorities should prepare a Local Implementation Plan (LIP) to set out their key activities for the first three year investment period of the LTP.

## **3 Main issues**

- 3.1 The LIP and Transport Strategy document has been prepared to complement the overall plan for West Yorkshire, but set out in greater detail the planned investments in transport at the local level over the next three years. Recognising the need to also give greater clarity to transport planning for Leeds, the document elaborates on the detail of future transport strategy, aspirations and programme of schemes for Leeds and shows how these support the objectives of the overarching LTP document.
- 3.2 A shared vision, reflecting that of the LTP, and City Priorities, is that by 2026 investment by the Council, Metro and partners will be transforming transport provision in the city and city region, enabling the growing population to travel more easily to more destinations by public transport, walking and cycling; with integrated management of the transport system helping to limit the growth in congestion and cutting carbon emissions and air pollution. Using the highway will be safer, with fewer people being injured, and higher levels of walking and cycling will be contributing to a healthier population. These changes will be delivered through a range of transport interventions both large and small, strategic to the city and city region and locally planned over the next 15 years.
- 3.3 Key areas of strategy development identified in the LIP are;
  - Park and Ride
  - Local rail development
  - Access to the airport by road and public transport
  - Road safety

- Highway network enhancements
- City centre transport strategy
- Active travel; development of the core cycle network

3.4 The LIP investment plans for transport comprise five programme areas covering:

- Transport Assets
- Travel Choices
- Connectivity
- Enhancements
- Local improvements and road safety

3.5 The LIP reflects the LTP funding priorities and packages agreed as part of the first three year investment plan. For this period priorities have concentrated available resources towards small scale investments to support the maintenance and efficient operation of the network to maintain route availability and continue the development of travel choices and support for an effective public transport network.

3.6 This LIP programme complements the development of the major transport schemes being brought forward for Department for Transport (DfT) major scheme funding. In addition to the Leeds Station Southern Entrance which already has Programme Entry, the three major schemes in Leeds identified below have been included in the DfT Development Pool for the current Comprehensive Spending Review period, for which Best and Final Funding Bids were submitted on the 9 September with expected decisions by the end of 2011 being.

- Leeds New Generation Transport
- Leeds Rail Growth Package
- Leeds Inner Ring Road Major Maintenance Scheme.

3.7 In the longer term, beyond 2015, further scheme development will be required to progress new major schemes alongside the preparation of appropriate future funding packages working with Government.

3.8 The full LIP document and Summary are appended to this report. It is the intention that the document will be reviewed and updated alongside the LTP every three years for the duration of the LTP plan period to 2026.

## **4 Corporate Considerations**

### **4.1 Consultation and Engagement**

4.1.1 The development of the Local Transport Plan was underpinned by a West Yorkshire wide process of engagement with Members, Stakeholders, transport users and residents.

### **4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

4.2.1 The development of the Local Transport Plan has been informed by the preparation of an Integrated Sustainability Assessment which has included assessing the impacts of the transport policies and strategy on these issues. Further equality and diversity screening and assessment will take place on an individual basis as scheme proposals are developed further.

### **4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities**

4.3.1 The preparation of Local Implementation Plans has been agreed by WYITA as an appropriate complementary part of the LTP suite of documents and policies. The draft proposals for Leeds are consistent with this approach for amplifying the proposals and strategies in the LTP.

4.3.2 The Leeds LIP supports the delivery of the City Priorities to:

- Improve journey times and the reliability of public transport; and
- Improve the environment through reduced carbon emissions.

4.3.3 The Leeds LIP is also consistent with the continuing development of a transport strategy and investment priorities for the Leeds City Region.

### **4.4 Resources and Value for Money**

4.4.1 The proposals within the LIP have been developed in line with the approved LTP policies and strategy with which the Council's corporate policies are aligned. All scheme proposals are suitably assessed in terms of their justification and value for money which will be reported on a specific basis as individual schemes are brought forward for detailed approval.

### **4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

4.5.1 This report has no specific implications. The LIP is not a statutory document and is prepared to provide additional information elaborating on the content of the LTP.

4.5.2 Specific legal implications will be dealt with as schemes and policies are brought forward for approval and implementation.

### **4.6 Risk Management**

4.6.1 This report has no risk management implications. Processes for risk and project management are in place for the delivery of wider LTP programme and in line with the Council's own practices and procedures for Leeds highways and transportation schemes.

## **5 Conclusions**

5.1 The development of a Local Implementation Plan for Leeds supports the implementation and delivery of the LTP by setting out clearly the investment areas and plans for the next three years and amplifying plans for the future development of key strategies and interventions over the medium to longer term life of the LTP.

5.2 Subject to feedback and further discussion it is intended to progress the publication of the LIP document by the end of 2011. The plan will be reviewed along with the LTP itself at the end of the first three year investment period.

## **6 Recommendations**

6.1 Members are requested to note and comment on this paper and the draft Local Implementation Plan and Strategy for Leeds.

## **7 Background documents**

7.1 The following background documents relate to this report.

- i) "My Journey West Yorkshire", West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan 2011-26, April 2011.
- ii) Draft Leeds Local Implementation Plan and Strategy, September 2011. As appended to this report.